



MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION MITE BOXES

Dear Parents,

Advent 2017

Today your children are bringing home an Advent Mite Box. The money they contribute in their mite box will help in parts of the world that do not have the items our children have here. We find that children learn how to make the Christmas season more meaningful by offering prayers and sacrifices for children in need who await the "Good News" of Jesus.

The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) was founded in France in 1843 by Bishop Charles de Forbin Jansen. Its purpose is to encourage all children to be aware of the needs of children living in mission countries throughout the world and support them both spiritually and sacrificially.

Today **MCA** is in 110 countries and helps make Jesus known to children all over the world. Under its banner "*Children Helping Children*", monies raised are directed towards self-help programs involving the building of schools, the provision of health and nutrition programs and medications, school fees, and teaching and learning resources.

The goal of **MCA** is to gather prayers and financial support for children in mission countries, while at the same time animating a missionary spirit and inviting all children to help spread the Good News of Jesus to other children around the world. **MCA** endeavors to attain its end through the united efforts of all Catholic children who are taught to recognize that sensitivity to others is an essential dimension of Christianity.

The success of this project depends upon the kindness and generosity of the children of the Diocese of Metuchen. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Thank you,
St. Thomas PREP