



## **MISSION: “CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN”**

The children of St. James have been invited to continue to participate in the Holy Childhood Association program.

### **How to Help the Missions**

*"All Catholics have the opportunity to fulfill their baptismal responsibility for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through their active participation in the efforts of the four Pontifical Mission Societies — The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association (HCA), the Society of St. Peter Apostle and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.*

*Three of these Societies — Propagation of the Faith, HCA and Society of St. Peter Apostle — seek prayer, sacrifice and financial support for the Church's missionary work, and provide ongoing monetary help for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in Africa, Asia, the islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for the education and support of seminarians, Religious novices and lay catechists; for the work of Religious Communities in education, health care and social services; for communication and transportation needs, for disaster and emergency relief, when necessary and for the Church's ministry to children.*

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*The Missionary Union of Priests and Religious is a spiritual apostolate that helps deepen a missionary spirit among priests and Religious men and women, catechists and educators who in turn help animate the faithful. All can be a part of this effort, especially through prayer and through encouraging others to come to an awareness of their own role in the Church's missionary work by virtue of their Baptism.*

The collection boxes are distributed to St. James Religious Education students during the seasons of Advent and Lent. These boxes may be returned to your child's Catechist, the Religious Education Office, or by dropping them into the Sunday collection.