

THE ROLE OF THE MISSION OFFICE: *We work in conjunction with the St. Cloud Diocese as the global arm of the local church. It is our ministry to create opportunities for all members (youth, school children, mission groups, pastors, parishioners, staff, men's and women's groups, etc.) of the Church of St. Cloud to participate in Christ's saving mission by living out our call to mission, unity in diversity and the Catholic Social Teachings. We promote solidarity between the Church of St. Cloud and members of the global community of faith, **considering ourselves bridge-builders.** The primary work of the Mission Office is about building right relationships with God and with others around the world.*



HOW WE DO THAT:

Catholic Relief Services:

- Official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. since 1943
- Development work across the globe
- Partnerships, Catholics Confront Global Poverty, emergency relief, Food Fast & youth programs, Fair Trade, Operation Rice Bowl & CRS Collection. Over \$133,000 was sent out in 2013.
- Rice Bowl local grants (over \$26,000 was given in grants in 2013 to help feed over 53,000 people in our own diocese)
- **Purpose: Giving Hope to a World of Need by asking US Catholics to "Pray, Learn, Act, Give"-"We serve people not because they are Catholic, we serve people because WE are Catholic."**

Global Solidarity Partnerships with Homa Bay, Kenya & Maracay, Venezuela:

- Maracay, Venezuela since the 1960's
- Homa Bay, Kenya since 1999
- 3-year travel cycle with delegations coming & going
- Mutual exchange of people, gifts, sharing of resources
- Missioners to us (Fr. John Odero and Fr. Oswaldo Roche)
- Nearly \$90,000 sent in support of our partners needs and their diocesan ministries in 2013
- **Purpose: a tangible way to experience the universality of our Catholic faith; a way to build relationships and walk together to the Lord**

Pontifical Mission Societies:

- Four Pontifical Mission Societies:
 - Society for the Propagation of the Faith (our legal name)
 - Missionary Childhood Association (formerly Holy Childhood)
 - St. Peter the Apostle
 - Missionary Union of Priests and Religious
- Exist in every Diocese in the world to raise funds, awareness & prayers for dioceses most in need
- World Mission Sunday each October, and direct mail appeals (Christmas and St. Peter the Apostle)
- Address Pastoral and evangelizing needs throughout the world: Supports 9,000 clinics; 10,000 orphanages; 1,200 schools; plus vocation support & formation and building of chapels & churches in 1,150 mission dioceses today. Over \$137,000 sent out in 2013 to support the Pontifical Mission Societies.
- **Purpose: seeks prayer and sacrifice so the world can know Christ**

Missionary Cooperation Plan (MCP) Appeals:

- Chosen from over 250 mission organizations that apply each year
- Each parish has one assigned every 3 years
- Voluntary MCP's are great!
- Over \$69,000 was raised by our parishes and sent to the 2013 MCP organizations
- **Purpose: To educate and broaden our parish vision and understanding of the church while supporting mission of all kinds**

Diocesan Missioners:

- *Over 40 missionaries from or connected to St. Cloud Diocese serving in over 20 countries*
- *Lay, clergy & religious*
- *Sharing of their stories; maintaining contact and support, scheduling mission awareness opportunities*
- *Over \$108,000 in donations and support to diocesan missionaries and mission connections in 2013*
- ***Purpose: to support those serving in mission, and encourage them to serve as a bridge between the people they currently minister with and their home diocese***

Mass Stipends:

- *Nearly 2,000 Masses were prayed by our missionaries and mission connections all over the world for our loved ones*
- *For some it's their only income*
- *Given individually or from parishes' excess*
- ***Purpose: To support mission dioceses and priests in need, while enhancing our universality through praying for one another across the globe***

Fair Trade:

- *Principles of fair and just wages & conditions*
- *Coffee, tea, chocolate bars, drinking & baking cocoas, fabrics, jewelry, global gifts and crafts*
- *About 15 communities across the diocese offer fair trade in one form or another*
- *Nearly \$19,000 in sales out of the Mission Office in 2013*
- ***Purpose: to uphold the dignity of artisans and farmers around the world by providing just work and livable wages for them, while offering a global market for their high quality products***

Mission Animation & Education:

- *Speakers Bureau*
- *Service ideas, gifts and projects*
- *Mission Educators bulletin (monthly during school year); Newsletter (3 times a year); WMS supplement in Visitor; website and Social Media ("like" us at: www.facebook.com/diocesofsaintcloudmissionoffice)*
- *Mission Vocations*
- *Promoting Catholic Social Teachings*
- *About 50 schools, parishes and groups welcome mission speakers or events each year*
- ***Purpose: to encourage others to live out their Baptismal promises and help them do so***

World Mission Rosary:

- *Begun by Fulton John Sheen in 1951*
- *5 colors representing the regions of the world*
- *Made by mission groups; donated to schools, parishes and mission connections*
- *Missionary Childhood/WMR Day first Friday each October*
- ***Purpose: to "embrace the world in prayer"***



Mission Trips:

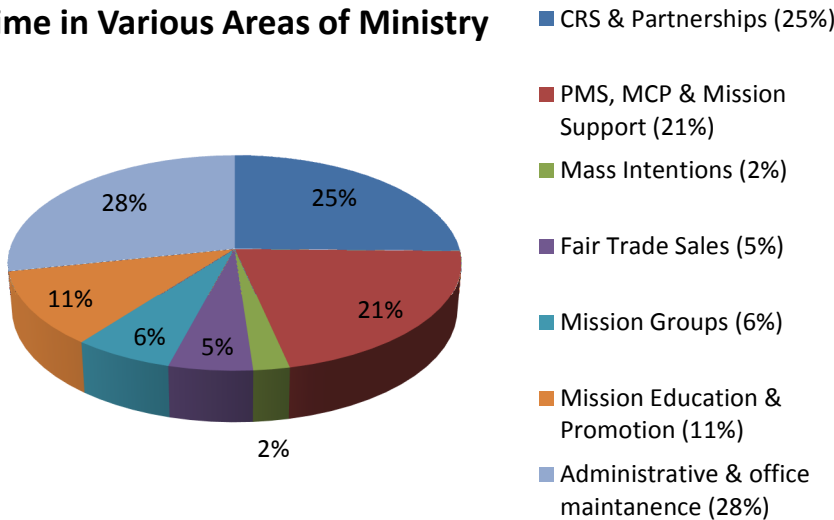
- *Diocesan Delegations to Kenya and Venezuela*
- *Occasional special delegations/immersion trips*
- *Regular trips planned by others in diocese to mission connections (ex. Nicaragua, Guatemala)*
- *Support to parish or youth looking for a mission trip & formation/follow-up for trips, long or short-term missionary experiences*
- ***Purpose: to encourage others to walk together in solidarity with global brothers and sisters, and ensure that it is done in a respectful and successful way for both sides***

Mission Groups:

- *About 180 groups; been active in supporting mission for nearly 100 years*
- *Quilts, clothing, layettes, dishtowels, knit items, rosaries, hygiene items & more gifted to each year*
- ***Purpose: to support the work of mission through their time and talent and heart***

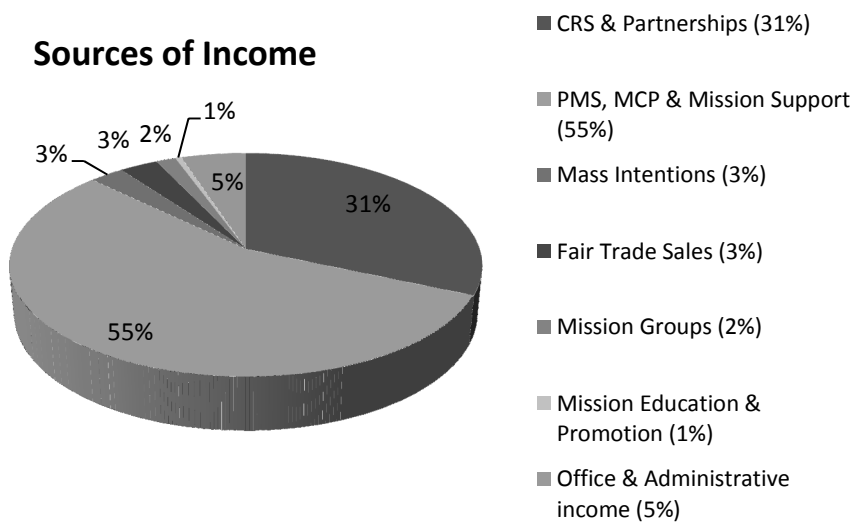
DIVISION OF RESOURCES: *The St. Cloud Mission Office encompasses a great variety of ministries in our outreach to both local parishes of St. Cloud Diocese as well as our mission connections and brothers and sisters around the world. Below is a summary of how 2013's time and financial resources were divided among these many areas of ministry. **Please note that we have our own 501c3 status. We do not receive any funding from the Annual Diocesan Appeal or any other diocesan fundraising.***

Time in Various Areas of Ministry



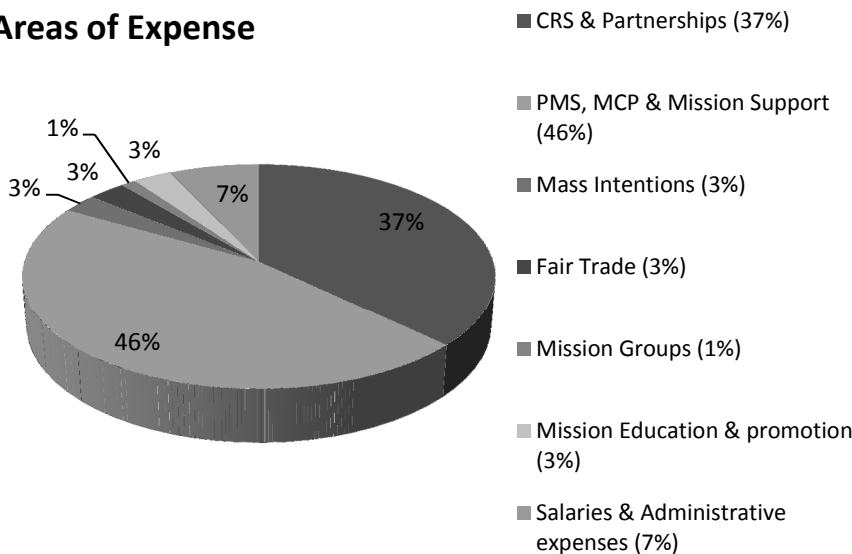
*"Mission takes place wherever people interact with people, seeking to overcome all that separates them from one another and from God."
(CANACOM - Caribbean and North American Council for Mission)*

Sources of Income



*"Some go by giving, others give by going; without both there would be no mission."
(Anonymous)*

Areas of Expense



*"There is no church so poor that it has nothing to give; and no church so rich that it has nothing to receive."
(Asian Bishops)*