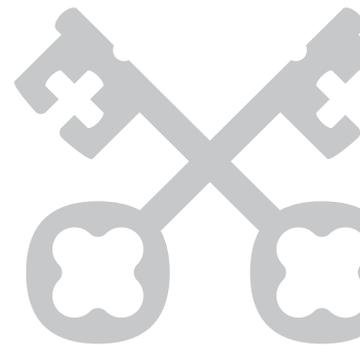


# PASTORAL AND FINANCIAL ANNUAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2021



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PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES (PMS)  
IN SLOVAKIA

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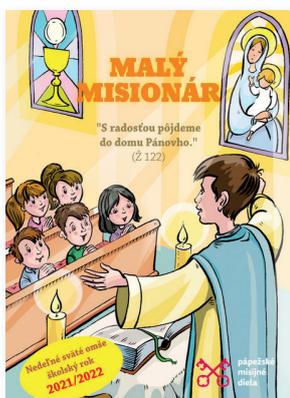
## THE ICON OF THE FRANCISCAN CROSS



During the Lent, Pontifical Mission Societies sent out 25,000 copies of the Franciscan cross including the prayers of St. Francis, a detailed description of the cross and a leaflet informing about the PMS projects supporting Uganda. Saint Francis' conversion began around the

time when Jesus spoke to him from the cross hanging in the chapel near Assisi and that cross accompanied him his whole life. Francis looked at the cross, when the Lord told him: "Go repair my house!"

## MALÝ MISIONÁR



"We shall go to the house of the Lord with joy." (Psalm 122) – In 2021, more than 23,000 children and 540 parishes took part in the pastoral activity called Little missionary. Every child received a small notebook for collecting stickers after every Sunday Mass from September to June. The notebook included the respective Sunday Gospel with pictures, quotes and short thoughts to reflect on. Children were encouraged to actively participate on Mission Sunday and pray for missions, especially during the Missionary Month October.

## BENEFIT CONCERT AT BUTKOV HILL

On Saturday, July 31, 2021 a benefit concert for the support of missionary projects realised by PMS took place in the Rock Shrine of Divine Mercy at the hill of Butkov. The spiritual and cultural program was accompanied by the performance of the band Kandráčovci, singer Monika Kandráčová and the heligonist Vlasta Mudříková.

The concert was also supported by the participation and final blessing of the diocesan bishop of the Žilina region, Tomáš Galis. In his closing remarks, he thanked the performers and also expressed his personal joy of the spiritual experience.

The whole concert was recorded by Television Lux and was held in the spirit of joyful anticipation of Pope Francis' visit to Slovakia. The Pontifical Mission Societies thanked all participants of the concert and especially the AGAPA Foundation and the Považské cement plants from the village of Ladce for organizing the concert, transport and technical support.

## BENEFIT CD ALBUM NOVÝ ŽIVOT (NEW LIFE)



PMS released a new beneficial CD album (recorded by Mária Buláková – a collaborator of PMS) on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in order to support the construction of playgrounds for children and purchase domestic animals for families in Rwanda.

## MISSION SUNDAY 2021



October 24, 2021 was celebrated as the Feast of solidarity, with the main message: "For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

**We have put together and distributed the following material to parishes:**

- posters – A3 and A4 formats
- ideas for homilies

- announcements for parishes
- World mission magazines, mission rosaries for children

During the Mission Sunday 2021 we focused on Kenya, where christians use to say: "We all belong to God's family."

## ADOPTION OF SEMINARIANS



Slovakia has adopted seminarians in Benin, Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Togo, Chad, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Republic of the Congo. Slovak communities and individuals pray and financially support particular seminarians assigned to them. Slovaks have adopted altogether 1,275 seminarians so far. On April 25, 2021 (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we united in prayer with seminarians and seminars we support and celebrated an online Holy Mass through the Slovak PMS Youtube channel at 11 o'clock in the Chapel of Light in Bratislava. It was offered for Church communities, families, parishes and individual donors supporting seminarians in Africa during their priestly formation.

## WORLD MISSION MAGAZINE



The World Mission magazine is published for the members and friends of the Pontifical Mission Societies and it is printed in 60,000 copies twice a year. Last year's Eastern publication focused on Covid pandemic and the formation of priests and the Mission Sunday publication was devoted to Kenya.

## MISSION CALENDAR 2022



The Mission calendar was printed in 45,000 copies last year. The gorgeous pictures took by Mária Buláková show the stories of people whom she met during her one year long mission in Mexico.

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## MASS OFFERINGS FOR MISSIONARIES



In 2021, the Slovak faithful had the chance to help the priests in missions in the form of donations. In return, the priests in the missionary countries celebrated Holy

Masses for their intentions. Altogether, we received and sent out 268,294 Holy Mass intentions in the amount of **1,341,470 €** in 2021.

To break it down, the number of individual Holy Masses was: **63,325**, novenas: **7,551** (i.e. **67,959** Masses) and Gregorian Masses: **4,567** (i.e. **137,010** Masses). Donations for Mass offerings are a blessing for priests in Africa. At the same time we realize the universality of the Church when priests put the intentions from the believers in Slovakia on the altar.

## VZÁCNÝ DAR PRE MISIE

AKO POSLAŤ MILODAR na slávenie svätých omší?

- ✓ milodar na 1 svätú omšu **5 eur**
- ✓ milodar na novénu, teda 9 svätých omší **45 eur**
- ✓ milodar na gregoriánske omše, teda 30 svätých omší **150 eur**



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## SWEET HELP - TWICE AS SWEET CHOCOLATE



Since last autumn, thousands of people in Slovakia have shown solidarity with young people in the poorest countries of the world. They help others and offer the chocolate that is “twice as sweet” in their parishes, schools but also individually. The chocolate bars with the names of 16 missionary countries and thoughts on the packaging were made by the Slovak chocolate factory DEVA based in the city of Trebišov. Schools, parishes and volunteers have ordered **241,500 chocolate bars**, which makes **5,750 boxes on 23 pallets**. As history tells us, Spanish missionaries spread chocolate to the whole world. They began to take chocolate to places where they worked and preached the Word of God. In this way it spread quickly to all continents. Pope Francis says that at this time we shall show solidarity and concrete love. The campaign Sweet help is a very easy and nice way to show love to others. The taste of good chocolate encourages young people in particular to help.

## ICON OF THE MOTHER OF EUCHARIST



During the pope Francis' visit to the House of Bethlehem in Bratislava he blessed the icon of the Mother of Eucharist. The Holy Father privately visited Sisters of Mother Theresa and the homeless that they

take care of. After the pope had blessed the icon, he has touched it and prayed for a while. The icon is intended for the chapel of PMS and it was written by the collaborator of PMS Mária Buláková in the year of pandemic as an expression of love to the Eucharist and Virgin Mary. PMS have sent out **24,000 copies** of the icon along with a devotion prayer for the mission month of October.

## SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FOR POPE FRANCIS



Pontifical Mission Societies in Slovakia have actively participated in the preparation for the pope's visit. PMS prepared a so called “spiritual bouquet” based on a daily prayer of the holy rosary for pope Francis and his visit to Slovakia. The initiative of PMS was announced shortly after the official confirmation of the visit. More than 13,000 people joined the prayers of the bouquet.

The initiative with the official name We welcome pope Francis with a rosary lasted for 40 days and the faithful could pray it at home, in church or a community. Prayers started 40 days ahead of the pope's visit and ended on the last day of his visit - September 15, 2021.



## HOLY MASS AS A CHRISTMAS GIFT



During the Christmas holidays, many believers in Slovakia gave the gift of a Holy Mass to their families and friends. Pontifical Mission Societies in Slovakia printed and distributed the Christmas postcards in which people could write their Holy Mass intentions and their dedication. The postcards were delivered before Christmas so that everyone could place them under their Christmas trees. Totally, it was **26,866 Holy Masses** and **8,736 Christmas postcards** distributed to those who ordered them.

## THREE KINGS STAR (STAR OF BETHLEHEM)



The Three Kings Star (Star of Bethlehem) activity is associated with the collection for the Missionary Childhood Association. In 2021, the activity lasted from the Epiphany until the end of January. Traditionally, the blessing of a house is done by a priest but it can also be done by laymen, e.g. father or mother of a family. In this case, the blessing is not sacramental but it is a way of prayer and devotion of a family to God. Families need blessed water and/or a litten candle as a symbol of Christ and the attitude of a believer realising God's presence and his love.

We distributed **70,000** copies of house blessing prayers in Slovakia. The packet included:

- a house blessing prayer
- the icon of the *Holy Family* (A5 format, card)
- a door sticker in the pattern 20 C+M+B+22 (sticker is well detachable)
- a leaflet informing about the support for missionaries



## THREE KINGS CAROL - COMPETITION

We organized the second year of the competition in singing carols called Trojkráľová koleda (Three Kings carol). It was an online competition and was intended mainly for children but all ages could take part in it.

## MISSIONARY E-SHOP



PMS offer 30 missionary articles and publications in the PMS missionary e-shop. Last year we distributed 3,527 packages.

## PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES TEAM

### Permanent staff:

**Ivan Kňaze** – priest, director

**Mária Buláková** – methodologist, public relations

**Lucia Balogová** – adoption of seminarians, language translations

**Lenka Balková** – administration

**Jana Palkovičová** – administration

**Lenka Špániková** - administration

### External staff:

**Anka Žákova** – economist

**Martina Grochalová** – chief editor of the WM magazine

**Martin Farbák** – database management, newsletter

**Pavol Brečka** – TV Lux technician

**Mária Jančovičová** - administration

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

In 2021, in the framework of the PMS activities, the amount of **2,227,219.45 €** was collected for projects of all three mission societies.

The first part of the donations intended to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was in the amount of **644,806.50 €**. The collection took place in all churches in Slovakia.

The second part of the donations was raised for the Missionary Childhood Association, the project for poor and disadvantaged children in the mission countries in the amount of **815,234.25 €**.

The third part of the total amount of fundraising in 2021 was meant to support the projects of the Society of St. Peter Apostle and missionary seminaries. We collected the amount of **765,219.45 €**.

**Income – Mission Sunday Collection 2021 according to individual dioceses for the years 2018, 2019 and 2021. In 2020, churches in Slovakia were closed and there was only an e-collection.**

Diocese	2018	2019	2021
Archdiocese of Bratislava	95,691.98 €	115,520.39 €	108,934.82 €
Archdiocese of Trnava	61,717.97 €	65,854.18 €	56,930.71 €
Archdiocese of Košice	71,445.24 €	70,082.00 €	73,030 €
Diocese of Nitra	41,624.30 €	42,938.00 €	45,200 €
Diocese of Banská Bystrica	40,343.00 €	45,737.00 €	47,921 €
Diocese of Žilina	85,167.60 €	92,523.34 €	96,660.05 €
Diocese of Spiš	161,294.07 €	166,440.99 €	169,277.82 €
Diocese of Rožňava	26,452.16 €	26,178.40 €	21,250.77 €
Greek Catholic Ecclesiastical Province of Prešov	17,259.86 €	20,422.35 €	18,574.83 €
Eparchy of Košice	4,888.00 €	5,658.91 €	5,500 €
Eparchy of Bratislava	1,534.10 €	2,107.34 €	1,526.50 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>608,753.75 €</b>	<b>653,452.90 €</b>	<b>644,806.50 €</b>

## INCOMES

Incomes	€
Mission Sunday collection 2021	644,806.50 €
PMS members, gifts, adoption of seminarians	857,628.75 €
Mass offerings	1,341,470.00 €
Domestic devotions and icons	724,784.20 €
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,568,689.45 €</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Expenditures up to 15% (11.5 %)	€
Production and distribution of missionary materials	181,589.50 €
Operational and labour costs	134,652.30 €
Mission animation	149,199.30 €
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>465,441.10 €</b>

## TOTAL AMOUNT for the mission projects in 2022 according to the individual mission works

Mission projects for the year 2022	€
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Mission Sunday collection 2021)	644,806.50 €
The Missionary Childhood Association	817,234.25 €
The Society of St. Peter Apostle	765,178.70 €
<b>Total amount for the mission projects of PMS 2022</b>	<b>2,227,219.45 €</b>

Thank you.

May God bless you today and always!

Ivan Kňaze, National Director PMS Slovakia

