



Our Vision

As a Society we are made up of small, intercultural groups. Through our encounter with the risen Christ we are called to participate in God's mission, crossing boundaries in communion for the life of the world, living and working in solidarity with poor people and the exploited earth and engaging with people of other cultures and religions.

Our History

The Missionary Society of St Columban was founded in 1918 in Ireland as a Missionary Society of Priests for the evangelization of China. Today over 480 Columban priests and Lay Missionaries work on mission in 16 countries: Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Chile, Peru, the United States, Mexico, the Philippines, Myanmar, Pakistan, China, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Ireland and Britain.

St Columban, our patron, was an Irish monk who preached the Gospel in Continental Europe. After establishing monasteries in what is now France, Germany, Austria and Italy, he died in Bobbio, northern Italy, in 615.

Our work

Columban Missionaries live and share the Gospel of Jesus through: working with poor and exploited people, seeking justice and dignity for those denied their rights, promoting dialogue between Christians and those from all other religions, developing faith communities in the local church, respect and care for the earth and the environment.

We see solidarity with the poor and commitment to the integrity of creation as essential elements of our missionary commitment. We strive to identify with Jesus of Nazareth who said, *"He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour". (Lk 4:18)*



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Your legacy will live on

By leaving a gift to Columban Missionaries in your Will you become a partner in our work. You are leaving a lasting legacy for the future.

With every gift, small or large:

You support self-improvement programs with the poor and the oppressed.

You help bring God's saving message to non-Christians and show our love for Christ.

You support the preaching of the Gospel within other cultures.

You support communication and understanding between Christian and non-Christian traditions.

You support education for justice and peace.

You are demonstrating your care for the whole of creation.

Your Will

A legacy, also known as a bequest is a gift in your Will to a person or organisation, such as a charity.

Your Will is an important expression of your wishes. It ensures that your estate is distributed as you wish and that your loved ones and favourite charities you've nurtured throughout your life are taken care of after your death.

Making a Will is not a difficult exercise. A visit to a solicitor or Public Trustee can provide the assistance that you need.

It is advisable to discuss your intentions to make a charitable gift with your family.

If you already have a Will and wish to make an amendment to it, then a codicil to your Will is an addition a solicitor can make.

These are some gift options to consider for your Will:

A fixed sum Gift

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$..... to the Regional Director for Australia (NZ Wills: The Superior of New Zealand) of St Columbans Mission Society to be used for that Society's general purposes as the Regional Director (NZ Wills: The Superior of New Zealand) sees fit.

I declare that the receipt of the treasurer, bursar or other proper officer of the Society shall be a full and sufficient discharge for my trustees".

Percentage of the Residue Gift

"I give and bequeath% of the residue of my Estate to the Regional Director of Australia (NZ Wills: The Superior of New Zealand) of St Columbans Mission Society to be used for that Society's purposes as the Regional Director (NZ Wills: The Superior) sees fit.

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Mission Prayer

Blessed are You,
Lord God of all creation.
Blessed are You Jesus Christ,
the Way, the Truth and the Life.
Blessed are you, Oh Holy Spirit
the source of all inspiration.

May your Kingdom of justice,
peace, love and forgiveness
be established in every land.

May your healing hand
touch the sick,
comfort the lonely
and give new life to all.

Be our companion on the road
and help us to make your mission alive
in our community and throughout the
world.

We make our prayer through Christ
our Lord.

Amen.



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