

**Education Report for NBRIA 2022**

**Mission Together summary**

This year, Mission Together has continued in its efforts to provide resources that better suit the educational and spiritual requirements of schools. To this end, in March, we created a small Consultancy Board comprised of Senior Leaders and RE Coordinators. Discussion with and feedback from this board has helped us shape new materials and revise existing resources. One good example is our Liturgical Prayers. These now follow the ‘Gather, Word, Respond, Sent’ pattern, and incorporate PowerPoint slides, which include religious art and hyperlinks to hymns.

In addition to our Consultancy Board, this year we appointed a small team of Materials Developers - all experienced RE practitioners – to help us craft new classroom resources. Included in these new resources are lesson plan ideas. Based on themes and topics within *Come and See*, but broad enough to be employed in other programmes, our lesson plan ideas overlap with aspects of mission and thus incorporate images and stories taken from Missio supported overseas projects. For example, our *Parish Family Lesson Plan Ideas* for KS1 incorporates images of global parish churches and the people who serve them through their various parish roles. We plan to build up a bank of Mission Together lesson plan ideas for KS2, KS2, and EYFS.

This year we also introduced our *Inclusive Resources* webpage. The page hosts simple prayer sessions that have been specially created in partnership with experienced SEN catechist Rosie MacIntyre, to meet the needs of children and young people who are differently abled. Each prayer session includes a short adapted scripture, a reflection, and a suggested activity to underscore the session theme.

Another new addition to the Mission Together website is our *Pupil’s Pages* section. Designed for younger users, these webpages help develop understanding of Mission Together: where it works, what it does, and the pupils’ role within the Holy Father’s children’s charity for mission.

September saw the launch of our annual *Together in…* campaign which this year focuses on children from the Badjao tribe in the Philippines, and the support they receive via the Nano Nagle Education Centre. It includes an exploration of the country, customs, and an insight into the people. Our campaign resources inspire pupils to pray for and share with their brothers and sister around the world. This year’s *Together in the Philippines* resources also include a Catholic Social Teaching assembly guide for teachers and geography worksheets for pupils.

As ever, we remain incredibly grateful for all the support we receive from Diocesan Education Teams, from promoting materials to suggesting new ideas. You play a key role in our efforts to nurture a spirit of mission at home and increase children’s understanding of their place and responsibility as members of God’s beloved global family. Thank you!