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Madam President

- Today, I'd like to speak on a sub-category of the Spiritual Development Standing committee: EVANGELIZATION and MISSION ASSISTANCE
- In the 'job description' provided in the Executive Handbook, it states:
 - *The chairperson shall:*
 - *encourage members to assist missions at home and abroad*
 - *promote the collection for Catholic Missions In Canada*
- In her Communiqué #5 from January 28th, our National Chairperson for Spiritual Development, Shari Guinta, provides a wonderful summary on why we should help the Catholic Missions In Canada. She also tells us where our donations are going.
- It always amazes me how little I know about the struggles of the missions and how blessed we are in our Archdiocese to be able to worship in a church almost whenever we want.
- Reading her communiqué, I found out the donations collected last year will be directed to three churches: *(taken directly from Shari's message)*
 - *St. Lawrence of Ahousaht parish, in Ahousaht, British Columbia had its church condemned and Bishop Gary Gordon (Victoria) is rebuilding. Ahousaht is a remote First Nations community on Flores Island.*
 - *Bishop Hector Vila (Whitehorse) is replacing a mission church and rectory at St. Theresa's parish in Telegraph Creek, British Columbia. A devastating wildfire in August 2018 consumed the church and rectory, as well as several homes. The rectory was the home of parish pastoral workers.*
 - *Bishop Robert Bourgon (Hearst-Moosonee) has to rebuild the church and rectory at St. Francis Xavier parish in Attawapiskat in Northern Ontario, as the buildings have been condemned, devastating parishioners.*
- How blessed are we!
- Please, when deciding on your council's charitable donations this year, remember our missionaries and the people they serve.
- Shari's complete communiqué can be found on the National website, please take the time to read it.

Respectfully Submitted