



September 2019

Dear Headteacher,

Mission Together is the Catholic Church's official children's charity for world mission. Through this worldwide charity, children everywhere pray for, and share with one another, in a unique exchange of faith and friendship.

This year I would like to invite you to support **Mission Together** in two ways.

1. The Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM)

Pope Francis has called on the Catholic Church around the world to celebrate an Extraordinary Month of Mission this October. The aim is to encourage all members of our Catholic community to recognise themselves as missionary disciples, working and praying together to share God's love with everyone, everywhere.

Mission Together has created resources to help schools mark this special month, including assemblies, activities and liturgies. These are available to download at

<https://missiontogether.org.uk/an-extraordinary-month-of-mission/>

2. Together in South Africa

Each year **Mission Together** focuses on a child supported by one of its many children's projects overseas. This year's **Together in South Africa** campaign focuses on eleven-year-old Johannes, a resident at St John's Care Centre, a home for children affected by HIV.

This year **Mission Together** is asking children in England and Wales to help the children at St John's, so that they, and children like them who live in poverty overseas, are given the love, care and protection they deserve.

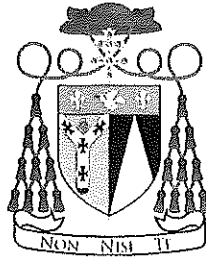
Mission Together materials are free, informative and complement the RE curriculum. Please visit the **Mission Together** website: www.missiontogether.org.uk to place an order and see how your school can get involved.

Your **Mission Together** diocesan representative is Deacon Ronald Burke, who may be contacted at ronburke2014@gmail.com

May God bless you, your staff and pupils in this new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop of Liverpool



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Dear Children,

Mission Together - Children helping Children

Jesus taught us to try our best to follow in his footsteps and to make sure that everybody knows that God loves them. We can do this by praying for others and by helping them too.

There are children all over the world who struggle every day. They have no homes, do not have enough food to eat, do not have medicine when they are sick, and are not able to go to school, children like eleven-year-old Johannes, who lives at St John's Care Centre in South Africa. St John's is a home for children who need special care. The children are looked after by three women who have given their lives to love God and serve other people: Sister Anece, Sister Denise, and Sister Fran. The children at St John's are unable to live with their own families so the Sisters help them to build another kind of family: God's family, to which we all belong and where everyone loves and cares for one another.

With the help of Mission Together, the children are safe, eat healthy food and have a loving home. The Sisters teach the children at St John's that there are children around the world, like you, who care about them and who pray for them so that they may be safe, healthy and happy. The Sisters work hard but they need your help to buy food and mattresses for the children. This year, I hope that you will pray for, and share with, children like Johannes and the many other children who are living in poverty overseas, so that all children everywhere may feel God's love. By joining in prayer and friendship with other Mission Together children around the world, you are doing what Jesus taught about making known God's great love for all his children.

This year please join the 'Together in South Africa' campaign and become 'children helping children'.

Thank you and may God bless you all.

Yours sincerely,

Archbishop of Liverpool