



## Happy Easter

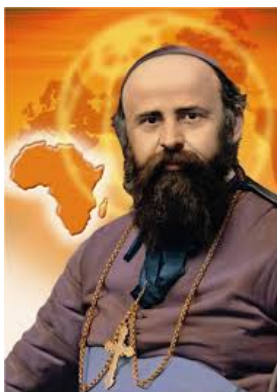


What would your life look like if you couldn't have access to your parish or church?  
How would you celebrate weekly Mass, a baptism, or Holy Week?

Unfortunately, this is the reality for us now. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, church buildings are locked and parishioners are forced to seek spiritual guidance from home. For our missionaries this is a common scenario. Often our missionaries serve a parish of 50,000 or more people, spanning hundreds of miles—often through seemingly impassible landscapes. In these places, parishioners frequently go months between celebrating Mass and receiving the sacraments.

The missionary vocation calls for a desire to serve, and to grow in solidarity with the poor. This means we must learn through love and respect the culture of the country to which we are sent. This in turn helps the missionaries to form community leaders and animate the local church with a missionary spirit.

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"Come day come night, come sun come rain, I shall always be equally ready to serve your spiritual needs: the rich and the poor, the healthy and the sick, the young and the old, the masters and the servants will always have equal access to my heart.

Your good will be mine and your sorrows will also be mine. I make common cause with each one of you, and the happiest day in my life will be the one on which I will

be able to give my life for you."

- St. Daniel Comboni, Writings #3158



## Thank You, Volunteers! April 19-25 is Volunteer Appreciation Week.

The Comboni Missionaries extend a special thank-you to all our volunteers. Without your dedication, we could not accomplish our work. Together, we serve and empower the poor and forgotten around the world.

Please join us for a special Volunteer Blessing on **Facebook Live**:  
Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m. EST.

## Join us at our next event - online!



**Cincinnati Mission Center**  
First Friday Mass  
8 a.m. Friday, May 1  
[Facebook](#)



**St. Lucy Parish - Newark**  
Sunday Mass  
Fathers Pezzi and Donohue  
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**Covina Mission Center**  
Mass, youth events, and more  
- all online  
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