



Festival of Faith—Mission Room

At this year's Festival of Faith we will have a unique opportunity to engage in activities that take us beyond the boundaries of our parishes. As persons, families and faith communities we will be invited to cross borders that can empower us for mission and communion. We will be able to "get a feel" for Christian identity as lived in other cultures. See and experience the settings in which faith is shared in other places in the world and where the seeds of God's Word are discovered and planted.

Ultimately, Church is about mission. Jesus words confirm this reality: "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you" (Jn 20:21). This is what parish life prepares us for and what together as parish we are: a parish on mission. It's not enough to be interested in missions, support missions, or even pray for missions. We must be on mission. The Festival of Faith Mission Room affords us the opportunity to whet our appetites, and hone our skills for mission today and in the future.

Become a citizen of the world-church and journey along pathways that lead to settings where you can discover the seeds of God's presence blossoming in the life experiences of God's people around the world. Explore African, Indian, Asian and South American cultural experiences that help us to answer the ancient biblical question: "Who is my neighbor?"

Come to the Mission Room at the Festival of Faith. More than an urban plunge this interactive experience aims at leading us down roads of discovery of the scope of God's mission in the world and our own call to take seriously our call to mission.

As members of the body of Christ we have, like him, been sent to make God known everywhere in the world. Mission happens whenever we are serious about living our faith wherever we live and work. It happens in openness and with awareness that God opens the way for us to journey with people through witness, dedication to common service of those in need and shared prayer that leads to conversion and deeper faith.

Individuals and families, young and old will be treated to excursions that aim at introducing us to cultures we have read about in the travel section of our newspapers or have been seen on our television screens. The Word of God has indeed become flesh and has moved into the neighborhoods of our world. With travel guides and passports

in hand you will cross borders into the world of mission. As the theme of the Festival of Faith so rightly captures the essence of the motivation for mission: “The love of Christ impels us” (2Cor 5:14). We invite you to the join us on the journey, come, get your passport to exploration of God’s mission and your part in it.