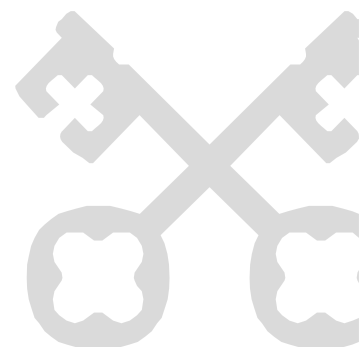




PASTORAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR 2025



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Pontifical Mission Societies, Slovakia

HOLY CHILDHOOD SOCIETY

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The Holy Childhood Society in Slovakia carries out its mission

mainly through Missionary Seeds, systematic formation of animators and support of projects intended for children in missionary countries. They are led to pray regularly, mainly



through Missionary Seeds. Missionary Seed represent a small

prayer community of children, accompanied by an adult leader – animator, catechist, parent or priest. It is made up of children who pray the rosary together for the intentions of the Holy Father, for missions and for missionaries all over the world. As of January 26, 2026, there are 552 Missionary Seeds operating in Slovakia, involving 5,018 children and 625 animators.

Missionary Seeds	Kids	Animators
552	5 018	625

Methodical and catechetical materials and activities

Methodical materials help animators in their work with children. We therefore offer various topics, inspirations and activities. Through them, we help awaken and form missionary awareness in children.

Advent calendar for children

A4 format calendar that is reflecting every day from the beginning of Advent until Christmas with a picture and a simple task.



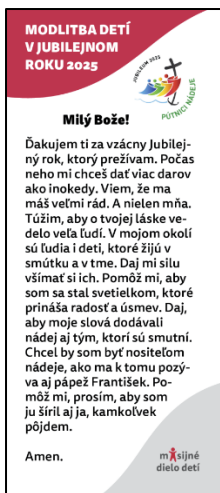
St. Valentine's Day –

A Saint with a Heart for Others

Worksheets for children for St. Valentine's Day. Activities on 4 A4 pages in the worksheets are intended to motivate children to love not only for one day, but to always have an open heart for others and also have a pilgrim's heart full of hope.



Children's Prayer in the Jubilee Year



A prayer card for children for the Jubilee Year with a description of the mascot Luca.

May Flowers

An activity for the month of May, during which children could prepare a meadow of flowers for the Virgin Mary by praying the Litany of Loreto.



Lenten Missionary Calendar

Calendar guides children through Lent so that they can prepare well for Easter with tasks. There is a picture with a task for each day of Lent.



My Holidays at Church



A4 worksheet folded into a square, which serves to introduce children to the Sunday Gospel during the summer holidays.

SEED+

Christian course for children aged 6 to 12. Includes instructions for animators to organize 7 meetings about faith with children. Includes a methodological manual for animators, a children's workbook that children can colour and stick stickers into.



Little Missionary



A6 size dictionary with texts and pictures (stickers) for individual Sundays and obligatory holidays of the liturgical year during the school year.

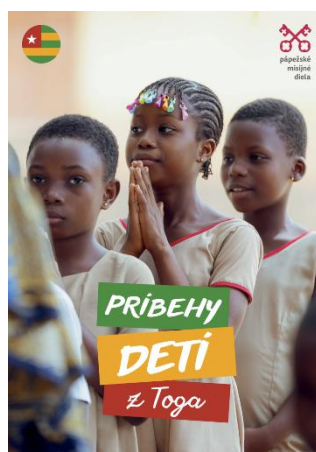
Missionary Journey of Hope

A children's activity for Missionary Month of October. Children were invited to become missionaries of hope and create a Missionary Journey of Hope. They drew a path on paper and placed footprints, the outlines of their feet, on which they wrote their names.



Rosary for Missions

Art competition in which 877 children participated.

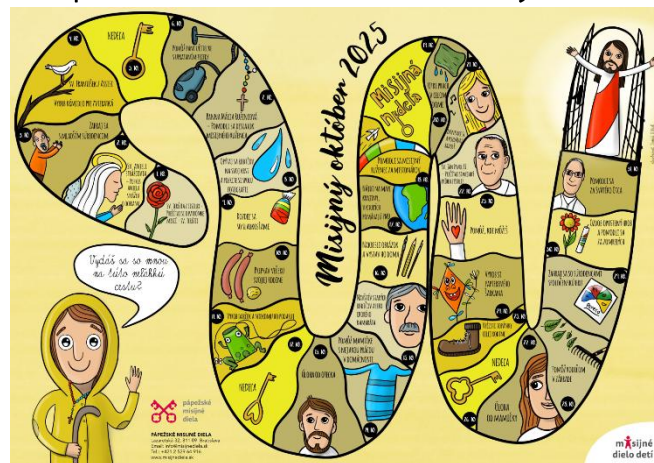


Stories of Children from Togo

Pictures of five specific children from Togo with their stories. Children in Missionary Seeds can pray for a specific child every decade of the rosary.

Calendar – Missionary October

Throughout Missionary October, children complete different tasks for each day

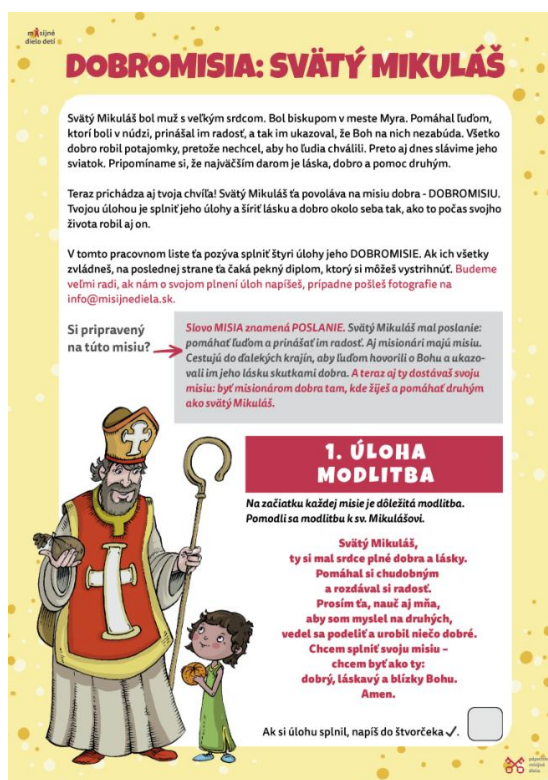


All Souls' Day

A theme for children with a methodology for leaders. A Book of Prayers for the deceased is intended for children. In the book, children write the names of the deceased for whom they want to pray.

Good Mission: Saint Nicholas

St. Nicholas worksheets guide children to follow the example of St. Nicholas' mission through prayer, kind words, acts of kindness, and charity.



Formation of missionary animators

One of our goals is to form missionary animators in the areas of family, school and parish. Every year we meet with the leaders of Missionary Seeds and active animators who are involved in Holy Childhood Society.

ALARM CLOCK – a nationwide meeting of children and leaders



A weekend meeting for children from Missionary Seeds and leaders who work with children in parishes, communities, religious orders, families and schools and want to continue working with them. The motto of the meeting is: We awaken missionary enthusiasm!

Diocesan Team Meeting



A weekend meeting of animators involved in the activities of the Holy Childhood Society. The aim is to deepen the relationships of people in the diocesan teams and between the teams through time together, sharing and relaxation, and to plan HCS activities together.

ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

During the year, we also offer various activities for Missionary Seeds, families, communities, parishes, and schools. Our activities are primarily carried out in the parish, family, and school settings, and thus we lead children to community.

ACTIVITIES IN 2025	
Missionary cake	65 communities
Alarm Clock	57 participants
Diocesan Team Meeting	18 participants
Day of St. Therese	306 participants

Missionary Cake

Missionary Cake is a fun and attractive way to help the poor in missionary countries. Volunteers bake cakes that they offer as a voluntary contribution to help missions. Missionary Cake unites the entire community: parish, school, families. In 2025, 65 communities (schools, parishes, municipalities) participated in Missionary Cake.



St. Theresa's Day

A meeting of children and leaders of the Holy Childhood Society at the end of September 2025 in eight locations in our Slovak dioceses. The Missionary Seeds, children and animators who are involved in the activities of the Holy Childhood Society met on the hill of Butkov. They created beautiful and joyful communities, prayed together, celebrated Holy Mass and at the same time celebrated the feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux and prepared for the missionary month.



Missionary Samaritan

This is a project of regular support of the Holy Childhood Society for children in Africa and Asia. The aim is to regularly help children in need. With regular support, we are able to plan in advance and subsequently implement many projects in Africa and Asia.

Number of Missionary Samaritans	
Year 2025	501



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Benefit Concert on Butkov Mountain



On August 2, 2025, the benefit concert of the group Kandráčovci and Vlasta Mudříková took place on Butkov Mountain for the fifth time - this time with the participation of the Slovak missionary Vlastimil Chovanec. The atmosphere was wonderful and the result was even better:

- €17,181.64 was collected during the concert,
- €4,384.80 was collected at the stand,
- €1,085 was credited to the account during the concert.

In total, the donations reached a beautiful amount of €22,651.44. Thank you to everyone who came, supported and helped the missions with their donations! ❤️ 🌍

Sweet help – twice as good chocolate

Since autumn, thousands of people in Slovakia have shown solidarity with youth and children in the poorest countries. In parishes, schools and individually, they offered chocolate that helps and is twice as good. Chocolates with the names of sixteen missionary countries and with encouraging thoughts were made for the Pontifical Mission Societies by the Slovak chocolate factory DEVA, based in Trebišov. The chocolate "Saint Nicholas – you give twice" was also on offer.

Number of sold chocolates 2025		
Sweet help	73 752 pcs	917 orders
Saint Nicholas	21 780 pcs	437 orders

Holy Mass as a Christmas gift



During the Christmas holidays in 2025, we gave the faithful the opportunity to give their loved ones a Holy Mass. The gift in the form of a Christmas card with the intention of the Holy Mass was prepared by the Pontifical Mission Societies and sent to donors before Christmas, who handed it over to the recipients under the Christmas tree.

Holy Mass as a Christmas gift	
Holy Masses	24 328
Gift Cards	7 956 pcs

The blessing of the dwelling



The project Blessing of the Dwelling is associated with a collection for the Holy Childhood. It takes place from the Feast of the Three Kings until the end of January. The blessing of the dwelling by the priest is important, but the house can also be blessed by a layman, such as a father or mother of the family. In this case, however, the act does not become a sacramental, but a form of prayer and dedication of the family to God. All it takes is blessed water, or a lit candle as a sign of Christ and the attitude of a believer, aware of God's presence and love.

We sent out 64,055 materials to bless the house:

- text of the prayer of blessing of the dwelling and a leaflet with information about the possibility of supporting missionaries
- a door sticker with the inscription 20C+M+B+26.

The blessing of the dwelling	
Door stickers	64 055 pcs

WORLD MISSION DAY 2025

On October 19, 2025, we celebrated Missionary Sunday with the idea: "Missionaries of Hope among All Nations."

We prepared and sent to parishes:

- poster – A3 and A4 size
- sermon ideas and prayers
- message of the Pope
- texts of parish announcements
- magazine World Missions

In Slovakia, we focused on Togo on Mission Sunday. In all churches in Slovakia in 1527 parishes, 913,670.30 euros were collected during Mission Sunday on October 19, 2025 to support the missionary works of Pope.

World Mission Day	
The total collection 2025	913 670,30 €



ADOPTION OF SEMINARIANS



In total, we have adopted in Slovakia through anonymous and concrete support almost 2500 theologians from 21 seminaries in 17 African countries. These are Benin, Ivory Coast (2 seminaries), Burkina Faso, Chad, Togo, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo (2 seminaries), Cameroon (2 seminaries), Nigeria (2 seminaries), Central African Republic, Tanzania, Senegal, Ghana and most recently Burundi, Mozambique, Uganda and Zambia. Individuals and communities pray and financially support seminarians with whom they are in spiritual connection.

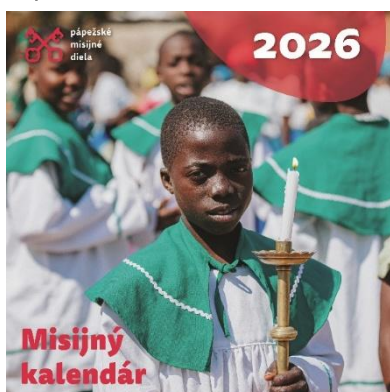
Adoption of Seminarians		
Seminarians	Seminaries	Countries
cca 2500	21	17

MAGAZINE SVETOVÉ MISIE

We publish the magazine World Missions for members and friends of missions in a circulation of approximately 74,000 copies twice a year. For Easter, the magazine was focused on Mozambique and for Mission Sunday, on Togo.

MISSIONARY CALENDAR 2026

The calendar was published in a print run of 52,300 copies for our supporters. The calendar features beautiful photographs from the PMS team's missionary journeys, focused on the spiritual experience of the faithful.



MASS STIPENDS FOR PRIESTS IN MISSIONARY COUNTRIES

In 2025, we gave the faithful from Slovakia the opportunity to help priests in the missions by celebrating Masses for their intentions in missionary countries. In total, we received and



sent for service 299,900 Mass stipends in the amount of 1,499,500 €. Mass stipends are a blessing for priests in missionary territories around the world, and at the same time, we can realize the universality of the Church when these priests present the intentions of the faithful from Slovakia to the altar.

Holy Mass Stipends	
Holy masses	Mass stipends
299 900	1 499 500 €

MISSION E-SHOP



In the Mission e-shop, we offered a total of 98 items and publications in 2025. During the year, we sent out approximately 7,900 packages via the Slovak Post.

PMS SLOVAKIA TEAM

Permanent employees:

Ivan Kňaze – priest, director

Lucia Jemalová – coordinator of the St. Peter Apostle Society

Gabriela Valábková – coordinator of the Holy Childhood Society

Mária Buláková – methodologist

Katarína Ďurišová – administration, accounting

Marek Frištyk – shipping, administration

Jana Palkovičová – administration, editing

Lenka Špániková – administration, Mission e-shop

Eliška Beniaková – administration (from 9/2025)

Martin Farbák – graphic designer, web and building administrator

External Employees:

Anna Žáková – economy

Martina Grochálová – editor in chief of Svetové misie magazine

FINANCIAL REPORT – YEAR 2025

During 2025, the PMS activities raised €4,840,101.00 for missionary projects of all three missionary societies.

In the collection for Mission Sunday 2025, in which €913,670.30 was raised, we supported the Propagation of Faith Society. The collection took place in all churches in Slovakia. As part of the activities of the Holy

Childhood Society, €1,121,100.00 was raised to support projects for poor and disadvantaged children in the missions. A third of the total amount raised in 2025 is the support of projects of the St. Peter the Apostle Society with a focus on supporting missionary seminars. The amount of €1,201,700.80 was collected for this goal.

INCOME – COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY 2025 BY INDIVIDUAL DIOCESES

Diocese	2025
Archdiocese of Bratislava	120 840,72 €
Archdiocese of Trnava	83 051,96 €
Archdiocese of Košice	151 153,37 €
Diocese of Nitra	60 000,00 €
Diocese of Banská Bystrica	58 178,94 €
Diocese of Žilina	144 244,41 €
Diocese of Spiš	221 969,40 €
Diocese of Rožňava	33 669,00 €
Ecclesiastical Province of Prešov	29 174,80 €
Eparchy of Košice	9 780,00 €

Eparchy of Bratislava	1 607,70 €
Total	913 670,30 €

TOTAL INCOMES

Príjmy	€
Mission Sunday collection 2025	913 670,30 €
PMS members, gifts, adoption of seminarians	1 714 112,00 €
Mass stipends	1 499 500,00 €
Projects, Missionary cake, Good Samaritan, Mission e-shop	1 466 228,70 €
Total incomes	5 593 511,00 €

EXPENDITURES

Expenditures up to 15% (13,46 %)	€
Production and distribution cost of missionary materials	309 271,70 €
Labor costs	198 721,00 €
Mission animation and operational costs	245 417,30 €
Total Expenditure	753 410,00 €

TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE MISSION PROJECTS IN 2026 ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Mission projects 2026	€
Propagation of the Faith Society (Mission Sunday 2025 + donations)	1 017 800,20 €
The Holy Childhood Society	1 121 100,00 €
The Society of St. Peter Apostle	1 201 700,80 €
Total amount for the PMS mission projects	3 340 601,00 €

Thank you. With respect and prayer

Ivan Kňaze, national director PMS Slovakia

