



Summer 2011

Dear Pastors, Administrators, Parish Life Coordinators, Parochial Vicars:

How exciting it is to share the gift of faith in Jesus Christ to the world. Sharing our faith in action is the call of our parishioners to improve the life of our sisters and brothers in developing countries. Response to the call is the challenge of the 2011 Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg Appeal (MPDO). Your generosity in the past has followed Jesus' call to reach out in advancing peace and social justice – all in the name of Jesus through the following missionary endeavors:

- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's Collection for the Church in Latin America
- St. Martin de Porras, Mollendo, Peru
- Missionaries of the Sacred Heart Community, Columbia & Papua New Guinea
- Augustinian Friars, Africa
- North Country Mission of Hope, Nicaragua
- Working Boys Center, Ecuador

Therefore the Missionary Projects of the Diocese of Ogdensburg appeal will be used for the following purposes:

- 1) To provide continued financial support of our former mission parish in Mollendo, Peru;
- 2) To support the U.S. Bishop's annual appeal for Latin America;
- 3) To help any other missionary projects throughout the world that the Diocese of Ogdensburg might deem appropriate as part of its evangelization effort.

We continue to hear from parishioners in St. Martin de Porras parish, "Ogdensburg is so very good to us". May the Lord bless us all through this diocesan endeavor, which on a worldwide level, has produced much fruit. Thank you and be assured of my prayers.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

*Sr. Mary Ellen*  
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Diocesan Director

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