



**Mission Education & Promotion  
Western Region**



Seattle/Northwest Events and News

September 2012

## News from Maryknoll Northwest

Dear Sandy,

Greetings!

October is an exciting month for mission! Not only do we celebrate [World Mission Sunday](#) on the 21st, but October 11th marks the 50th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The Council reclaimed and articulated the notion that, as Christians, we "cherish a feeling of deep solidarity" with people all over the world, "especially those who are poor or afflicted in any way." 50 years later, so many of us are still discovering Christ through our relationship with the poor and disadvantaged.

This month, I travel to Haiti with a group from St. Anthony's Parish in Renton, WA. They are embarking on a sister parish relationship and we are making our first visit. Right now, two local Affiliates are [preparing to serve](#) as Maryknoll Lay Missioners, one in Tanzania and one in Cambodia. Two other Affiliates are making their annual return to Tanzania, this time bringing along a newcomer. As you read this, teachers are discerning whether to embark on a [Maryknoll Immersion](#) this summer, while other teachers are excited to integrate their recent immersion experience into the classroom.

As always, we provide below examples of how you and people that you know can receive the gift of mission - the gift of sight, of profound joy, and of family with brothers and sisters that we may never have known.

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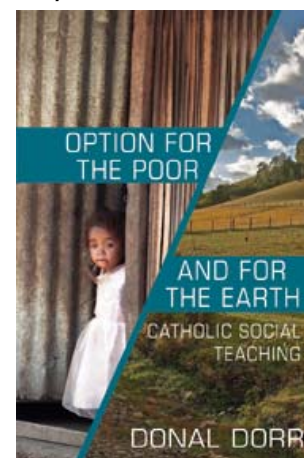
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### Reflection: *Option for the Poor*



"When a person or group makes [the option for the poor] authentically, they find it possible and necessary to view the world 'from the underside'...Many actions that seem necessary and sensible to the people 'at the top' are experienced by those 'at the bottom' as

Peace,

Kevin Foy and the Maryknoll Team  
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## Local Missioners!



People from around the Pacific Northwest are participating in mission! Members of the Seattle [Maryknoll Affiliates](#) chapter are pictured below at a sending ceremony. (From left: Veronica Holland, in white, will serve as a [Lay Missioner](#) in Tanzania, Roger Schiltz will return to Tanzania for short-term mission, Nancy Davis will serve as a Lay Missioner in Cambodia, and Cathy Buck will join Roger and his wife Kitty for five weeks in Tanzania.)



quite outrageously unjust, oppressive, and wrong." from *Option for the Poor and for the Earth* Catholic Social Teaching, by Donal Dorr

What actions might seem 'necessary and sensible' to us, but 'oppressive and wrong' to those with fewer means? How does recognizing and addressing those actions give *us* new life?

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Susan Spurl, Lay Missioner and Affiliate, recently returned from serving for three and half years in Cambodia. [Click here](#) to read more about the great work that she did there. (Pictured: Susan, left, in Cambodia)

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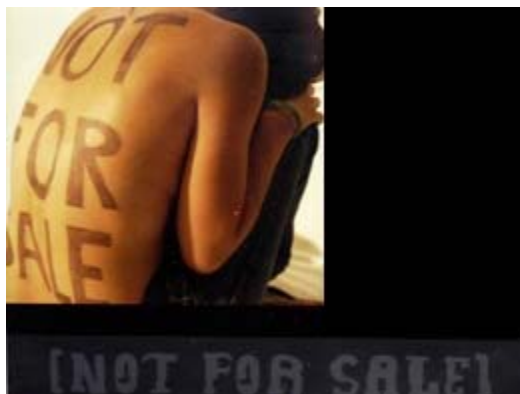
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## Mission Forum: Human Trafficking and the Interfaith Response



**Date:** October 19th

**Time:** 7pm-9pm

**Location:** [Maryknoll Mission House](#)

[Learn More](#)

## 2013 Immersions for Catholic Educators



Teachers, catechists, and youth ministers play a key role in helping students to grow in Christ's love and experience the world beyond their borders. Through Maryknoll's Teacher Immersion Program, Catholic educators have the opportunity to find



God in new and unexpected places, and to bring that experience back to their students.

Learn more about current opportunities, including our **Summer 2013 Immersion to Bolivia** here:

### [Teacher Immersion Program](#)



### Mission Contests



*Contest winners from Holy Rosary School, in Edmonds, WA*

Please invite young people that you know to experience the joy of mission through our art and essay contests! You can learn more about current contests [here](#).

We are also happy to announce the winners of our 2011-2012 Mission Possible Contest in the Archdiocese

of Seattle:

- St. Paul School, Seattle
- Holy Rosary School, Edmonds

We congratulate these winners, and encourage students to participate in our current opportunities.

### World Mission Sunday



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<http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Missions/>

World Mission Sunday will be observed in every nation on earth on the **weekend of October 20-21**. There are more than 1,150 mission dioceses and territories in our world that depend on annual subsidies from the [Society for the Propagation of the Faith](#), and on the prayers of all of us. Even the poorest parishes provide financial assistance for mission work beyond their borders.

Our prayer and donations benefit dioceses that cannot yet provide for their own pastoral services, much as we in this archdiocese were supported by Catholics in other lands until 1908!

Mission is so central to the Gospel and the needs are so urgent that **we strongly encourage you to participate in a Mission Sunday Mass at your parish.**

[Read Pope Benedict's 2012 Mission Message](#)

## Portland Catechetical Conference

Maryknoll will be present at the Catechetical Conference in Portland, OR this month. We hope to see you there!

Visit our booth to learn more about our Mission Education program, resources, and other opportunities from Kevin Foy, Mission Promotion Coordinator, and Portland Maryknoll Affiliate Mary Hotchkiss.

**Date:** October 20th

**Time:** 7:15am-4:00pm

**Location:** Jesuit High School, 9000 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Portland, OR 97225

Learn more about the conference [here](#).

## Online Resources

Stay connected online with our [resource page](#), our [blog](#), and our [Facebook page](#).



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