ENTITY: The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle

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MISSION: The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle was
founded in 1958 by Richard Cardinal Cushing to minister
to the needs of the people in South America. Cardinal
Cushing recognized the unjust plight, especially of the
children, in these countries and marshaled a force of
diocesan priests to go there and establish the
missions. We are an international missionary society
whose members are diocesan priests who devote at least
five years of their priesthood to the service of "the
poorest of the poor" in South America.

DESCRIPTION: Currently we have a group of thirty-two diocesan priests
serving in South America dealing with the needs of the
poor in the barrios, mountains, rain forests and arid coastal
plains of Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. The work centers on
parishes in poorer urban neighborhoods or rural districts.
There is a considerable variety; urban and rural life;
Spanish, Indian and Mestizo cultures; ancient traditions and
contemporary thinking; and our own multinational
membership.

After five years of immersion in a different culture and
language, the majority of priests return to their home
dioceses to be living witnesses of the universality of the
Gospel message and of the Love that it brings. For nearly
48 years the struggle has gone on and, over the years, has
become an international effort with diocesan priests from
England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand,
the Philippines, as well as from all over the United States
having served.

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