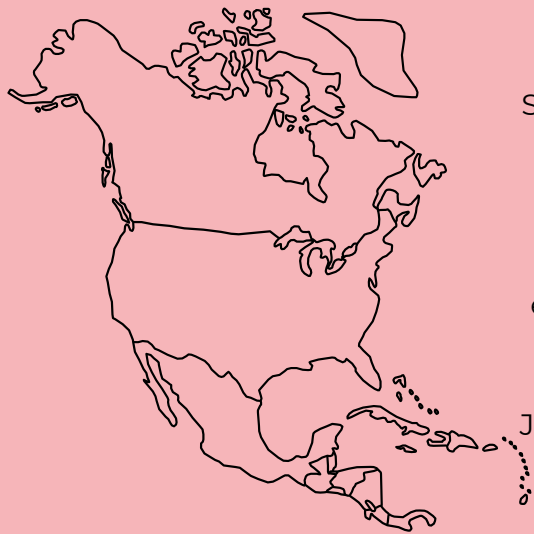


WEEK 2

October 5th - October 11th

AMERICA

Saint Isaac Jogues:
Missionary to North America



Feast Day: October 19 (with the North American Martyrs)

St. Isaac Jogues (1607–1646) was a French Jesuit priest who traveled to North America in the 1600s to bring the message of Jesus to Indigenous peoples, especially the Huron and Iroquois. He worked with love and respect, learning native languages and cultures. Isaac suffered greatly for his faith—he was captured, tortured, and eventually martyred. Even after escaping back to France, he chose to return to mission territory to continue his work.

Like members of the Missionary Childhood Association, St. Isaac Jogues shows us how to be brave in sharing Jesus' love, even when it's hard. His story reminds us to pray for children and missionaries who live in places where faith can be dangerous.

Mission Prayer Inspired by St. Isaac Jogues

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for the courage of St. Isaac Jogues,
who brought Your love to new lands.
Help us to be brave missionaries too — with kind
words, strong faith, and open hearts.
We pray for children around the world who are
learning about You and growing in faith.
Bless the work of the Missionary Childhood
Association and help us support it with our
prayers and sacrifices.

St. Isaac Jogues, pray for us!

Amen.



Mission Inspiration

APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF REQUENA PERU



Deep in the Amazon Rainforest, the Catholic Church is planting the seeds of faith in children through the Missionary Childhood Association. The Apostolic Vicariate of Requena is playing a crucial role in evangelizing indigenous peoples and rural communities. An Apostolic Vicariate is similar to a diocese, but is typically established in mission territories where the Church is still emerging and growing.



In the Amazon region of Peru, including places like Requena, a lot of families don't have much money. They live in small wooden houses, and some don't have running water, electricity, or good schools nearby. Many people grow their own food, go fishing, or work in the forest to survive. Because the towns are far apart and surrounded by jungle and rivers, it's hard to travel, and getting help—like doctors, teachers, or even churches—can take a long time. That's why the missionaries are so important there: they try to bring hope, education, and help to the people who need it most.



"Let us thank the Lord because He is good and His mercy is eternal." - Parishioner from San Jose Parish in Requena after receiving help from MCA



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Mission Inspiration

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This year, the **Missionary Childhood Association** helped over 200 children in Requena. MCA provided:

- School supplies, uniforms, and enrollment for young kids in kindergarten and elementary school
- Meals and vitamins for undernourished children
- Breakfasts for children after catechism (religious classes)

This support has made a huge difference in the lives of the children and their families in this mission area. As members of MCA themselves, they continue to meet with their catechist each week to learn about the faith and grow as missionary disciples, just like you!

Supporting missionaries in the Peruvian rainforest means bringing light, hope, and opportunity to some of the most forgotten corners of the world. Every gift—whether big or small—helps children learn, families grow stronger, and entire communities experience the love of God in real, life-changing ways. In places where roads don't reach and electricity is rare, your support becomes a path of compassion that reaches hearts and builds a future.

MCA Prayer

Dear God,

*Thank You for the missionaries in the rainforest of Peru.
Give them strength, joy, and Your love as they help others.*

*We also pray for the families they serve—
bless them with food, health, and hope.*

*May they feel Your love through the kindness of others.
Help us to always remember and pray for them.*

*In Jesus' name,
Amen.*

Classroom Mission Activity

Hope Station

Have Students work in small groups to create "imaginary care kits" (draw or write down items like school supplies, vitamins, or snacks). Lead a discussion on how these items help children and families in missionary areas.



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