

## South America

### *St. Francis de Sales*

Parishioners travel, in conjunction with another parish, to Ecuador, in July and September, on a medical mission, do faith sharing, participate in a building project and provide equipment. Contact Nina Vitek at 713-248-0187.

### *St. Mary Magdalene*

Parishioners travel, in conjunction with another parish, to Ecuador in July and September, on a medical mission, do faith sharing, participate in a building project and provide equipment. Contact Clint Stephens at 281-446-8211.

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## Mission Opportunities for Parishes and Schools

*“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”*

*(Mt 28:19-20)*



### The Great Call of Apostleship

These were the last words Jesus Christ gave to the apostles in order for them to continue His mission on earth. This great call passes on to the bishops and to all the Catholics of today, to go and proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth, to go and show everyone God's love and mercy.

The following parishes and independent mission groups within our Archdiocese have chosen to fulfill their Call to Apostleship through mission work. It is our hope that you will join them in a way that is best suited to your parish or school.

### Border Area (US side)

*St. Michael—Lake Jackson*

A youth group travels to the area of San Juan, Texas every year during the month of July. Contact Mike Marshall at 979-297-3043.

*St. Rose of Lima*

A parish group travels to Laredo, Texas to do children Vacation Bible School, visit the sick/elderly and do activities with local teenagers, during the month of July. Contact Peggy Wilgis at 713-692-9123 ext. 118.

*Sts. Simon & Jude*

This parish group travels to the poor Colonias in Eagle Pass, Texas during the month of June to do children Vacation Bible School, visit the sick/elderly and do activities with local teenagers. Contact Jean Stanley/Kristen Wise at 281-367-9885 ext. 145/103.

*Maryknoll Missionaries*

Assistance is offered to parishes and other mission groups for orientation to mission, accompaniment when they search out mission commitments, and reflection of their mission experience. It also offers a resource library open to everyone. Currently working in the border area with Mexico establishing computer labs. Contact Rev. Gerry Kelly at 713-529-1912.

*Medical Missionaries of Mary*

Independent missionary group based at St. Lawrence parish travels to Laredo, Texas in November to promote medical and spiritual mission services centered on the Divine Mercy devotion and the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. Contact Cordell St. Cyr at 281-980-1682.

### Central America

*Prince of Peace*

A group of parishioners travels in July to Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala. Contact Susan Gallagher at 281-469-2686.

*St. Ignatius of Loyola*

Parish supports school in Guatemala. Contact Diana Rodríguez at 281-379-3012.

*St. Mary—Texas City*

Parishioners join *Sending Out Servants* on their trips to Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala in July and September. Contact Rev. Tom Ponzini at 409-948-8448.

*St. Thomas More*

A group of parishioners joins *Helping Hands Medical Mission* to El Salvador in May and October. Contact Christine and Branson Hunter at 713-729-3063.

*Sending Out Servants*

Independent local group travels to Santa Cruz del Quiché, Guatemala four times a year to participate in a one-week cross cultural, faith sharing mission experience with the indigenous Maya Indian. Contact Connie and Ernest Braren at 281-440-6165.