

# Love and Hope are a gift of faith

Sr Patricia Speight is a Franciscan Missionary Sister for Africa. She has been working in Nakuru, Kenya for many years. Sr Patricia runs a clinic called The Love and Hope Centre where, helped by a team of six volunteers, she visits the homes of seriously ill patients, training family members to care for their sick. The team also help poor families to start small income-generating projects.

Sr Patricia explains: 'For over 10 years the Education for Life programme at our Love and Hope Centre has accompanied thousands of children, adolescents and adults, and, in a special way, people already living with HIV. It is sad to reflect that even now so many children and young people are suffering from the virus. We must care for these little ones together with their parents, grandmothers and guardians.'

Sr Patricia recently launched a similar scheme for people with cancer. She writes: 'We are very happy this morning as we begin our first support group for people living with cancer. In the last two months we have come across many suffering people who can't even afford an aspirin. We try to bring the love of Christ to people in its fullest. Our faith keeps us strong and your support and prayer through Missio keep us going.'

World Mission Sunday helps Sr Patricia and her team educate and care for even more people living with HIV and cancer, making a difference and changing lives. They will also provide basic medicines for their patients and help both sick and well through simple income-generating projects.

## When you share your faith, you also give life, love and hope

Thanks to the support of Catholics on World Mission Sunday, thousands of parishes across the world share their faith and give life through the work of catechists and missionaries such as Sr Patricia and her team.

To read these stories in full and for information about Missio's support in other continents please visit our website [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)



## What is World Mission Sunday?

This special day is celebrated everywhere in the world on the penultimate Sunday in October. Celebrations on this day encourage prayer and financial support for the mission of the Catholic Church in the world. Our mission is urgent: millions of our brothers and sisters are thirsting to hear of God's love for them; we need to support the local Church and all those missionaries who give their lives to helping others encounter Christ.

## Why does Missio coordinate World Mission Sunday?

Missio is an instrument of the Universal (Papal) and of the local Church (Episcopal) it is responsible for:

- Supporting EVERY mission diocese in the world until it is self-sufficient
- Enabling every Catholic to actively participate in the mission of the Church
- Ensuring that the financial support received by local bishops and missionary congregations is distributed fairly – on the basis of need rather than particular links. 'Twinning', although worthy, can sometimes cause an unfair disparity in the distribution of resources

## Where do donations go?

The World Mission Sunday collection is given in its entirety to support the mission of the Church where it is too young or too poor to fend for itself. Monies from England and Wales go directly to the bishops in the mission territories - local Church directly helping local Church!

The prayers and contributions of our ordinary parishioners are vital. They provide:

- places of prayer and worship
- support for 'front-line' missionaries
- training and support for the thousands of catechists who teach the faith and provide spiritual support in their own communities
- health and education

Missio relies entirely on donations from Catholic individuals and parishes; we receive no grants or subsidies from any other source.

For more information please see the fact sheets on our website:

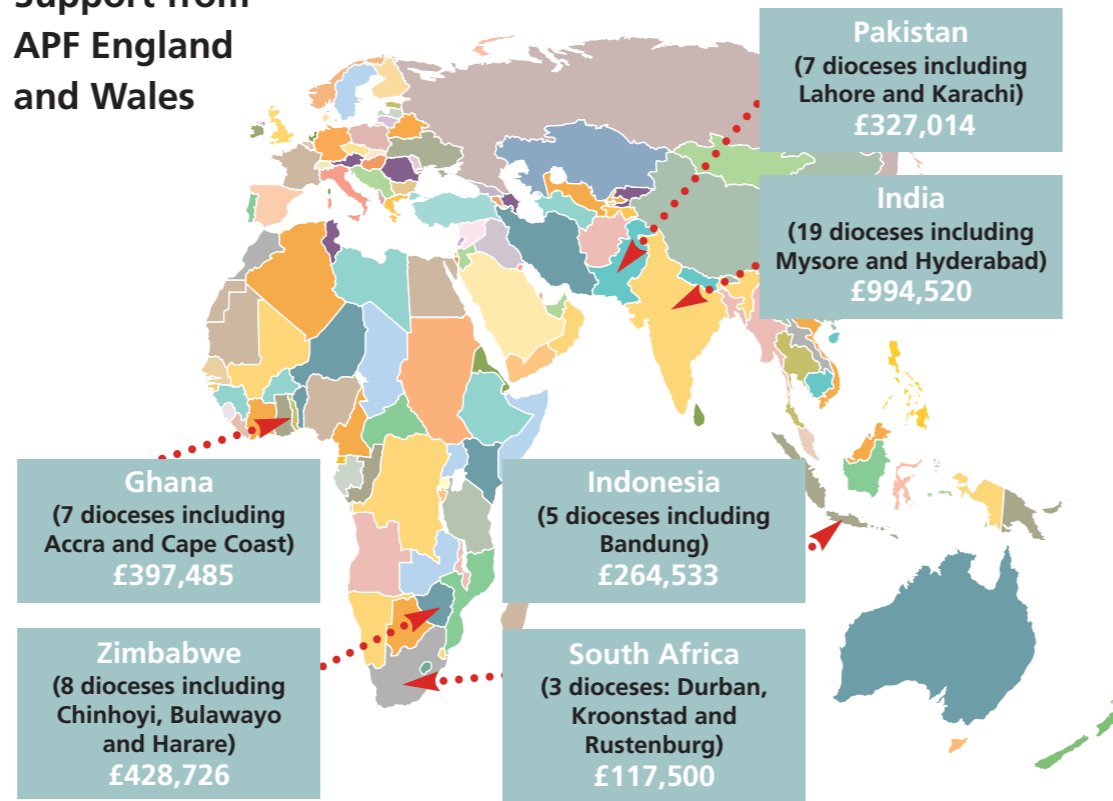
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# World Mission Sunday

established in 1926 and celebrated in 159 countries around the world

## Support from APF England and Wales



World Mission Sunday helps each local Church to be missionary and share faith with 'the most abandoned and poorest in the means of grace'. Cardinal Vaughan

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### Dear Friend in Mission

As the new National Director of Missio I am pleased to send you the materials for World Mission Sunday, which this year falls on 23 October. Last year England and Wales collected £424,225. This, along with all other Missio/APF monies, was distributed to projects in the dioceses shown on the map on the back of this folder. I hope you find this information useful.

Blessed John Henry Newman wrote, 'I have my mission. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do his work.' These words, quoted by Pope Benedict in Birmingham during the Mass of Beatification, challenge us to reflect on our own commitment to mission.

On World Mission Sunday every parish takes up a collection for the missionary activity of the Church which creates a bond and connection between Catholics world-wide. In contributing to this universal fund every baptised person proclaims their faith and solidarity in mission with the emerging Churches overseas. I thank you all, parishes and communities, for your valued support of the ever-growing work of mission.

Canon James Cronin  
National Director

World Mission Sunday helps each local Church to care for the Universal Church, especially its poorest members

Share your faith – give life!



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