

COVID-19: Updated Guidance for Parish Missionary Appeals

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the normal schedule and process for parishes to host the annual missionary speaker in 2020 as part of the Missionary Cooperation Plan. The following updated guidance is provided to assist parishes as they consider how and when they will host a missionary in 2020.

- The normal timeframe for a parish hosting a missionary has been relaxed. A mission appeal may now take place on any weekend in 2020 that is agreeable to the parish and the mission group.
- Some mission appeals may need to be postponed or canceled because of travel restrictions for the missionary or changing circumstances at the parish.
- The format for conducting the appeals can be flexible to meet the situation of each parish. Appeal presentations can be given in person as usual or they may be given as video-type recordings for streaming services or other formats that serve the purpose.
- Mission groups and parishes should communicate with each other to address any changes that arise or need to be made.

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