Missionaries In Our Midst

As we discern how we are each Called to Mission, we are blessed to have beautiful examples of missionaries right here among us in the Upper Peninsula. The Diocese of Marquette is host to 15 priests from foreign countries. These good and holy men have answered God’s call to spread the Gospel where the local church is not able to do so sufficiently on its own.

One of these priests, Fr. Sebastian Kavunkal (Holy Family, Gladstone), explains the Call to Mission in this way, “As Catholics we are all called to be missionaries of Jesus to bear witness to his gospel to the non-believers in different ways. I am called to become a missionary priest strictly to work among the non-Christians. As lay faithful you too can become missionaries - by leading an exemplary Christian life; praying for the success of missionary work; supporting your diocese financially to continue with the good works.”

This year’s appeal theme, Call to Mission, reminds each of us to reflect on our own personal calling through prayer, participation in Mass and outreach to our communities.

Ways to Give

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PLEDGE
Pledge over 10 months to make a larger gift over time. Pay by mail, online or with automatic withdrawal.

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Upper Peninsula Missionaries By the Numbers

- 64,433 Catholics, 93 Parishes & Missions
- 9 Catholic schools, including a high school for the first time in many years!
- 1,200 Campus Ministry Students
- 5,391 People served by Catholic Social Services
- 413 Baptisms, 351 First Communions
- 58 Active Priests, 24 Retired Priests, 8 Seminarians
Bishop Doerfler’s Pastoral Letter encourages all Catholics to build a community of love by desiring to share the love of Jesus with everyone who walks through the doors of the church, and with people in need in the broader community.

**ALL MISSIONARIES BENEFIT** from the ministries that UPCSA funds. Your gift to UPCSA transforms our communities through evangelization and outreach. Thank you!

- Parishes that exceed their goal in UPCSA donations receive a rebate of all monies received over goal.
- Parishes that fall short of their goal in donations from parishioners pay the shortage out of their operating budgets.

- “[...Catholic Social Services is a source of healing and comfort for so many in need. I am grateful to share God’s love throughout the U.P. by giving to UPCSA.”
  — Kyle Rambo, Marquette

- “...there is so much goodness that the Catholic Church contributes beyond our small local parish and with UPCSA I have the personal opportunity to support programs which both educate and groom our future leaders and priests in the ways of Jesus.”
  — Jim Gray, Hessell

- “[...it helps me to get my priorities straight to support important diocesan programs. Especially now, emerging from the pandemic, there are a lot of Yoopers in need out there, and UPCSA supports people in a Catholic, spirit-filled manner.”
  — Fr. Ben Paris, Manistique

- “...we agree with the causes that are supported by UPCSA and are happy that the donation stays in the U.P. The need is great and if we can help out our church family, we are glad to do so.”
  — Dave & Mariane Zielinski, Bessemer

- “Our hearts rest in loving the Lord and wanting to promote the work of His Church. Financially, the UPCSA is the most practical way to help in promoting the Church in its everyday tasks of saving souls.”
  — Mike Prokopowicz and Cathy Kroll, Gwinn