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CELEBRATING 160 YEARS OF MAKING
A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF
CHILDREN

RESOURCE GUIDE



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Jesus Is With Us.
Tell the World!

2003-2004

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Holy Childhood Association offers young Catholics an opportunity to grow in faith through mission education, sacrifice and service for others.

A Pontifical Mission Society, HCA focuses entirely on children helping children throughout the world.

HCA's young members have participated in our apostolic mission for 160 years!



For the 2003-2004 school year, HCA's **educational materials will focus on the importance of living our missionary vocation with the theme *Jesus Is With Us. Tell the World!***

Additional ideas and resources will also be available on the web at: www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org.

Children may also visit this site to learn more about the Holy Childhood Association and read stories about the children they help through HCA.

Membership

Kick off the new school year with HCA's membership program! For \$1.15 each, students become members of the "HCA Kids' Club" and receive an HCA bookmark, a membership card and a subscription to the *It's Our World* newsletter. One *Membership Program Guide: A Teaching Supplement* (lesson guide with activities, prayer service and liturgy) will accompany every 25 student membership orders.

Published as Advent, Lent and Summer issues, *It's Our World* contains mission news for children in grades pre-K through 8 focused on a specific country. This year, *It's Our World* will focus on the following regions: **Ghana** (Advent), **India** (Lent) and the **Pacific Islands** (summer).

The newsletter connects U.S. school children to their brothers and sisters in the Missions and teaches them about the realities of the Developing World through stories, activities and prayer services. The *It's Our World* mascot, Polly Parrot, shares fun facts about particular places, people and geographical features. *It's Our World* also puts a "spotlight" on those people who are devoted to spreading the Gospel. A *Teacher's Guide* accompanies each issue.

ADVENT

HCA's Advent program helps children prepare for Christmas by teaching them how to make the season more meaningful by offering prayers and sacrifices for children in the Developing World. This program includes **offering boxes or folders**, a **classroom poster** and the *Advent Program Guide: A Teaching Supplement*.

LENT

Children prepare for Easter and learn about the way of the Cross through HCA's



Lenten Program. **Coin folders or boxes**, a **classroom poster**, and the *Lenten Program Guide: A Teaching Supplement* are included with this program. A *Lenten Spiritual Journal* and *Mission Stations of the Cross* are included in the Program Guide. The Spiritual Journal provides a 40-day reflection / activity program based on daily scripture readings for the Lenten season.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Using
artwork
drawn by
children
in the
U.S., HCA
Christmas
Seals illustrate



scenes of Jesus' birth. HCA Christmas Seals packets are a great way to raise funds for your school *and* help children in the Missions! Seals packets may be purchased from HCA for one dollar each and sold for two dollars. *Your school / parish keeps the proceeds!* A Christmas tradition since 1916, HCA Seals make a wonderful addition to Christmas mail!

HCA AROUND THE WORLD

HCA has redesigned its "*Around the World*" program to help animate a missionary spirit among young people and increase their understanding of their heritage as well as current world events and geography. Order forms will be available later this year and mailed directly to schools / parishes.

VIDEOS

Children of the Light shows that stewardship is not just for adults as it focuses on the efforts of children who care enough to share their time, talents and treasures. **GRADES 2-8 (15 minutes)**

Children of the Campo highlights the people and culture of the Dominican Republic. **GRADES 3-8 (24 minutes)**

Brothers of America details the joys, goals and sacrifices of two boys: one from South America and one from the United States. **GRADES 5-8 (17 minutes)**

HCA: Young Catholics in Mission shows how HCA funds are used in Africa and outlines the similarities among children. **GRADES K-8 (25 minutes)**

Domingo follows a young Guatemalan boy and his sister as they search for their father after an earthquake destroys their village. **GRADES 5-8 (25 minutes)**

Flower of Hope features a lay missionary who is martyred because of her commitment to sharing the Good News with the poor in Latin America. **GRADES 5-8 (25 minutes)**

In the video, *In Search of Survival: Sudan*, a former refugee discusses his life. **GRADES 3-8 (17 minutes)**

Fa'a Samoa depicts daily life in Samoa and shows that other cultures have much to share with us. **GRADES 3-8 (23 minutes)**

VIDEOS

In *New Life*, a disabled girl in Taiwan is helped through HCA.

GRADES K-4 (24 Minutes)

Becoming Disciples... A Faith Journey documents the journey of high school students from the U.S. to Ecuador and how the lives and faith of these young people are transformed by the mission experience. **GRADES 7-12 (23 minutes)**

On Mission introduces young people who are serving as Jesuit lay mission volunteers in Belize, Central America.

GRADES 7-12 (approx. 20 minutes)

Witness features young people talking about their mission experience in Haiti.

GRADES 7-12 (approx. 20 minutes)

Connections... taped at high schools in Ohio and New Jersey, this video explores the missionary call as students visit with their Diocesan Bishops, pray for the missionary work of the Church and voice their own reactions to the call to be missionary in prayer and sacrifice.

GRADES 7-12 (approx. 20 minutes)

Here I am, Lord... Send ME! looks at the missionary vocation... the call to leave the familiar, to journey far from home to proclaim the Gospel in word and in action... for a lifetime or a short time. This video, featuring three American missionaries, challenges young people to consider missionary service. **GRADES 7-12 (approx. 20 minutes)**

All videos are \$10

For Educators, Directors and Coordinators

HCA BROCHURE SERIES

These pamphlets explore the mission and role of HCA. The series is helpful in emphasizing the need for children's involvement in mission.

Titles in the series are:

- *Why Bother with Mission?*
- *Bringing God into Focus for the Young*
- *Teaching the Young to be Cheerful Takers*
- *Will the Young Live up to Their Names?*
(also available in Spanish)

STEWARDSHIP PAMPHLET

Teaching children to think about their God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure in the light of others' needs is an important part of the Holy Childhood mission. This brochure explains how to teach young people this important Church principle.

LEADING THE WAY

This newsletter, published semi-annually, for teachers, mission moderators and HCA directors / coordinators includes feature articles, stories and photos from HCA projects and activities as well as a column from the National Director.

For Educators, Directors and Coordinators

ANNUAL REPORT

The Pontifical Mission Societies' annual report presents financial information for the *Holy Childhood Association* as well as for the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* and the *Society of St. Peter Apostle*.

ABOUT HCA

This brochure features a brief look at the history of HCA as well as useful information about how funds are collected and distributed to the Missions.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES: “ONE FAMILY IN MISSION”

This brochure provides an overview of all four Pontifical Mission Societies including HCA.

Biographies of the Societies' founders are included as well as detailed information about the vision and mission of each organization.



*HCA Founder,
Bishop Forbin Janson*

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR KIDS IN NEED

Schools and CCD programs of each diocese are invited to join together to raise money through sponsor-style events. Participants have an opportunity to learn about one particular mission country, while working toward a common goal of sharing what they have with those in need around the world. In the past, students have sponsored walk-a-thons, dance marathons, culture nights and ethnic dinners. *Extra Mile* is a wonderful program for October, *World Mission Month*, but can be done any time throughout the year.

NATIONAL PRAYER WEEK

In prayer, we appeal to God's goodness for the things we need, acknowledging our faith and trust in Him. HCA's **National Prayer Week, March 22-28, 2004**, is a time for young Catholics to be united in prayer for those in need throughout the world. Look for this year's prayer program, mailed to all schools and parishes in February. Materials are FREE, easy to use and can be reproduced for mass participation. Thousands of young Catholics pray with HCA each year! **During that week, pray online at: www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org.**

HAND TO HAND APPEAL

Suitable for year-round use, HCA's Helping Hand envelope facilitates the contribution of funds from your group's mission activities such as bake sales or car washes. This colorful envelope gives examples of how donations help children in the Missions.



Helping Hand Envelope

HCA PRAYER CARDS

HCA prayer cards are ideal for reminding students that Jesus has a special place in his heart for all children. Prayer cards are available in three styles (*see order form*).



*Left: National Prayer Week Prayer.
Right: HCA Coin folder.*

ORDERING INFORMATION

- **FREE*** shipping and handling for all materials.

**Does not include rush orders.*

- Place orders by fax, or mail this order form to your **diocesan mission office** or the HCA national office. **PLEASE NOTE:** Use only street addresses for UPS delivery (**NO P.O. BOXES**). **Fill out form completely**, including both a **contact name** and a **signature**.

**SORRY, TELEPHONE / E-MAIL ORDERS
ARE NOT ACCEPTED**

• ORDERING DEADLINES:

Membership: please order as soon as possible upon receipt of this *Resource Guide*.

Place orders for **Advent Program** materials and **Christmas Seals** by **October 14, 2003**.

Place orders for **Lenten Program** materials by **January 2, 2004**.

CALENDAR 2003-2004

August:

- EXTRA MILE PROGRAM MAILING

September:

- MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM begins
- 2003-2004 CHRISTMAS SEALS ART CONTEST rules and entry forms mailed

October — Mission Month:

- HCA DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1
- WORLD MISSION SUNDAY celebrated on October 19 with the theme "*Healing a Broken World*"

November:

- ADVENT PROGRAM begins
First Sunday of Advent —
November 30
- SALE OF HCA CHRISTMAS SEALS begins
- FALL/WINTER LEADING THE WAY NEWSLETTER arrives

February:

- LENT PROGRAM begins
Ash Wednesday – February 25
Easter Sunday – April 11

March:

- NATIONAL PRAYER WEEK
March 22-28

April:

- SUMMER PROGRAM begins

June:

- SPRING/SUMMER LEADING THE WAY NEWSLETTER arrives

PRICING INFORMATION

Membership Program: Order one per student. For annual enrollment dues of **\$1.15**, each student receives a membership card, bookmark and three issues of the student publication, *It's Our World*, circulated three times a year in three grade levels. (Please specify grade level / language on order form.)

\$1.15 per student

Advent Program: Order one coin holder per student.

FREE

Lenten Program: Order one coin holder per student.

FREE

Helping Hand Envelope: Order one envelope per student.

FREE

Prayer Cards: Three styles available (100 cards per pack):



- *St. Thérèse*
- *Prayer of St. Francis*
- *HCA Children's Prayer*

\$3.50 / pack

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Stewardship Pamphlet: Shows how HCA teaches the principles of stewardship.

FREE

Brochure Series: Set of four brochures exploring mission.

FREE

2002 Pontifical Mission Societies Annual Report

FREE

Christmas Seals Packet (25 self-adhesive seals per packet)

\$1.00 each



*Winning artwork from the 2003
HCA Christmas Seals Packet
Diocese of Belleville*

Spanish Brochure: *Will the Young Live Up to their Names?*

FREE

**Pontifical Mission Societies:
*One Family In Mission Brochure***

FREE