



COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES

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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 as missionaries 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

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 works

Columban missionaries live and share the Good News of Jesus Christ through:

Working with poor and exploited people. Inter-faith relations with people of other religions. Seeking justice and dignity for those denied their rights. Developing faith communities in the local church. Respect and care for the earth and the environment.

Columbans in Australia

The main residence for Columbans in Australia, since 1924, is at Essendon, Victoria. Columbans are also based in Sydney, Brisbane and Perth.

Melbourne: Columban Mission Centre

The Columban Mission Centre (CMC) is responsible for fundraising for overseas Mission Units. Fundraising is generated through mission appeals, communications, publications and promotions.

Our work has been greatly assisted by benefactors who have gifted the Columbans a legacy in their Wills.

Sydney: Columban Mission Institute

The Columban Mission Institute brings our international experience of mission to the Australian church and to the wider Australian society in key areas of global and local concern.

The Institute achieves its aims through the collaborative operation of its three Centres:

- The Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations
- The Centre for Mission Studies
- The Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice

Columban Promotions

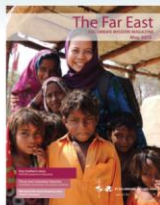
- Promotion of Columban Mission in Parishes
- Promotion of The Far East Magazine in Parishes

For more information on Columban promotions visit:

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Columban Publications & Resources

The Far East monthly magazine
Columban monthly E-News
Columban Art Calendar
Mission News & Views
Bridges
E-Connections
Columban Prayer books
The Golden Rule
Subanen Crafts



Columban Publications & Resources are available at:
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Columbans in New Zealand

Lower Hutt: St Columbans

Columban Mission Aotearoa/New Zealand focuses on Mission Education and fundraising, especially through the distribution of The Far East magazine and the Columban Art Calendar.

A concern for social justice and the environment are part of our experience and response to global mission so we work with individuals, groups and organizations that deal with these concerns. We also work with migrants, give retreats and assist with cross-cultural education programs. We are active in assisting local parishes with their pastoral, liturgical and spiritual needs. We seek to nurture the missionary spirit of the local church.



Where we work

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 and Lay Missionaries are crossing boundaries of religion, race, culture, social class and geography to preach the Gospel.

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

Columban Vocations

Are you ready to accept the new challenges of an exciting period of priestly and missionary formation?

For more information on Columban Vocations visit:
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