



## **What to Know about Holy Cross Mission Appeals**

**Where Funds Are Distributed:** All funds raised through the Holy Cross Mission Center's (HCMC) Mission Appeals support Holy Cross priests' and brothers' ministries in Bangladesh, Chile, Kenya, Peru, Tanzania, and Uganda. In special circumstances, funds raised in Mission Appeals can be set aside for La Luz Parish, a U.S. Province ministry in Monterrey, Mexico. In these seven countries, Holy Cross ministers in parishes, grade schools, colleges, universities, healthcare facilities, and social ministries where financial resources are needed. Once Mission Appeal collections are received by the HCMC, our office works with international Holy Cross Province and District Superiors in the above countries to fund formal project proposals that are priorities for their jurisdictions.

**Participation:** All U.S.-based Holy Cross priests in good standing are invited to participate. This includes members of the U.S. Province as well as visiting international priests. Prior international experiences are not necessary for participation in Mission Appeals.

**Logistical Coordination:** The HCMC works with the parish to verify the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass times and locations, parish contact information, and parish housing arrangements to be made available for Holy Cross priests. Typically, these weekends fall between April and November. Once a Holy Cross priest is paired with an available weekend, that priest will be introduced via email to the parish coordinator of the Mission Appeal.

**Homily Resources:** The HCMC has a growing list of Mission Appeal speaker resources about the international Holy Cross ministries that are supported by Mission Appeals. Explore them at [missionappeals.holycrossmissions.org](http://missionappeals.holycrossmissions.org).

**Reimbursement of Travel Expenses:** Following the Mission Appeal, the HCMC will reimburse Holy Cross priests for any documented travel expenses they incur for their participation.

**Feedback Solicitation:** In an effort to continuously improve our support for the ministries of Holy Cross, the HCMC solicits anonymous feedback from each participant in our Mission Appeals, both the CSC priests and the parishes that host us.

**Questions?** Email [hcmc@holycrossusa.org](mailto:hcmc@holycrossusa.org) or call 574-631-5477 to speak with an HCMC representative.