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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