“Tell Us Their Stories”
Extraordinary Missionary Month Media Awards

Who? Pope Francis announced...

What? ...an Extraordinary Missionary Month...

When? ...for October 2019.

Why?
• to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pope Benedict XV’s Maximum Illud, which re-centered the missionary efforts of the Church on the proclamation of the Gospel; which proposed that mission activity is not only for missionaries who travel to foreign lands.
• to connect with the Synod for the Amazon taking place also this October. Pope Francis expressed his hope that the combination of these two events – the Extraordinary Missionary Month and the Synod for the Amazon – would help renew our commitment of service to the Gospel for the salvation of the men and women living in those lands.
• to commit ever more fully, each one of us, to our own missionary vocation. We’re each “Baptized and Sent”; we’re all “The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.” Thus the theme of the Extraordinary Missionary Month: “Baptized and Sent: The Church of Christ on Mission in the World.”

Where?
In all Catholic media: printed and digital, including newspapers and magazines, blogs and podcasts, radio and television.

How?
“Tell Us Their Stories” Share the stories:
• of missionaries with connections to your (arch)diocese,
• of those from the Missions serving here in parishes, and
• of those mission advocates, Catholic men and women who love the world’s Missions and work to make them better known and/or to support them.

Publish, at minimum, two of their stories in whatever media from September 23 through October 31. Feature the logo for Extraordinary Missionary Month, available from our offices.

Submit entries – scans of printed material, links to digital content – by November 8 via email (EMMMedia@missio.org), with subject line: EMM Media Awards.

Winners will be announced later in November, the month of thanksgiving, as a sign of our ongoing gratitude for your partnership with us in this mission of Good News.

More information on and resources for the Extraordinary Missionary Month may be found at this link.