

The Holy Father's COVID19 Emergency Fund

The Pontifical Mission Societies



Dear Friend,

Peace be with you. The Holy Father has established an emergency fund at the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to come to the aid of those people and communities who are being tragically impacted by the spread of COVID-19. The Emergency Fund will be used to accompany communities in mission countries via Church structures and institutions.

The Holy Father is calling upon the Church's entire vast network to face the challenges ahead and has designated an initial contribution for the fund. He asked that individuals and Church entities that are able and desirous to help, to contribute to this fund through the Pontifical Mission Societies in each Country.

May you be blessed and protected by Christ's loving embrace. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family. Thank you for your love and care for the missions. *Happy Easter!*

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Alex Osei, C.S.Sp.
National Director



YES!

I would like to support Pope Francis and the missions.

\$ _____ to contribute towards the needs and to reach as many as possible.

\$ **100** to provide food for those affected and for missionaries & health care providers

\$250 to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for health care providers.

\$500 for hospitals and to provide medicine needed to save lives.



Honour/remember a loved one by this gift.

NAME: _____



Africa



Asia



Oceania



Europe



South America



The reasons and the objectives of the special "Emergency Fund" established by the Pope at the Pontifical Mission Societies. - Archbishop Giampietro Dal Toso, President

For almost a century, the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) have been an instrument of the Pope for the benefit of the Churches in mission territories. Our intervention framework remains the institutional one: helping and strengthening young Churches, in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, in their pastoral activity, tragically marked and challenged by the COVID19 emergency": The Fund, with an initial allocation of 750 thousand US dollars, intends to accompany and support the communities affected by the spread of coronavirus in the so-called "mission countries", through the structures and institutions of the local Churches.

An upheaval of this kind questions first of all every man about his being in the world, about his relationship with the other, about the priorities of his life, about his relationship with God. We have heard it in many experiences in these weeks: illness makes us suffer and scales things down, it does not leave us indifferent and equal.

Again, Christ gives himself completely to us. The whole mystery of Christ is the gift of himself to every man. The Church does nothing but continue, in history, this gift of Christ to man. Because it is a community of concrete people who live from the experience of Christ. Also in this moment we bring Christ: his word of consolation, his charity that vibrates in the face of human misery, his revelation of a God who is Father.



Maybe we are at the beginning of a process that will have profound social and cultural consequences ... *Certainly a lesson that we have already learned is that we are all tied to the same thread, wherever we live on the planet, we all belong to the same human family.* Perhaps we have also understood that we need each other and being together in the family, even forcibly, tells us that we need "home". I also believe that we have experienced, with greater awareness, that we need prayer: where man experiences his limits, God appears in all his strength, because, paraphrasing the Canticle of Canticles, *God of Love is stronger than death.*

- Agenzia Fides

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