



COLUMBAN Vocations

From the high Andean tablelands of Peru, the desert of northern Mexico and the Atacama Desert of northern Chile to the teeming urban barrios of Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru, Columban missionary priests seek to build God's Kingdom of justice, peace and solidarity.

From the deserts and cities of Pakistan, to the tropical Islands of Fiji and the Philippines, Columban missionary priests are crossing boundaries of religion, race, culture, social class and geography to preach the Gospel.

From the teeming cities of Korea, China, Japan and Taiwan, to the cities of Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, United States and Britain, Columban missionary priests bring the Gospel and work to make the missionary dimension of the Gospel come alive in the local Church.

Are you being called to the life of a Columban Missionary Priest?

Are you ready to accept the challenges of an exciting and challenging period of priestly and missionary formation for such a life?

*Are you ready to go into these global fields, because the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few?
Luke 10, 2. Matthew 9, 37.*

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Who are the COLUMBANS?

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

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

What do COLUMBANS do in the Australia and New Zealand Region?

Columban missionaries in Australia and New Zealand are working to find ways to support the work of Columban missionaries overseas and in the home region.

The Columban Mission Centre in Melbourne organizes Parish Appeals, Mission and Justice Education, production of *The Far East Magazine* and the *Columban Calendar*, Communications, Benefactor Support, Fundraising and the Columban Partnership Programme.

In Sydney, *Columban Mission Institute* is involved in Mission Education, Inter-religious Dialogue and the Justice, Peace and Ecology ministry.

In Wellington, *Columban Mission Office* supports and promotes mission.

For more information visit www.columban.org.au



World Youth Day in Chile 2013

Australian and New Zealand pilgrims will leave their comfort zones to stop over at Columban parishes in poor areas of Chile en route to Rio de Janeiro.

This parish based experience will include:



- **Faith sharing and vibrant liturgies.**
- **Cultural Interchange between nations:** dances, songs, food, crafts.
- **Parish based project:** painting murals, gardening, mud oven construction.
- **Pastoral work:** visits to homes, the elderly, the abandoned, rehabilitation centres.
- **Mission Experience:** experience the Continental Mission with the parish mission group.
- **Visit:** the cathedral, shrines to Chilean saints and historical sites.

Be open to God's message during this experience.



Post World Youth Day Connections

Global Mission - preaching the Gospel to the nations and working to establish God's Kingdom of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation has been our Columban business for almost 100 years.



After WYD 13, we are available to offer our Global perspective in a variety of ways to youth groups and movements across Australia and New Zealand.

We are available:

- To give **workshops and seminars** on Global Mission.
- To run **retreats and reflection days** on the theme of Global Mission.
- To offer **courses on Mission** at different institutes.
- To provide **resource material** on Global Mission for the celebration of Mission Month and Mission Sunday in October.
- To organize **exposure trips** across the globe to situations of great need.
- To help facilitate some form of **partnership and interchange** between our Churches and Churches across the globe.
- To help organize **Mission experiences** in our home countries and overseas.
- To help organize **Mission Conferences**.
- To participate in **Youth Conferences** to give a missionary perspective.

Columban missionaries can help youth movements develop a missionary dimension and become your partners in Global Mission.