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# **MCA Youth Appreciation Mass**



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**Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels**

Main Celebrant: Bishop Matthew Elshoff  
Concelebrant: Monsignor Terrance Fleming

# ≡ Welcome ≡

Good morning and a very warm welcome to you all. It is so wonderful to see all of you gathered today for the Missionary Childhood Association Youth Appreciation Mass once again! This is a celebration for you and all the children who are part of MCA around the world.

MCA is one of the four pontifical mission societies that was founded in 1843. It's an international society made up of children in Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs from all over the world. MCA is authorized by the Vatican, and in collaboration with the United States Catholic Council of Bishops (USCCB), we distribute mission education material and encourage sacrificial giving in Catholic Schools and religious education programs throughout the country.

Its main purpose is to make children aware of their baptismal call to be part of the church's mission to evangelize. As members of the church and through the work you have done for MCA, you are all MISSIONARIES!

This year we celebrated our 180th anniversary since MCA was founded. Pope Francis had a very special message for all you on the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. He said that MCA "is a *Pontifical Society*, and therefore universal, of the Catholic Church, of the Pope, and so [he] consider[s] you [his] special collaborators. [He] remind[s] you, though, that this qualification also implies a further important commitment: that of building bridges and relationships, following the example of Christ Himself, and [he] urges you to do this too." He then goes on to ask you to be faithful to the MCA motto of "Children praying for the children, children evangelizing children, children helping children worldwide".

Thank you for answering your call to mission!

Reverend Monsignor Terrance L. Fleming  
Archdiocesan Executive Director



# Thank you

The Missionary Childhood Association is grateful to all the students, parents, teachers, principals and mission moderators in our Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs who help to foster in children their call to live as missionary disciples by their participation in MCA.

Thank you to the children in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for their prayers and sacrificial giving. Thanks to you, MCA can continue to help children in other parts of the world grow in faith. As Pope Francis mentioned continue to be faithful to the MCA motto of "**Children praying for children, children evangelizing children, children helping children worldwide.**"

We would also like to thank Bishop Matthew Elshoff, our main celebrant, and all our concelebrating priests for joining us today.

A very special thank you to the choir from Resurrection School and the dancers and drumline from Transfiguration School for making our celebration a joyous one. Thank you to the Cathedral staff and the staff at the mission office for your support.

We are also grateful to everyone who helped make this Mass possible and for all those in attendance.

# God Bless You

From all the entries in the National MCA Artwork Contest for the 2022-2023 school year, Los Angeles had one national finalists.



**St. Gregory the Great School  
Liliana Espinoza  
7th Grade**

Congratulations to Liliana Espinoza from St. Gregory the Great School. The artwork of all national winners will be on display during the Advent season of 2023 in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

The artwork of all the local finalist for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will be on display at a chapel in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angeles during the 2023 Advent Season. We are very proud of them and hope that they continue to use their artistic talents to answer their call to missionary discipleship.

**SAVE THE DATE  
FOR NEXT YEAR'S MCA MASS ON  
OCTOBER 16, 2024!**

**TOP TEN FUNDRAISING SCHOOLS**

- Nativity School, El Monte
- St. John Fisher School, Rancho Palos Verdes
- St. Philip Neri School, Lynwood
- Corpus Christi School, Pacific Palisades
- Cathedral Chapel School, Los Angeles
- Beatitudes of Our Lord School, La Mirada
- St. Bernardine of Siena School, Woodland Hills
- Sacred Heart School, Ventura
- St. Martha's School, Valinda
- St. Benedict School, Montebello

**CHOIR:** RESURRECTION SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES  
**DIRECTOR:** SR. ADRIANA GOMEZ, FRANCISCAN SISTERS

**PRELUDE**

**COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP**

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**Refrain**

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.

**GATHERING**

**OUR GOD IS HERE**

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**Refrain**

And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy are you!  
And we cry Holy, Holy, Holy are you!  
Amen we do believe, our God is here, our God is here!

## GREETING AND OPENING PRAYER

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### LORD HAVE MERCY

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Lord have mercy(2)  
Christ have mercy (2)  
Lord have mercy(2)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Philippians 3: 17C-4: 1

...The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

*(Proclaimed by Liam Fiore from St. Alphonsus School in East Los Angeles )*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM-** Psalm 34: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

**Refrain:** *The Lord delivered me from all my fears.*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

**R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.**

## RECESSIONAL

### NEVER TOO YOUNG

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Never too young to preach the Gospel;  
never too young to bring Good News!  
Never too young to work for justice;  
never too young to be God's Light!

#### Refrain

*We are never too young to witness,  
we are never too young to serve;  
we are never too young to be disciples of our Lord.  
We are never too young to witness,  
we are never too young to serve;  
we are never too young to be disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Never too young to feed the hungry;  
never too young to help the poor.  
Never too young to care for others;  
never too young to be God's Love!

Never too young to sing together;  
never too young to pray as one.  
Never too young to praise and worship;  
never too young to be God's Song!

## PAN DE VIDA

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### Refrain

*Pan de Vida, Cuerpo del Señor,  
cup of blessing, blood of Christ the Lord.  
At this table the last shall be first.  
Poder es servir, porque Dios es amor.*

We are the dwelling of God,  
fragile and wounded and weak.  
We are the body of Christ,  
called to be the compassion of God.

Somos el templo de Dios,  
frágiles seres humanos  
somos el cuerpo de Cristo  
llamados a ser compasivos.

You call me Teacher and Lord;  
I who have washed your feet.  
So you must do as I do,  
so the greatest must become the least.

Ustedes me llaman "Señor".  
Me inclino a lavarles los pies.  
Hagan lo mismo humildes,  
sirviéndose unos a otros.

There is no Jew or Greek;  
there is no slave or free;  
there is no woman or man;  
only heirs of the promise of God.

No hay esclavos ni libres,  
no hay mujeres ni hombres,  
sólo aquellos que heredan  
el reino que Dios prometió.

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.

**R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.**

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.

**R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.**

The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.  
Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

**R. The Lord delivered me from all my fears.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 12: 39-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

The Gospel of the Lord: ***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

## HOMILY

Monsignor Terrance Fleming

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Spoken Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*(Proclaimed by Deacon of the Word and students from St. Barnabas School in Long Beach)*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### COLLECTION FOR MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR & PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

#### THE GREATEST GIFT

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#### Refrain

The greatest gift we can give and receive  
is the gift of love, the gift of love  
the greatest gift we can give and receive....  
is love the gift of love

## HOLY HOLY/SANCTUS

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Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of Host.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is He who comes  
In the name of the Lord  
In the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna in the highest

## MEMORIAL ACLAMATION

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We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

## AMEN

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## LAMB OF GOD/CORDERO DE DIOS

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Lamb of God,  
you take away  
the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us. (2)

Lamb of God,  
You take away the sins  
of the world,  
grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

