

Glenmary Home Missioners Covenant Agreement

between

Adopter

and

Mission Parish

St. Paul originated the idea of communities assisting one another. The gifts of the Greek Church were carried to the struggling and persecuted Church of Jerusalem. Glenmary continues this ancient practice. Through the Adopt-a-Mission Program, established parishes assist struggling missions.

This covenant invites *Adopter* to join the evangelization effort of the Catholic Church by lending their prayers and financial support to their sisters and brothers in Mission Land, U.S.A. and furthering the missionary effort of the Catholic Church in the rural areas and small towns of the United States.

For this goal, and in a united hope, we the brothers and sisters of *Adopter* and we the brothers and sisters of *Mission Parish* enter into a covenant relationship in which we pledge to live in mutual support and solidarity of our shared Catholic faith.

In this relationship we will share faith with one another, pray in earnest for the welfare of one another and our respective faith communities, exchange culture and share customs and traditions with one another.

We will live this relationship by maintaining dialogue with one another, by promoting personal and communal prayer for one another and by designating one Sunday each month as a particular day of prayer for one another. We will also promote understanding of our varying regional cultures and traditions of our communities by communicating with each other about concerns, joys, faith and social life through whatever means of technology we desire.

Keenly aware of the missionary nature of the Church and in gratitude to Almighty God for the benefits of the Catholic faith and the progress of its own parish, the people of *Adopter* agree to adopt *Mission*, a mission parish of the Glenmary Home Missioners. *Mission Parish* in return accepts entering into this relationship, and thanks God for our solidarity together.

To this end, we mutually agree:

- To pray for one another
- To an exchange of bulletins, information and photographs, and letters of encouragement
- To an exchange of visits by parish personnel and/or parishioners at times and dates mutually agreeable by both *Mission Parish* and *Adopter*
- *Adopter* will send donation to Glenmary Headquarters in the amount of \$2400 (minimum) for one year to assist *Mission Parish* in meeting its expenses, while *Mission Parish* will continue its own efforts toward stability

This covenant agreement is made in good faith by both parties, with the hope of developing a warm and mutually rewarding relationship, growing in interaction, personal knowledge and caring for one another.

Pastor, Adopter Parish

Pastor, Mission Parish

Parishioner, Adopter Parish

Parishioner, Mission Parish

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