



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office of the Archbishop
222 North 17th Street
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Dear Brothers in Christ,

The office of the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*, one of the *Pontifical Mission Societies*, receives requests consistently for Mass intentions. Mass intention requests come from Bishops in Mission dioceses all over the world, as well as from our own local priests. Most recently, the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* has been unable to fulfill many of the requests for Mass intentions.

To this end, I am asking for your help and support. As you already know, a priest who on the same day celebrates more than one Mass for a definite intention can keep just one stipend. Additional stipends should be submitted to a charity designated by the Ordinary of the Archdiocese. Consequently, I am designating the local *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* as the charity to which you are to send additional stipends. If you offer unannounced Mass cards at your parish, please also consider sending these intentions to the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*. If you receive a bequest from a will for Masses to be said, please consider sharing all or part of that bequest with the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*. The *Society* uses donated Mass stipends to support foreign Mission Dioceses by offering Mass intentions to Missionary priests. In addition, the *Society* office also provides Mass intentions to local priests, as the supply allows.

You might also be interested in knowing that the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* can provide your parish with Mass cards for the repose of the souls of the deceased, as well as any intentions for the living, such as sacramental occasions, birthdays, etc. – all free of charge. I would encourage you to call the office for more information at 215-587-3944.

Thank you for considering my request to support the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

With prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia