



COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES



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Annual Report
St Columbans Mission Society

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*Front cover: Building for the children's future
Fr Dan O'Connor working together with the men in
the village to build a community school in Pakistan.
Photo: Fr Dan O'Connor SSC*

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From the Country Leader Australia

Thank you for your ongoing support of *Columban mission* across the world during these unprecedented times with the coronavirus pandemic. Your generous donations have helped provide the daily necessities of food and medicines to the vulnerable poor who have been most affected by the pandemic. We pray for the people who have tragically lost their lives to the virus and for their loved ones. We thank the health care workers who courageously care for the sick and dying.

In early 2020, Columban Fr Bernie Lane returned to Australia from Peru and Columban Fr Dan Harding from Chile to have a vacation with their family and friends. Due to the closure of international borders they are unable to return overseas. They share heart wrenching stories of the struggles endured by the people of Chile and Peru fighting for survival in the harsh pandemic lockdowns where there is minimum government support.

On *St Columban's Day*, 23 November 2019, the new Columban Region of Oceania was formed comprising the three countries of Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand. Columban Fr Trevor Trotter was appointed as the director of the Region of Oceania. Myself as the Columban Leader Australia, Fr Tom Rouse as the Columban Leader New Zealand, and Fr John McEvoy is the Columban Leader Fiji.

Columban Fr George Hogarty returned to his beloved Chile in August 2019 after spending six years in Australia on mission promotion. George travelled thousands of kilometres across NSW and Queensland where he received a warm welcome by local catholic communities.

The year saw Columban Frs Colin McClean, Noel Connolly (deceased June 9, 2020), Dominic Nolan and Kelvin Barrett celebrate their 50th year of ordination.

On Sunday July 17, 2019 a large gathering of Columbans, family and friends joined the anniversary mass and celebrations at the Columban house in Essendon, Melbourne.

During the year three of our Columban brothers passed away. Fr Peter Toohey died suddenly on July 9, 2019 in Perth. Fr Peter worked in Korea, Chile, and Australia. Fr Maurice O'Connor died in Wellington, New Zealand on July 25, 2019. Fr Maurice spent most of his missionary life in Korea. Fr Patrick Backer died at the *Palliative Care Unit of St Vincent's hospital*, Melbourne on October 12, 2019. Fr Pat spent most of his missionary life in the Philippines. May they rest in peace.

The October 2019 edition of *The Far East magazine* marked the beginning of the 100th year since it was first published in October 1920. The first group of Columbans arrived in Australia in January of that same year. This iconic magazine full of stories of Columban missionaries across the globe has found its home in many families throughout Australia and New Zealand.

In Melbourne we have the *Columban Mission Centre (CMC)* whose primary aim is to promote *Columban Mission* and to raise funds. During the year Bernadette Hevey celebrated her 26th year anniversary at CMC and Jacqui Russell celebrated her 25th anniversary. Michael Mooney, CMC CEO was appointed as the Regional Business Manager and Maha Shawky was appointed as the Regional Operations Officer. I thank all the CMC staff for their dedicated service to *Columban Mission*.

In response to the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards*, we published our *Child Safeguarding Commitment Statement* and *Safeguarding Policy*. *St Columbans Mission Society* in Australia is actively committed to fostering communities of safeguarding that recognise and uphold the dignity and rights of all children and adults at risk.

The Mission: One Heart, Many Voices 2019 Conference was held in Sydney in May 2019. Columban Fr Patrick McInerney, director of the *Columban Centre for Christian-Muslim Relations (CCCMR)*, and Columban co-worker Ryan Epondulan, CCCMR Youth and Networking Coordinator each presented a workshop on interreligious dialogue.

The Abraham Conference was held on July 28, 2019 at the Uniting Church Hall, Parramatta with the theme *Healing Memories, Making History*. About 120 people attended the conference. CCCMR held four *Youth PoWR (Parliament of the World Religions)* consultations across Sydney to gather input into *The Sydney Statement*, a list of interfaith actions for building bridges between believers from different religions.

In May 2019, I travelled to Ararat, Victoria to give a talk on human trafficking at the *Ballarat Diocese Catholic Women's League (CWL)* Annual Conference. In the same month, Columban Fr Ray Scanlon and I attended an event for *National Reconciliation Week* at the Kildare Ministry Centre, Albert Park, Melbourne. Ryan Epondulan and Frs George Hogarty, Ray Scanlon, Kevin O'Neill and I joined thousands of people in the *Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees*.

Fr Noel Connolly, as a member of the *Plenary Council Facilitation Team* accepted numerous invitations to be the guest speaker at conferences and parish gatherings across Australia. Fr Patrick McInerney was appointed to the *Discernment and Writing Group* for the *Plenary Council* on the theme of *Missionary and Evangelising*. I will represent the Columbans as a delegate to the *Plenary Council*.

I pray that God will continue to bless us and all those who support us in our carrying on the mission here in Australia and across the 14 countries we work in.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter O'Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light, textured background.

Fr Peter O'Neill
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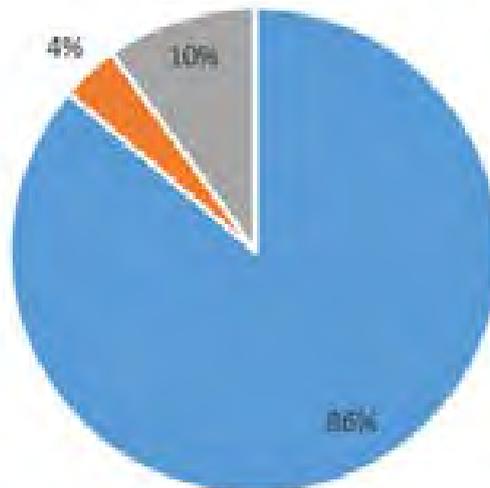
Financial summary

During the year ended March 31, 2020 Columban benefactors donated \$7,733,638 (2019: \$2,599,555) to support the work of Columbans in Australia and overseas. The increase in total donations received in 2020 can be sourced to the rise in bequests. In the 2020-year bequests made up 86% (2019: 54%) of donation income.

The pie chart below provides a high-level breakdown of how donations received in the 2020 year were expended.

Application of donations received in 2020 year

- Overseas Mission
- Mission in Australia
- Net Administration Costs



Overseas Mission Funds are remitted to the Society's General Council. The General Council allocates the funds received from Australia, Britain, Ireland, New Zealand and USA to the overseas mission units that require financial support.

Mission in Australia expenditure covers the work of Columbans in Australia. Income earned by Columbans and any contributions made to the Society by Columbans are used to reduce Mission in Australia costs. Also included is the financial support for the work of *Peace Ecology and Justice*, the *Columban Centre for Christian Muslim Relations*, the cost (net of subscription revenue) to publish *The Far East* magazine and the surplus from the sale of the *2020 Columban Art Calendar*.

Net Administration Costs is inclusive of the expenditure to administer the Society and its membership and the activities of the regional office located at Essendon in Victoria. Interest income has been allocated against this cost.

Thank you

We thank all Columban friends who so generously supported us during the 2019/20 year.

We also acknowledge the following Archdiocese, dioceses and parish priests who gave us permission to promote *The Far East* magazine in their parishes.

- Ballarat Diocese
- Sale Diocese

Your Columban Legacy

St Columbans Mission Society has been able to work with the poor in many countries throughout Asia and South America because generous people had the vision to contribute to our work through a gift in their Will.

We offer our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of all those who left a gift to the St Columbans Mission Society during the 2019/20 year.

Vocations

Missionary priests are as needed today as ever they were in the past to bring Christ to the nations of the Earth. As Columban benefactors and friends, you can help promote vocations to the priesthood through your prayers, and by actively promoting priestly vocations amongst young people.

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Families are forced to set up tents to live in at a public park in Juárez city, Mexico, while going through the process of asking for asylum in the U.S. The Mexican government agreed to give permission to the asylum seekers to stay in Mexico as part of the "Migrant Protection Protocol" of the present U.S. administration in 2019.

Columban missionaries and parishioners on both sides of the border help local organizers to provide information, clothing, food and shelter to these thousands of families.

COVER PHOTO:

BUILDING FOR THE CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Fr Dan O'Connor working together with the men in the village to build a community school in Pakistan

MISSION STATEMENT



TO KNOW AND CARE FOR CREATION
Fr Liam O'Callaghan sharing about the
importance of trees in preventing
climate change, Pakistan

The Missionary Society of St Columban is sent by the Church to proclaim and witness to the Good News in Jesus Christ. We cross boundaries of country, language and culture, living in close relationship with the poor while fostering care for our common home, the earth:

- To establish the Church among peoples to whom the Gospel has not been preached;
- To accompany local churches as they mature until they are able to evangelize their own and other people;
- To promote dialogue between Christians and those of other religious traditions;
- To facilitate exchange between local churches especially those from which we come and those to which we are sent;
- To foster in local churches an awareness of their missionary responsibility, particularly in the areas of justice, peace and care for creation.

We strive to build collaborative relationships with our supporters in order to nurture their faith while encouraging them to provide spiritual and financial support for our missionary endeavors.

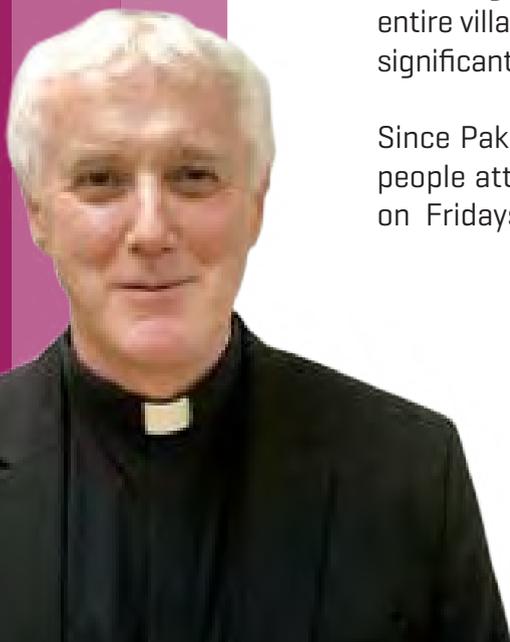
LETTER FROM THE SOCIETY LEADER

Just as it has been for most people across our world, this past year has also been divided into two clearly distinct parts for Columban missionaries—the pre-coronavirus period and the coronavirus period—with the latter part continuing to dominate the lives of so many people up until now.

Even in those countries that generally enjoy a high level of economic success, Covid-19 has caused immense physical and mental suffering. However, as might be expected, its impact has been considerably greater in the economically poorer countries where many Columbans are on mission. It has been heartbreaking for many Columbans to watch the pandemic shatter the lives and hopes of those around them, while at the same time they themselves experience their own vulnerability and powerlessness.

As I reviewed the materials for this Annual Report, one story in particular, caught me by surprise. It concerns a small Christian village within a Columban parish in Pakistan, which planned and built a school during the pandemic. In fact, the pandemic, which left many day laborers from that village without their regular work, resulted in them being available to assist in completing the construction project sooner than anyone had imagined. Indeed, thanks to the collaboration of the entire village, the construction of the school also became a significant exercise in community building.

Since Pakistan is a predominantly Muslim country, many people attend public prayer service in their local mosque on Fridays. Since the construction of the school took



place during the season of Lent, each Friday, the Christian villagers decided to finish work at noon in order to pray the Stations of the Cross together in the afternoon. This was a way for them to honor their own Catholic Lenten tradition, to show solidarity with their Muslim neighbors through prayer, and to unite the suffering resulting from the pandemic with the passion of Christ.

This story captures for me many aspects of Columban mission. In the unjust suffering of the people, we have come to know and love – whether in countries such as Pakistan or Peru or the Philippines – we recognize Christ on his journey to Calvary. However, we also continue to believe that the risen Christ, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, encourages and empowers Christian communities not only to look to the future with hope but also to take steps to realize their dreams for themselves and for their children. Furthermore, Columban missionaries, and the people we minister to, remain committed to building not just facilities or institutions, but also relationships that are based on mutual understanding, collaboration and respect, particularly with people whose language, culture or religion differs from our own.

My hope is that you will see those values shining through the accounts of our various missionary endeavors in the pages that follow. This Annual Report is an attempt to provide you with an overview of how Columban missionaries have tried to be faithful witnesses to the Gospel from Chile to China, as well as from Myanmar to Mexico, during this past year. On behalf of all my Columban colleagues, thank you for the many ways in which you have partnered with us in mission during that period.

May the light and love of Christ sustain you and those who are dear to you during these anxious and fearful days of the pandemic, and lead us all into a brighter future.

Rev. Jim Mulroy, SSC

MISSIONARY SUMMARY

As missionary disciples of Jesus, we are called to build bridges and foster mutual understanding through encounters with people of other cultures and religious traditions, as well as to promote healing, reconciliation and peace. Moreover, our commitment to live in solidarity with people on the margins of our world, and to care for the earth, our common home, are ways in which we participate in God's mission. Our proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus leads us into a deeper awareness of God's presence and action throughout our world, which leads us into a deeper communion with the Trinity.



**EVANGELIZATION
AND EDUCATION**

VOCATIONS

**SOLIDARITY
WITH THE POOR**

**INTER-RELIGIOUS
DIALOGUE**

**JUSTICE AND
PEACE**

**INTEGRITY
OF CREATION**

Lay missionary, Jake Lunor [2nd from left] with parishioners [L-R] Anasa, Jim and Patrick at a tree planting and clean-up drive, Dogoru village, Labasa, Fiji

WHERE WE WORK



AUSTRALIA



BRITAIN



BRAZIL



CHILE



CHINA



FIJI



IRELAND



JAPAN



MEXICO



MYANMAR



NEW ZEALAND



PAKISTAN



PERU



PHILIPPINES



SOUTH KOREA



TAIWAN



UNITED STATES

"GO OUT TO THE WHOLE WORLD
AND PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION."
~ MARK 16:15



COLUMBAN MISSION

"WE DON'T NEED YOUTH MUSEUMS
BUT WE DO NEED HOLY YOUNG PEOPLE."

~ POPE FRANCIS



CHILE



Fr Sung Hoong Jung Francisco, associate priest from South Korea [upper left photo] and Fr Michael Hoban [lower right photo] with parishioners during the opening of the house for migrants, San Columbano Parish, Santiago Chile

Columban missionaries in Chile form a multicultural community, consisting of members from Chile, Australia, Fiji, Ireland, Korea and the U.S. Our focus is on parish ministry among the poor, which includes outreach to recent migrants from Peru, Venezuela, Haiti and Colombia. Many of these migrants look to their local church as a place where their faith life can be sustained as they adapt to a new country while searching for accommodation and work. Their local church is also a place where they hope to make new friends and become part of a community. Through seminars, workshops and retreats, Columban missionaries strive to provide both Chilean and migrant parishioners with a deeper understanding of the catechetical, biblical, sacramental and ecological dimension of their faith life. Our hope is that they can develop the confidence to assume leadership roles within the parishes so that they can help others to deepen their faith.



Columban missionaries in Peru minister in several parishes, oversee various projects that support those on the margins of society and facilitate educational programs that prepare people to live as missionary disciples of Christ. We minister to the poor on the edge of the present-day capital city of Lima, as well as to numerous small communities scattered across wide open countryside outside the old Inca capital city of Cuzco. We continue our commitment to provide educational and recreational opportunities to children who are economically disadvantaged or mentally challenged, to accompany those who are suffering from HIV and AIDS, and to support vulnerable migrants in their efforts to find a better life. In all of our ministries, we find inspiration and spiritual sustenance in the words of Jesus, “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” [Mt 25:40].



A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS

Josè and David Ayala are brothers. Josè is a young and cheerful catechist at the Columban parish on the outskirts of Lima. His brother David is paraplegic. Since birth, he has been almost entirely paralyzed from the neck down. He can hear and make sounds but can't speak. In his mid-twenties, David has a mental age of about four. The family is desperately poor.

The main burden of looking after David falls on Josè's shoulders. He looks after him during the day, caring for him, feeding him. You'd think a young man like Josè would resent being tied down like this, but he takes it in his stride. Even more surprising was Josè's view of the effect David has had on them all. "We've got a great affection for David. He's kept us united as a family. Maybe he's been God's way of keeping us together."

Columban benefactors worldwide responded to the plight of the Ayala family. Thanks to their generous donations, the Columbans were able to improve the Ayala's housing, buy a wheelchair and bed for David, as well as help fund tuition for Josè's education.



Lay missionary, Rose Basada [seated] with parish catechist, Margarita, preparing children for their first communion, Corpus Christi church, Juárez City, Mexico

HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE AT THE U.S./MEXICO BORDER

Rose Basada, a Columban lay missionary from the Philippines, is on mission at the U.S./Mexico border where she befriends vulnerable migrants. She shares the following reflection on her ministry:

As a Christian, meeting vulnerable migrants makes me feel helpless. Frequently, all I can do is hold their hands while listening to their concerns, fears and hopes. I have stopped giving them advice because I have come to realize how poorly I understand their plight. How I wish I could do more to support and assist them! However, as I continue to befriend them, I can sense that my heart is expanding and that I am becoming a more compassionate and caring person. I am grateful to God for allowing these migrants to slowly mould me into the image of Jesus.



Families residing in the U.S. cross the Rio Grande to hug their relatives in Mexico--wearing blue shirts from the U.S., meeting their relatives dressed in white shirts from Mexico.

Columban priest, Fr Bob Mosher, who also ministers at the U.S./Mexico border, shares this reflection about his ministry:

“Many migrants are losing heart, and as a consequence are either staying in Juárez, Mexico, or are returning to their homes in countries such as Guatemala or El Salvador. Faced with the reality of poverty on the one hand, and the constant threat of violence on the other, their hearts are heavy from concerns for their own safety and the well-being of their families.

In Rancho Anapra on the outskirts of the city of Juárez, we provide resources for vulnerable migrant women so that they can engage in handicraft-making activities. While learning new skills, they earn a small income to support themselves and their loved ones. Frequently, their children play around them as they work. Being together in a safe place allows both the children and the women to form friendships that sustain them in the midst of so much suffering in the wider community.”

Fr Bob Mosher (last row, 4th from right) with medical students of Texas Tech University gathered in the Magoffin Community Garden at the end of a day of service activity for over 100 homeless people, on Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on January 21, 2020



CHINA

In 1920, just one hundred years ago, the first group of Columbans arrived in China. There, they helped the local people to deepen their faith, while assisting them during periods of great suffering that resulted from major floods, political upheaval and social unrest. The churches in Central China where they lived and worked are now preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Columban presence among them.

Today, Columbans in China continue to be present to the Chinese people in a variety of ways. We accompany young Christians in deepening their faith while developing their pastoral skills for ministry. We also help to provide English language skills to many Chinese people through the Association for International Teaching, Education and Curriculum Exchange [AITECE]. In recent months, due to the coronavirus crisis, several AITECE teachers have had to conduct classes online from outside China.

Columbans also offer opportunities to visitors from other countries to experience Chinese culture and to see firsthand the life and faith of local Christian communities.

In November 2019, a group of eighteen pastors from Dublin, Ireland visited China and met Columbans as well as Chinese priests and Sisters in Hong Kong, Wuhan, Shijiazhuang, Xian and Beijing. During their visit, they had opportunities to discuss various aspects of the life of the Church in China with Chinese Christians. Since returning to Dublin, they have actively shared their experience of China and the Church in China with people in their home diocese. With the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, their November visit to Wuhan has given them the unique opportunity to share their experience of the city that has become a household name around the world.



JAPAN

Much of Columban ministry in Japan takes place in parishes that are generally multicultural. Many Sundays, Mass is celebrated in different languages – Japanese, English, Vietnamese, Filipino – for the different ethnic communities, but for the celebration of festivals, the various communities come together not only to pray but also to share food and entertainment. Columban missionaries hope that such celebrations become a reminder that the Church is inclusive of all people, and that it has a joyful message to share with the wider society. Columban missionaries in Japan also try to educate people about caring for our common home, the earth, so that they recognize it as a precious gift from God to be enjoyed not only by this present generation but also by future generations.

Columban priests and the parishioners of Fujisawa church gathered for a delayed celebration of the Columban Centenary Year



PARISH LIFE IN YATSUSHIRO, KYUSHU

by Fr Harry O'Carroll

As a parish priest, all of my days are spent building up Eucharistic communities, which I hope will act like magnets that attract people to God and, at the same time, become centers of service to the wider society. My weekly activities include personal and communal prayer, Mass, visitation of the elderly and sick, facilitating courses concerning our faith for Catholics as well as people of other religions. Our Catholic community cooperates with a Buddhist organization called Risshō Kōsei Kai to provide meals for students who have limited resources. Furthermore, at the outset of the pandemic, we worked together to supply vegetables to those who had lost their jobs and were unable to provide for their families. Besides, as the spiritual director to the Catholic Women's Association in Kumamoto Prefecture, I try to support the efforts of its members to grow in holiness, promote a healthy planet, care for families in difficult situations, and eliminate discrimination and violence against women.



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER'S ORPHANAGE

The Saint Francis Xavier's orphanage provides a welcoming home for around 140 children from different backgrounds. Among them are some who have been abandoned by their families, or whose parents have been imprisoned, or who have been sent there from refugee camps as a consequence of war. Other children are there simply because their parents see the orphanage as a place that can provide their offspring with opportunities for a brighter future. Four Sisters oversee the orphanage, while fifteen volunteers—all of the university students—live and work there. Columban missionary, Fr Rafael Ramirez, also lives there as a spiritual guide for the entire community.



Fr Rafael Ramirez [center] with a volunteer [right] leading the children in a song to give thanks to their visitor [left]

His ministry within the orphanage includes celebrating the Sacraments, supporting the Sisters, providing the volunteers and children with English classes and working alongside the volunteers in preparing programs for the children during holidays. Furthermore, on occasions, he celebrates Mass at the nearby temporary housing facility, whose residents have been displaced by war. He attends to the pastoral needs of Catholics in the surrounding area.

While the orphanage environment has many limitations, the Sisters emphasize its positive aspects. Among these are the fact that the children can engage in gardening activities, as well as in caring for domestic animals. Since the vast majority of the children are Kachin, the orphanage fosters in them a love for their culture, history and language.



Fr Eamon Sheridan (last row, center) and Columban Sister Ashwena Apao (last row, left) with retreat participants at the Rebirth Rehabilitation Center (RRC)

RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

There are five Columban priests and three Columban lay missionaries in Myanmar. One oversees a Higher Education Centre in the city of Mandalay, while the others minister in Kachin State in the northeast of the country. Kachin is a rural state that is rich in natural resources. However, these are explored and exploited by international corporations, resulting in little economic benefit for the local people, the vast majority of whom depend on subsistence farming.

The Kachin people have a strong faith that was nurtured by Columban missionaries during the last century. Today, thanks to the generous support of our benefactors, Columban missionaries build on that legacy in various ways. We support boarding houses near rural schools, which facilitate the education of very poor children from remote villages. Besides, the Higher Education Center in the city of Mandalay provides poor young adults—both women and men—with an education that greatly enhances their job prospects.

In conjunction with the local church, Columbans also contribute their time and talents to a drug rehabilitation center, an orphanage, youth ministry, family ministry, diocesan office support, as well as to various endeavours that promote justice, peace and the protection of the natural world.

Being welcomed by the local people and sharing our lives with them greatly enriches us. Despite poverty and difficulties, the local people radiate a Gospel joy and a generosity that inspire us. We are very grateful to our Columban supporters whose prayers, sacrifices and generosity make possible the continuation of our mission here among the Kachin people.

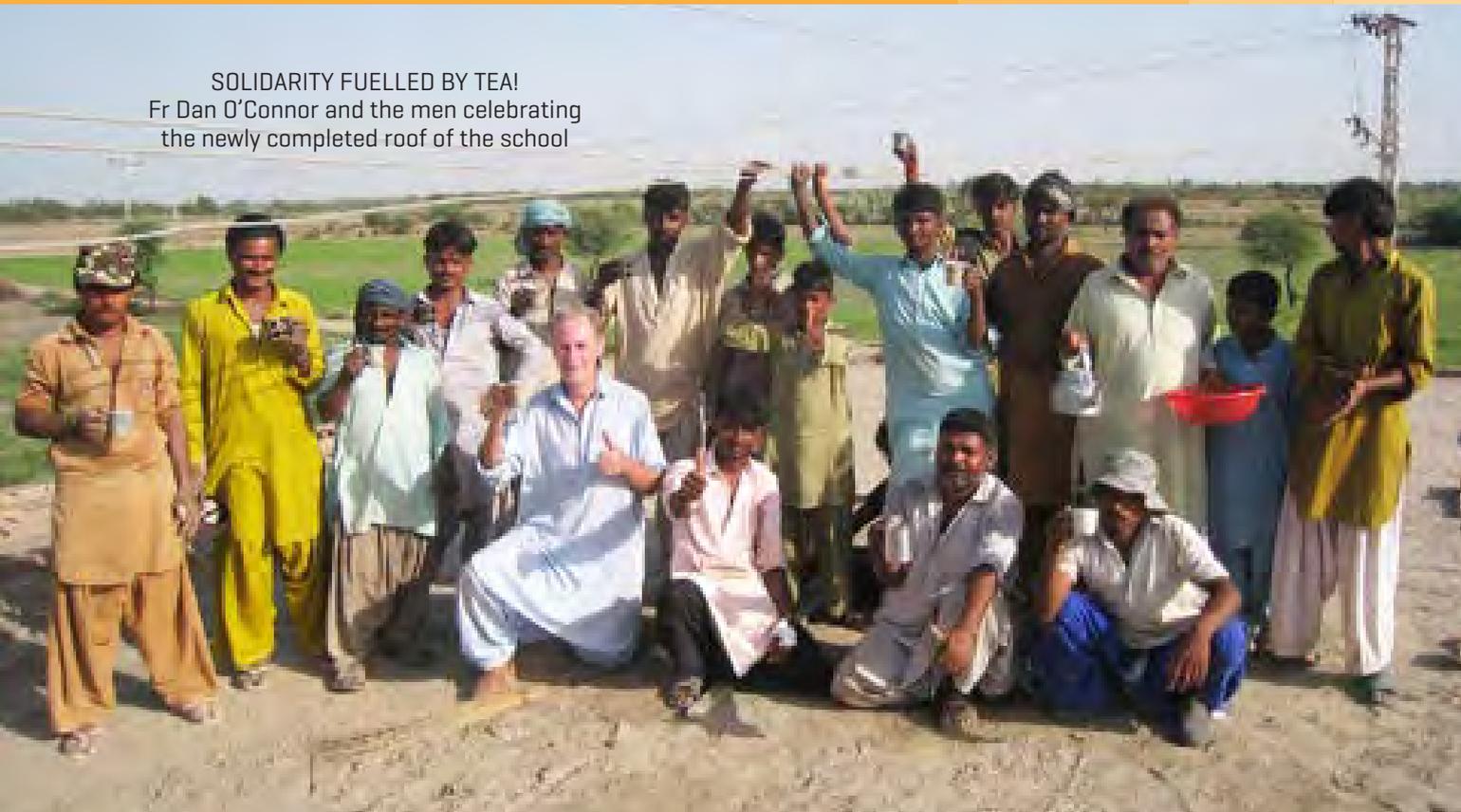
Columban missionaries are based in the Diocese of Hyderabad, where we continue to serve the Christian community, which historically was considered low-caste. Poverty, injustice and discrimination are woven into the fabric of everyday life for these tribal people who are known as the Parkari Kohli.

PRITABAD COMMUNITY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Pritabad, meaning a place of love, is a Catholic village consisting of 40 families. It is situated about 30 km from Badin Parish Centre, which is staffed by several Columban missionaries. While the adults of Pritabad Village endure a high level of illiteracy, they have continued to hope that their children might receive an education that would allow to break the cycle of poverty.



SOLIDARITY FUELLED BY TEA!
Fr Dan O'Connor and the men celebrating
the newly completed roof of the school



Therefore, in late 2019, it was decided to build a primary school for children from kindergarten to Grade 5. Construction took place during the Covid-19 lockdown period. Since many of the men were out of work at that time, they were delighted to participate, as well as to donate a part of their wages to a project which would benefit their own children. The women of the village took turns cooking meals during the construction. Finally, one afternoon, all of us celebrated the newly completed roof by enjoying afternoon tea while sitting on the roof!



The new school can accommodate 80 students, most of whom are Christian, but there are also some Hindus and Muslims from nearby villages.

The quotation that we were given for the construction of the school was US\$10,000.00. However, by using local labour and supervising the project ourselves, we were able to reduce the cost by almost half. The Columbans and the 40 families in Pritabad Village are very grateful to our supporters for providing the financial resources for this project which will continue to be a sign of hope for many generations of families.

PHILIPPINES



Celebration of 90 years of Columban mission in the Philippines, with Columban priests, lay missionaries, Sisters, students and staff together with the celebrants, Bishops Antonio Tobias [Novaliches], Broderick Pabillo [Manila], and Daniel Presto [San Fernando, La Union]

90 YEARS OF MISSION IN THE PHILIPPINES



In June 2019, the Columbans marked 90 years of mission in the Philippines. Bishops Danilo Presto, Antonio Tobias and Broderick Pabillo led a Eucharistic celebration, which was followed by an evening of entertainment. This festive occasion provided us with an opportunity to express our gratitude to our supporters for their faith, fidelity and friendship. On that occasion, we also expressed our indebtedness to previous generations of Columban missionaries, many co-workers and numerous friends who, over 90 years, sustained our mission. Thanks to their zeal, Columban missionaries today are

well-known in many places in the Philippines for our emphasis on the missionary vocation of all the baptized, our concern for the poor, and our commitment to caring for the earth, our common home. Moreover, we feel honoured to be able to continue treasuring the Columban legacy of fostering relationships between the Indigenous Peoples, Muslims and Christians on the island of Mindanao.

The Columban presence in the Philippines today consists of 28 priests, seven lay missionaries, twelve seminarians, and ten ministry co-workers. We are comprised of men and women, spanning three generations. Moreover, we feel enriched by the cultural diversity of our members whose country of origin include the Philippines, Australia, Fiji, Ireland, Kiribati, Korea, Myanmar, Peru, Tonga and the U.S.



Lay missionary John Din (2nd from left) during the launching of the campaign: Withdraw from Coal

In July 2019, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) issued a pastoral letter entitled, 'An urgent call for ecological conversion, hope in the face of climate emergency'. In order to implement the action points of this document, the Eco-Convergence Project was initiated. Since Columban missionaries in the Philippines continue to witness firsthand the widespread suffering resulting from destructive mining, the pollution of rivers, and the plundering of forests, we lent our support to this project. In particular, John Din, who has spent more than twenty-five years as a Columban lay missionary in Brazil, Peru and the Philippines, is committed to educating the Filipino people about caring for the earth, so that the blessing experienced by previous generations might also be enjoyed by future generations of Filipinos.

Participants of the Launching of the Eco-Convergence project of CBCP/NASSA – an initiative bringing the faith based groups to respond to the climate emergency



SOUTH KOREA



Fr Yang Changwoo Joseph (front) with our benefactors in Gwangju

South Korea is a vibrant country where things do not stand still for very long. The Columbans began ministering in Korea in 1933 and since then have been in the midst of change on many fronts. From helping to build, maintain and staff parishes and outstations in rural areas to involvement in the peace movement and defending workers' rights in urban centers, the Columbans have been there.

These days, even though our numbers are smaller and age profile much higher, we still strive to adapt to and answer some of the needs of Korean society and the Church in Korea. Another essential facet of our mission in Korea is to encourage young Koreans to answer the missionary call and move out to new lands and cultures to play their part in the building of the Kingdom of God as either priests or lay people.



Lay missionary Noh Hyein Anna explaining about the work of Columban missionaries to a group of students



Some of our missionary involvements:

Some of the ways we tried to forward our mission in Korea over the past year were through retreats with our benefactors, organizing a symposium titled 'Women and Authority in Religion' hosting 'Come and See' gatherings for people interested in following their missionary vocations. We also played active roles in promoting peace on the Korean peninsula and the protection of the environment.

In September 2019, we celebrated the ordination of a new Columban missionary priest, Cho Sung-Kun Genovio in Gwangju.

TAIWAN MISSION UNIT

Columbans in Taiwan form a multicultural group of young, enthusiastic ordained and lay missionaries who live and work in partnership with one another. At present we are eight priests from Korea, Peru, Kiribati, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand, as well as eleven lay missionaries from the Philippines and Korea. Every Monday, we take a break from our ministries and gather together to rest, recreate and renew ourselves. We also have a formal meeting once a month to make decisions about major matters concerning our lives and our ministries. Our priority ministries are outreach to migrants, their families, and the victims of human trafficking; as well as to indigenous people living in the mountains or the city.

Fr Sun Jong Ryu with Filipino volunteers at the Heavenly Mother Parish, Toufen





Eucharistic celebration during the 60th Anniversary of the Hsinchu Diocese at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Taoyuan

MINISTRY TO THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN THE TAOYUAN URBAN AREA

The aboriginal people in the Taoyuan urban area are spread across almost all of the city parishes, even though there are only a few parishes that have an officially recognized pastoral outreach to them. However, the diocese has assigned both a catechist and a chaplain to minister to the aboriginal people. Columban priest, Fr Salustino Villalobos Mondragon from Peru, actively collaborates with both of them, particularly in organizing activities aimed at young people. In addition to encouraging them to participate in Mass and prayer meetings, he helps in the organizing of celebrations and sporting events. For baseball games, Fr Salustino finds it interesting to watch how the aboriginal youth organize themselves into teams that include everyone, regardless of their age or gender, and he is often amused by how little attention they give to keeping score, or to which team wins or loses. For them, the most important thing is to be included and to participate enthusiastically.



Fr Salustino Mondragon with parishioners

PEACE, ECOLOGY AND JUSTICE

The Australian government has implemented a Modern Anti-Slavery Act. As a member of the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans [ACRATH] advocacy team, Columban Fr Peter O'Neill walked the halls of Parliament lobbying for the implementation of the Act and shared stories with politicians about vulnerable migrant workers whom he met on farms across Australia.

As a member of the government's Seasonal Worker Program Advisory Committee, Fr Peter has contributed to the writing of government policies and guidelines to ensure better legal protection for migrants working in the horticultural sector. He also visits parishes and secondary schools in order to educate people about human trafficking issues.

Fr Peter is a member of the Melbourne Laudato Si' Animators group which is in dialogue with the local Archbishop regarding the establishment of a Laudato Si' Commission. It is envisaged that the mission of such a Commission would include the provision of seminars on Laudato Si', the promotion of parish-based sustainability programs and the active encouragement of investment in clean, renewable energy.



Fr Peter O'Neill with
Natalino Posreis,
Timorese Worker



Fr. Pat McNerney [2nd from left] with friends at the Columban Centre for Christian Muslim Relations [CCCMR]

THE SULTAN & THE SAINT

September 2019 was the 800th anniversary of the historic meeting between St Francis of Assisi and Sultan Malek al-Kamil at Damietta in Egypt. At the height of the Fifth Crusade, St Francis and his companion crossed the no man's land between the two warring armies on a mission of peace and were received in the court of the Sultan. To mark the occasion, on September 5, 2019, the Columban Centre for Christian-Muslims Relations partnered with the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta, Affinity Intercultural Foundation, Islamic Sciences and Research Academy [ISRA] and the Uniting Church to co-host a screening of the DVD, *The Sultan & the Saint*. After the screening, a Dominican Sister and a Muslim woman academic shared their personal responses to the film and engaged the audience in conversation. The courageous example of St Francis encourages us to reach out in friendship to Muslims in our day.

NEW ZEALAND

Ministry to migrants and refugees continues to be an important part of Columban mission in New Zealand, particularly to those people who have come from Latin America and Fiji.

On February 29, 2020, Sophia Ting and Hui Ling Chuah committed themselves as Columban lay missionaries to going on mission to Britain for the next three years. While lay missionaries from other countries have been with Columbans on overseas mission for more than thirty years, this is the first time that we have lay missionaries from Aotearoa New Zealand join us. However, since they could not travel to Britain as planned earlier this year due to the coronavirus crisis, they will continue to be engaged in mission here in Aotearoa New Zealand until international travel becomes safe again.

Another significant ministry is educating people about our international mission and inviting them to support our Columban colleagues in other countries. For example, throughout October 2019, the Extraordinary Month of Mission, we held a series of weekly talks in our Columban house in Lower Hutt on mission in the world today. We remain very grateful to our co-workers for their professional assistance with our mission education and fundraising efforts.



Lay missionaries, Hui Ling Chuah and Sophia Ting [center], with fellow Columban missionaries, family, and friends

FR TEAKARE BETERO'S ORDINATION ON THE ISLAND OF RABI

On November 29, 2019, over 120 passengers including Columban priests, Sisters, seminarians, lay missionaries, co-workers, young people from the Columban parish in Raiwaqa, as well as other friends and supporters, boarded three buses at the start of a long journey to the remote island of Rabi. All of us were filled with the joy of looking forward to participating in the ordination of Fr Teakare Betero the following day and to attending his first Mass a day later. Despite the tiredness resulting from a bus journey and boat ride that took over twenty-four hours, the celebrations on both days were unforgettable. The Banaban people of the island of Rabi welcomed us, prayed with us, and entertained us far beyond our expectations. They were so proud that one of their native sons, Fr Teakare Betero, was becoming a Columban missionary priest. The return journey was just as long as the outgoing journey, but we felt blessed with a renewed sense of joy from having experienced God's presence among the Banaban people. As a seminarian, Fr Betero spent some time in Peru and in the Philippines. As a newly ordained Columban missionary, he plans to return to Philippines as soon as it becomes safe to travel there.

Fr Teakare [center] with fellow Columban missionaries, members of Columban Companion in Missions [CCIM], and parishioners from Rabi Island



The following month, December, Fr Iowane Gukibau, the first Columban priest from Fiji, returned home from his mission in Peru to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his ordination with his family and friends.



Lay missionaries, seminarian and staff from Korea, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Tonga, and Fiji

We facilitated a nine-month preparation programme for a new team of Columban lay missionaries. The team of four women included two from New Zealand, one from Tonga, and one from Fiji. Two members of that team – Mereani Nailevu and Latai Tokelau Siunafua’uta Muller – have already gone to the Philippines, while the other two – Sophia Ting and Hui Ling Chuah – will go to Britain later this year.

During this past year we welcomed two Columban seminarians from Myanmar to Fiji. As part of their ongoing preparation for missionary priesthood, Peter Kyaw Zaw and Francis Xavier Nawi La Aung, are studying the Fijian language while being mentored into the Columban way of life and mission here.



“GIVE US A BREAK-WE ARE THE FUTURE”

Members of the Migrants Rights Centre Ireland outside Irish Government buildings to deliver an open letter to the Irish Minister for Justice & Equality, Charlie Flanagan, calling for a residency pathway for undocumented youth on World Children’s Day [Pic: Derek Spiers for MRCI.]

THE MIGRANT RIGHTS CENTRE AND THE COLUMBAN CENTRE

For many years, Columbans have spoken out and campaigned against racism and the exploitation of migrants in Ireland. This ministry continues through our support of the Migrant Rights’ Centre and the Columban Centre in Dublin. Both centres have Columban personnel engaged in outreach to migrants and are actively involved in the campaign to end racism. Since its foundation in 2001, the Migrant Rights Centre has given a voice and defended the rights of 36,000 people from 135 different nations.



‘Caring for our Common Home’ was the theme chosen for our annual Advent Carol Service held in the chapel at Dalgan Park last December. It reflected our Columban commitment to respect and care for the earth. The choir, from the local parish of Kilmessan, sang the beautiful Christmas carols that we all treasure. The service also served as a fundraiser for various missionary projects. The organizing committee, which included Fr Pat Raleigh, worked hard to make the evening both enjoyable and successful.

TURAS COLUMBANUS

The patron of the Missionary Society of St Columban is the great Irish missionary St Columban, who was born in County Carlow. Turas Columbanus is part of an international network which promotes devotion to St. Columban and retraces his footsteps across Ireland and Europe along the Columban Way. In Ireland, the journey begins at the Saint’s birthplace in Myshall, County Carlow and ends at Bangor in County Down.



The Pilgrim Walk to Bangor in November 2019, organised by the Columban Way/Turas Columbanus

"THIS TOO IS PRAYER"

James Trewby (Justice and Peace Education Co-Worker) and young people at a climate strike as part of a Laudato Si'-themed retreat day



Inviting people to encounter mission was a recurring theme during this past year. Inspired by Pope Francis' call for an extraordinary missionary month, we partnered with the Birmingham Archdiocese to share the Columban experience of 'the cry of the poor and the earth' and to highlight the call to mission of all the baptised. Parish priests, educators and young people participated enthusiastically in activities ranging from retreat days to protests against the political indifference shown to our common home, the earth.

Through daily life activities in Birmingham, Columbans actively seek to engage with people of other faiths. Our summer school facilitated people of all faiths participating in organized visits to three places of worship – a synagogue, a mosque and a church – in order to learn about our different spiritual riches, as well as our shared values, which can lead all of us a more collaborative pursuit of the common good.



Fr Ray Collier engaging others' stories



Young people taking part
in an eco-retreat

MISSIONARY ENCOUNTERS

In the field of mission education, we like to share with people the Columban experience of cross-cultural mission at the grassroots in other countries. In this regard, we are grateful to Columban lay missionary Marjorie Encoy in Fiji and Fr Liam O’Callaghan in Pakistan. They have become well-known in Britain because of their frequent online sharing with a wide range of friends and supporters.

School students in Birmingham took part in ‘The Mission Project’, which included online and in-person encounters with Columban missionaries followed by guided reflections and opportunities to discern their personal and collective responses. In conjunction with diocesan vocations teams and youth leaders, Columban lay missionaries offered young adults a day exploring mission—including a city-centre walk ‘through the eyes of mission’.

Another highlight of this past year has been an event organised in conjunction with a diocesan Justice and Peace Commission in which more than 100 people participated in a day of faith formation as an expression of thanksgiving to God for their call to live as missionary disciples of Jesus.

“MY MISSION IS TO COME OUT
OF MY COMFORT ZONE TO HELP PEOPLE,
WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE.”

~ QUOTE FROM A STUDENT
WHO ATTENDED ‘THE MISSION PROJECT’

IN GRATITUDE

FROM COLUMBAN PRIESTS AND LAY MISSIONARIES (LMS)



••• Jake Lunor, [LM] with parishioner, Nau Torika, Fiji

••• Fr Pat Visanti with a family he visits in a village in Jati, Pakistan



••• Fr Bob Mosher with Vicki Schmidt, a Columban Partner in Mission and member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Columban Mission Center El Paso, Texas U.S.



••• Fr Eamon Sheridan with Lazing Myu San and Lazing Du Shan, volunteers at the Rebirth Rehab Center, Myanmar



••• Sheryl Lou Capili [LM] with Filipino migrant worker, Andrei Carrera Jr., a volunteer at the Hope Workers' Center, Taiwan

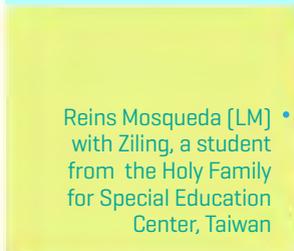
"I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel from the very first day until now."
~ Ephesians 1:3-5



••• Fr Jason Antiquiera [left] with Lee Seung Hyun, an art model working with him in his art ministry, South Korea



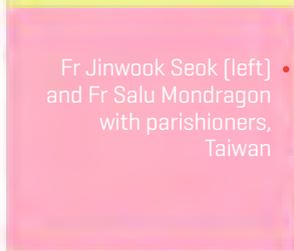
••• Angie Escarsa [LM] with Jyrile, a member of the parish youth group, Ireland



••• Reins Mosqueda [LM] with Ziling, a student from the Holy Family for Special Education Center, Taiwan



••• Sai Tamatawale [LM] [left] with Xiomara Guadalupe Tejada and Cristina Coronado, working together in the migrant ministry, Juárez City, Mexico



••• Fr Jinwook Seok [left] and Fr Salu Mondragon with parishioners, Taiwan



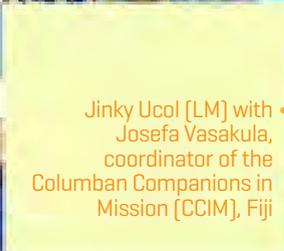
••• Fr Pat Colgan with his Hindu friend, Uncle Hajob, Fiji

••• Fr Rolly Aniscal with the chapel leader of St. Anne Parish, Olongapo City, Philippines



••• Luda Igbalic [LM] with parishioner, Irma Casoyla, South Korea

••• Hui Ling Chuah [LM] with Stephen Williams and Leighanne Barrett, L'Arche Community, New Zealand



••• Jinky Ucol [LM] with Josefa Vasakula, coordinator of the Columban Companions in Mission [CCIM], Fiji



SUPPORTERS – COLUMBAN FRIENDS IN BRITAIN

Columban supporters are much more than just donors—they are partners with us in God’s mission. Through the ‘Far East’ magazine, ‘Vocation for Justice’ newsletter, websites and social media, we invite others to share in the lives of Columbans around the world, learn more about our mission, and then make a loving, active response, for example, through prayer, participating in a campaign or giving a donation.

And the relationship does not end there. Trish Lakin, who has worked in the Columban Mission Office in Britain for over 20 years, says, ‘We truly value our supporters and their commitment to mission. It’s humbling how they share more than their money with us; how they trust us with insights into their lives, including their joys and sorrows – for example when they ask us for prayers or for a mass intention. An important part of my role in the Mission Office is to thank them personally, building on and treasuring their love and friendship’. This personal approach can be seen again and again, in letters, phone calls and even visits to supporters in their homes.



In addition, for these past four years Columbans in Britain have organised events to ‘give back’ to those dioceses in which we have made parish mission appeals. Our aim is to share perspectives on mission, and then invite each participant to discern their own response. This year over 100 participants, sitting in groups named after the various countries in which Columbans can be found [with flags balanced on potatoes!], explored the theme ‘Baptised and Sent: Our Call to be Missionary Disciples’. It was a day of encouragement and challenge. Afterwards, one participant wrote, ‘I really enjoyed this day because I felt I was part of the Church, a member of this Church I love and with whom I want to work for the Kingdom of God’.

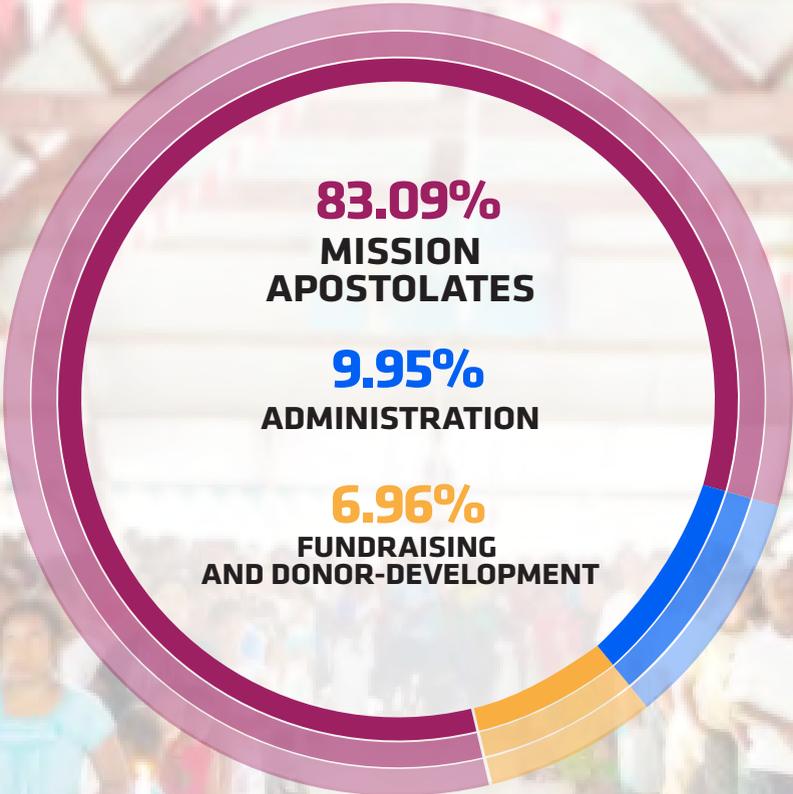


2019 - 2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

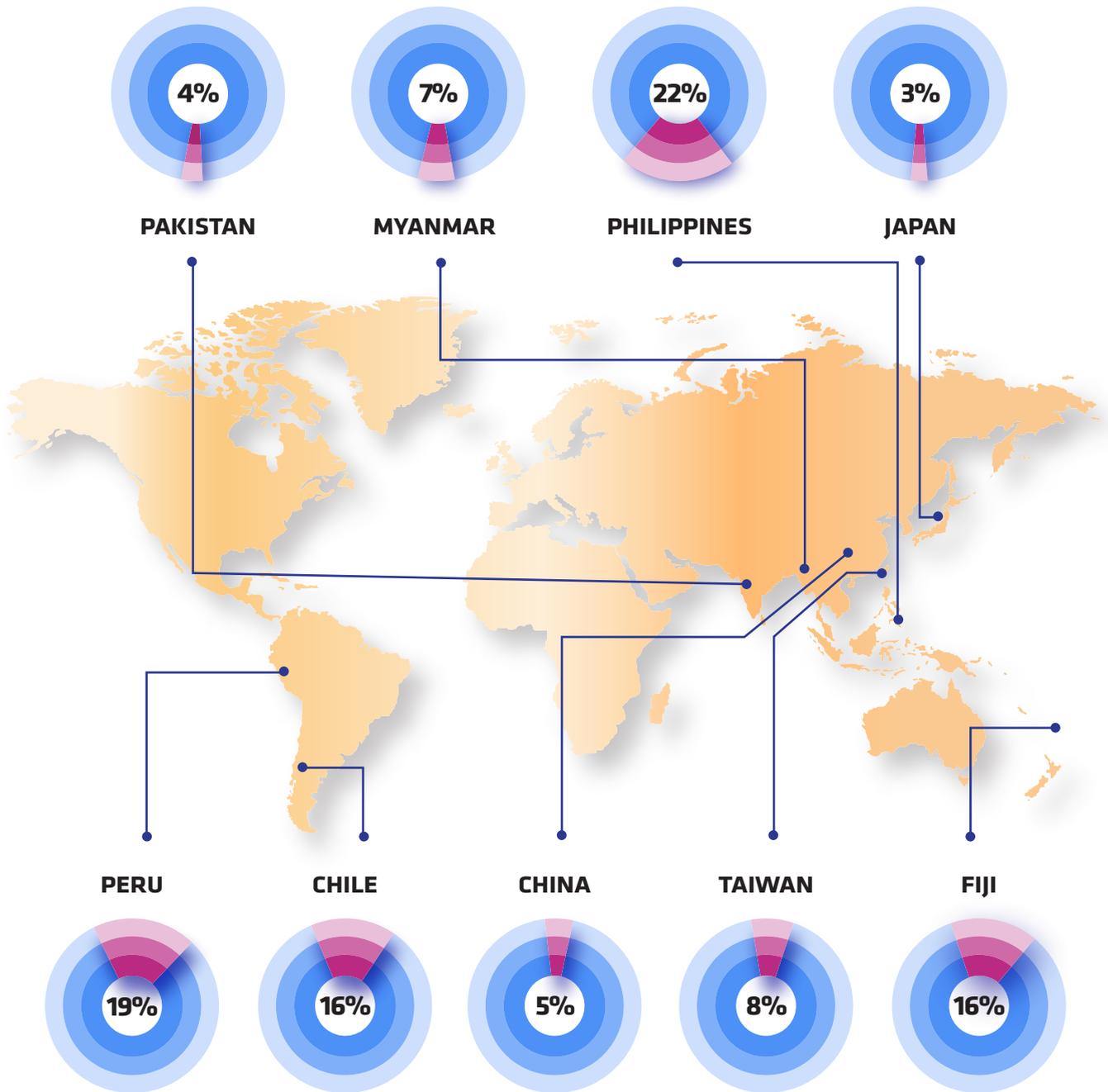
During the Year ended March 31, 2020, the Society received U.S.\$26.88M in revenue. Total funds received were used in the following manner:

APPLICATION OF FUNDS RECEIVED IN THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

MISSION EXPENSES



FUNDING OF VARIOUS MISSIONS



Our missionary endeavours in Australia, Britain, Ireland, New Zealand, South Korea, and the U.S./Mexico are self-funded.

PARTNERS IN MISSION

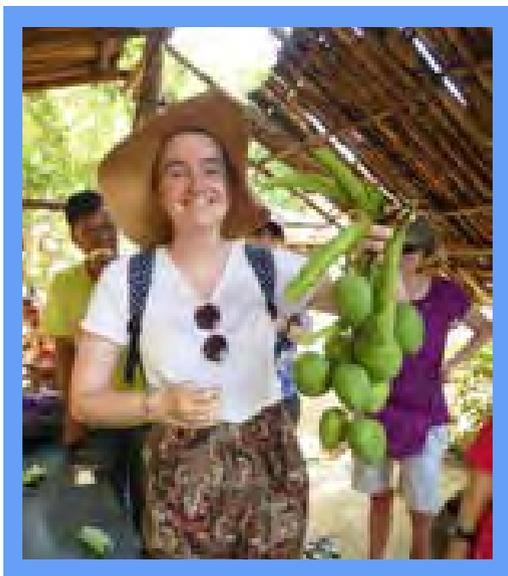
Pope Francis reminds us in the apostolic exhortation 'Joy of the Gospel' that, 'Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God'. [EG 272]. With our Society Invitation to Mission [SIM] programs, Columbans seek to create opportunities for people to cross boundaries of culture and religion and discover God's presence beyond ourselves. We strive to create encounters that nurture our baptismal call to give and receive God's transformative love in the world.

SIM programs range from short experiences of one to three weeks up to longer volunteer service of six months to a year and can be international or domestic. Each Columban country finds its own way to send and/or receive people. With the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, the Society is actively finding ways to continue SIM programs through online encounters and other educational opportunities.

Staying connected with participants of SIM programs is especially important. We often learn of SIM alumni who go on to integrate their experience with Columbans into their daily lives through work, study, volunteering, parish life, and creative outlets. Here we share with you how two former SIM participants have grown in the light of faith and knowledge of God. We invite you to consider participating in one of our SIM programs this coming year.



From England, Catherine Bridgwood reflects on her Faith in Action Volunteer experience with the Columban missionaries in Britain. As part of that experience, she was one of six adults who set out to experience a new culture and encounter the missionary presence of the Columban priests and lay missionaries in the Philippines. Through listening and learning, they hoped to enrich their own faith journey and bring something of that mission experience back to the communities where they live and work in Britain.



BEING THE 'FAITH IN ACTION VOLUNTEER' HAS BEEN AN AMAZING, VARIED ROLE WITH LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND GROW IN MY UNDERSTANDING OF JUSTICE AND PEACE. IT'S A YEAR OF LEARNING, COLLABORATIVE WORKING, VARIED EXPERIENCES, WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND LOTS OF FUN!

I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED MY TIME WITH THE COLUMBANS. I HAVE LEARNT SO MUCH ABOUT THE CHURCH, JUSTICE AND PEACE, MISSIONARIES, REFUGEES/MIGRATIONS A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS AND MOSTLY I HAVE LEARNT A LOT ABOUT MYSELF AND WHAT MY STRENGTHS ARE.

• CATHERINE BRIDGWOOD

ONE YEAR ON

A year ago, I was gearing up for my first Easter away from my family as I joined the Columban Missionaries Invitation to Mission programme travelling to the Philippines. This was part of my year as the Faith in Action Volunteer, a year which has undoubtedly changed the way I see the world and my place in it. In preparing for Invitation to Mission there is much emphasis on the point of the programme being a learning experience and one that should continue to have an impact and unravel its meaning beyond the experience itself. In other words, it is an 'opportunity for conversion'.

The Pope's words from earlier this week struck me as I am asked to reflect upon this experience of Invitation to Mission a year on and to consider what this memory means for me now.

Community and hospitality were at the heart of the brief time I spent in the Philippines. I had the amazing opportunity to stay with a family in the Columban parish in Malate during Holy Week. This immersion into community life in preparing for the huge party of the Resurrection of Jesus was a real privilege.

On my return, much of my reflecting was about where I fitted into the places I'd been. Many of the Columban projects we visited were supporting really vulnerable people, and I had a certain amount of uneasiness having been a spectator with not a lot to offer. But I suppose in the time since, I have been learning to channel that feeling into new ways of thinking and recognising that maybe it is good to feel critical of my own position and circumstances. In attempting to recognise where I fit into something and what, if anything I have to offer, I can begin to work out where God is calling me to be a missionary disciple and continue to discern what this call looks like in my own life.

SOCIETY INVITATION TO MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

COLUMBAN MISSION EXPOSURE AND PILGRIMAGES

Participants grow in understanding of mission and their own faith through educational experiences in places of Columban mission.

SENDING COUNTRIES: Australia, Britain, Ireland, Korea, U.S.

RECEIVING COUNTRIES: Britain, Chile, China, Fiji, Ireland, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Taiwan, U.S.

- 1 - 3 weeks

COLUMBAN INTERNSHIPS

Participants gain practical skills through part-time or full-time service and experiential learning either in their home country or in another country, which prepares them for future service in the Church.

LOCATIONS: Britain, U.S.

- 1 - 3 months

COLUMBAN VOLUNTEERING

Participants engage in international or domestic full time missionary service to vulnerable populations while assisting with education and advocacy in pursuit of Columban mission priorities.

LOCATIONS: Britain, China, Philippines, Taiwan, U.S.

- 3 -12 months



For more information about Columban Invitation to Mission, please contact us at: Amy Woolam Echeverria, amywe@columban.org

VOCATION & SEMINARY LIFE



Some members of the Columban International Seminary in Manila

As we ended the academic year 2019-2020, we thanked God for the many blessings and graces we had received. The seminarians advanced in their academic study of philosophy and theology. In addition, through workshops and retreats, spiritual guidance and reflection on pastoral ministry, they grew in their relationship with God, in self-understanding, and in their appreciation of the history and missionary vision of the Society of St Columban. We continue to pray in gratitude for our mission partners and benefactors and ask God's special blessings upon all of them.



Ordination to priesthood of Cho Sung-Kun Genovio, Gwangju, South Korea



My home is on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines, but I have spent this past year studying theology in the capital city, Manila. This past year has been my first year studying theology in Manila. I remain thankful to all people who continue to accompany, support and pray for me on this journey to Columban missionary priesthood. Through my daily life in the seminary, my companions and mentors provide me with the care and encouragement, the opportunities and the challenges that enable me to mature as a human person and as a child of God. Once a week I engage in pastoral ministry where I meet local people and learn about their joys and struggles, and accompany them in their efforts to come closer to God. I am coming to see the value for my vocation not just of academic studies in theology, but also of Columban community life as well as outreach to the people in the world around me.

- Larry G. Duerme

My name is Verano Lee Jeong-Rak. I am from Korea. During this past year I have attended a one-year program in Manila that was focused on developing my personal spiritual life. Various courses and prayer exercises have helped me to understand how God enters deeply into all aspects of my daily life. I have learned to pray and worship God, not only with my voice, but also with my body, mind and heart. The thirty day-retreat gave me a fresh perspective on my inner strengths and weaknesses, joys and sorrows. Thanks to that retreat, I came to realize that, no matter how I view my limitations and mistakes, God had loved me long before I confessed my love for God. Thanks to this insight, I now have greater strength to reach out in love and serve those in the world around me who need a helping hand.



- Verano Lee Jeong-Rak

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

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FR BRIAN VALE
FR TIM MULROY
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FR KANG SEUNG-WON JOSEPH

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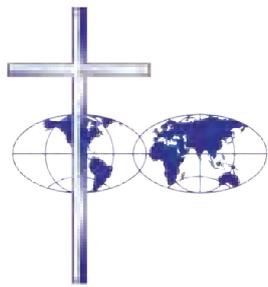
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