

Rome, 13 March 2006

To all Visitors of the Congregation of the Mission

Dear Visitor,

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill your heart now and forever!

I invite you and your council to submit a project from your province for the Mission Award 2006. Below, I have included information you will find helpful in identifying a project eligible for the award. You will also find an application form with this letter. The completed application should be submitted to the Econome General by June 1, 2006. The complete application must be signed by the Visitor or Vice-Visitor.

Please note:

1. Only one application can be submitted for each province or vice-province.
2. The application submitted must be no more than three pages in length.
3. Applications received after June 1, 2006 will not be considered.

“MISSION AWARD”

This is an award given to acknowledge and support a specific project, developed by an individual confrere or group of confreres, which promotes in a noteworthy way their missionary work. This award will be granted annually from 2006 to 2016.

Some criteria choosing the recipient(s) of the award:

1. The projects submitted should promote popular missions or missions *ad gentes* in a noteworthy way.
2. Creative formation programs for popular missions or missions *ad gentes* would be eligible.
3. Teams of confreres who have developed a creative missionary project, either for popular missions or for missions *ad gentes*, may submit a proposal.
4. Teams who have developed a creative project for a new possible mission will also be eligible.
5. Confreres or teams submitting proposals for the creative use of media in missions will also be eligible.

6. Creative programs for formation of the clergy in mission territories will also be eligible.

The Mission Award will be granted to at the most five projects on July 30, 2006, chosen by the Superior General with his council. The amount of \$100,000 will be divided equally among the projects that have been granted the award. The amount of the award to each individual project will be distributed over two years. The first half of the award money will be given to the project on July 30, 2006. The second half of the award money will be given on July 30, 2007 after the Superior General has received a report on how the first half of the award money was used.

I look forward to receiving an application from your province.

Your brother in St. Vincent,

G. Gregory Gay, C.M.
Superior General