



## Welcome, families!

May God's blessings be upon you as the new school year begins! The **Missionary Childhood Association [MCA]**, one of the **Pontifical Mission Societies**, has had an exciting Summer, with children all over the country praying and making sacrifices for the missions. Over the last several months, many schools, religious education programs, Vacation Bible Schools, and Youth Groups have become a part of **MCA** for the very first time and are gearing up to participate in more MCA programs this fall!

The prayers and sacrifices of the students in the USA support children in thousands of dioceses across the globe. These are children who may not have food to eat, water to drink, or a bed to lay their heads on at night. They also suffer from poor conditions in their neighborhood, homes, and schools.

Through **MCA**, we must continue the Mission of the Church, and "*go out and make disciples of all nations*". We must pray for these children and offer up our sacrifices to help them. I encourage you to pray this litany to continue inspiring *Missionary Discipleship* among your children, grandchildren, or even your own students this year.

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## Repainting the Holy Family School in Chad

Over 6,000 miles away from the United States is Chad, the fifth largest country in Africa. Chad is about the size of Spain, Kansas, and France combined. It got its name from Lake Chad, the single most important water source for the 30 million people living along its shores. **People wait in lines for water brought in by trucks, often considering themselves lucky to have water once every two days.**

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The heart of the people in Chad can serve as inspiration for us to also share our resources. Members of the Missionary childhood Association are called to pray and

sacrifice for our brothers and sisters in mission lands. Right now, there is a special project that needs our help in Chad, where there are not enough schools and teachers for the children, some schools even have over 100 children in one classroom.

### More on the Holy Family School

Dear God,

As our new school year begins,

We come to you with open hearts to ask for your love and protection.

We pray for strength and courage,

to face new challenges with grace.

Give us wisdom and understanding,

as we learn new things and make new friends. Lord, we place this new school year in your hands, and trust that you have great plans for us to shine brightly in all we do,

In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen.



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