



Overview of the Community of Saint Paul for 2022 Mission Appeals

The Community of Saint Paul is an international missionary group currently responsible for various missions in **Bolivia** (Archdiocese of Cochabamba), the **Dominican Republic** (Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana), **Mexico** (Archdiocese of Mexico), **Colombia** (Archdiocese of Bogotá) and in **Ethiopia** (Apostolic Vicariate of Meki). It is a Public Association of the Faithful in the Catholic Church, made up of priests and lay men and women from various countries. It is also present in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, where it has its main headquarters.

Wherever they are present, the members of the Community of Saint Paul strive to promote the integral development of all so that they can discover their full human potential and dignity as children of God, with a strong sense of solidarity with those who are suffering, and a particular sensitivity towards injustice. In addition to promoting and carrying out the sacramental and pastoral work of the Church in several parishes, the Community of Saint Paul is also running ongoing programs in the following areas:

Children – development, preschool education, counseling/therapy/expression, libraries, nutrition centers, reintegration with families (for those who are living on the streets), health care and health education.

Women – education, job training, healthcare, support for pregnant and nursing mothers, groups for mutual support.

Health – services including health centers and rural pharmacies, latrine construction, hygiene education and disease prevention, community promoters, physical and speech therapy, dentistry and eye care.

Income producing endeavors – job creation and skill training, animal breeding, artisan groups, micro-loans.

Development projects – housing, water systems and resources, agricultural development and reforestation.

Education – School for Haitian Immigrants, scholarships for children and youth, adult literacy courses. Theology/scripture courses for lay adults. Catechesis.

Others – jail ministry, legal assistance, integration programs for Immigrants and cultural awareness.

Covid 19 Efforts – the pandemic has transformed our ministries and many of our efforts are focused to provide the immediate help to those affected by the pandemic (food, housing and medicines). The pandemic efforts to help has put special economic burden to our missions because we continue with all the programs plus the **Covid-19** relief efforts.

Above all, wherever it is present, the group hopes to follow St. Paul's example as tireless evangelizer, itinerant founder of communities, and as a builder of bridges between different cultures, always faithful to his spirit of universality.