



- ENTITY:** The Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle
- INCORPORATED:** December 31, 1958
- MANAGEMENT:** Rev. Msgr. Finbarr O’Leary, Director
- REPORTS TO:** Archdiocesan Secretary for Ministerial Personnel,  
Rev. Robert Connors
- BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Sean Cardinal P. O’Malley, OFM Cap., Rev. Msgr. Finbarr O’Leary, Bishop Emilio Allue, S.D.B., Mr. Michael Cappiello, Leo Caruso, Esq., Rev. Robert L. Connors, Bishop Thomas V. Daily, DD, Rev. George F. Emerson, Rev. Msgr. William C. Francis, Rev. Msgr. William F. Glynn, Rev. Robert Hennesey, Rev. Paul F. Mulligan, Mr. Joseph Reardon.
- OFFICERS:** President – Sean Cardinal P. O’Malley, OFM Cap.  
Director – Rev. Msgr. Finbarr O’Leary
- 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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