

MISSIO “*SUI IURIS*”, TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSION

The Mission

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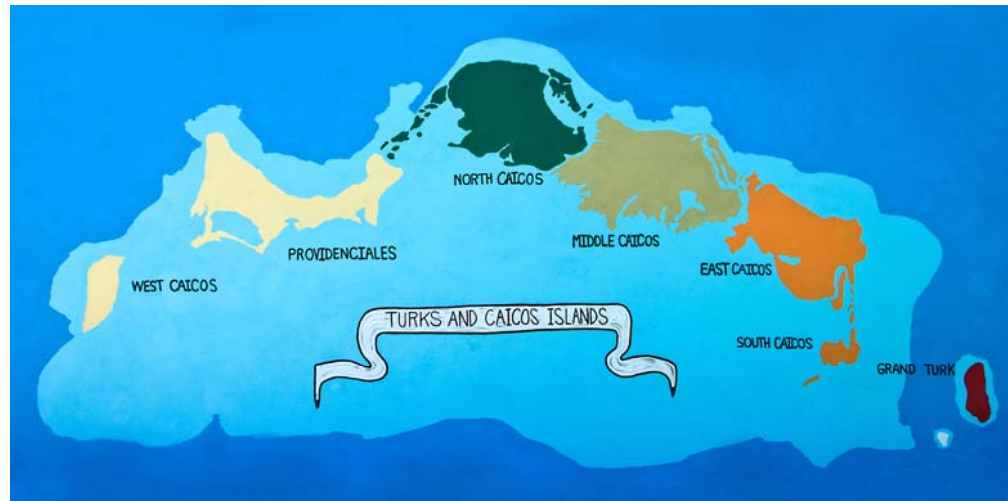
What is a “*Missio Sui Iuris*” ?

According to Canon Law (cf: canon 368), a *Missio Sui Iuris*, or mission in its own right, is just the beginning of the establishment of a particular church in a concrete territory. In fact, after planting the word of God into a territory, the mission territory becomes a Church entity called *Missio Sui Iuris*.

This entity can belong to ecclesiastical territory (in our case, to the Dioceses of Nassau, Bahamas) but be governed by the ordinary of another territory (in our case, by the ordinary of Newark, New Jersey, USA; Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin). Thus, the Ordinary who governs the *Missio Sui Iuris* is its Ecclesiastical Superior. The next step for the *Missio*, according to the size and growth of the Catholic community is the establishment of an Apostolic Vicariate. Canon 371, paragraph 1, states that: "an apostolic vicariate or apostolic prefecture is a certain portion of the People of God which is not yet erected into a diocese, due to particular circumstances, and whose pastoral care is entrusted to an apostolic vicar or to an apostolic prefect who governs it in the name of the Supreme Pontiff".

The final step of the *Missio Sui Iuris* is to become the principal form of a particular Church, that is, a diocese. Governed by a bishop appointed by the Holy Father and helped in its pastoral care by the presbyterate and subdivided in several parishes, the diocese "constitutes a particular Church in which the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative." (cf. Canon 369)

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LOCATIONS



Holy Family Academy, Providenciales.



Holy Cross, Grand Turk.



St. Lucy's, South Caicos.

From the Chancellor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters,

God is love and He loves us. Over the past ten years in this mission, I have witnessed these words to be true in the lives of each and every member of the Catholic Church in TCI, as well as in students who have passed through Holy Family Academy. God has intervened in their lives, and the results are evident. Looking at the school, the little children I encountered when I arrived are not so little anymore. Today, we highlight in this mission bulletin the changes God has brought about, molding these students into mature young men and women rooted in their faith. The evangelization, youth pilgrimages, post-confirmation program, the Holy Door and so on, have been crucial in witnessing the church growing and bearing fruit, as it was described in the 25th anniversary of the mission under the leadership of the archbishop of Newark. As I reflect on these cherished memories of God's love, I am overwhelmed by the miracles He continues to work.

As I wrote for the HFA yearbook 2024, the mission of the school must remain central to everything we do here. We must always keep in mind the imperative to proclaim the overwhelming love of God. This love has the power to transform and renew our minds and hearts, enabling us to participate in a Divine plan that extends far beyond our own ideas. This is evident when we examine how our small school began with just two classes and today extends from Pre-K to our new college program. As long as we give the glory to Him to whom it belongs, He will continue to bless us in all we do.

This mission in Grand Turk, South Caicos, and Providenciales, as well as the school and these students, are called to be a light to all they encounter, especially here in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Everyone emerges from their time here in TCI seasoned with the Word of God; this seasoning will continue to lend flavor to the life that God has planned for each one of you. We ask Our Lady of Divine Providence to enable us to continue to say "yes" to God just as she did, trusting that God will always provide what we need. Because God is Love and He love us!

God bless you all,

Rev. Luis Orlando González

Mission Activities

MASS SCHEDULES

Our Lady of Divine Providence Providenciales

Saturday 05:30 p.m. - English
Sunday 09:00 a.m. - English
Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Creole
Sunday 12:30 p.m. - Español
Weekdays: 05:30 pm English

Holy Cross Grand Turk

Sunday 09:00 a.m. - English
Sunday 10:30 a.m. - Creole
Sunday 06:00 p.m. - Español

St. Lucy's South Caicos

Last Sunday of the month: 09:00 a.m.

HOLY DOOR

JUBILEE OF THE CATHOLIC MISSION IN PROVIDENCIALES, TCI.

In order to get a **Plenary Indulgence**, which is a full remission of Purgatory, for either yourself or for the soul of someone who has died, the following conditions are needed. sacramental confession within a few days before or after.

1. Passing through the Holy Door
2. Praying the creed, the Our Father, a Hail Mary for Pope Francis' intentions.
3. Attending Mass in this Church and receiving Holy Communion.

It is also possible to get a partial indulgence if one or other of the above conditions are not met.



School Notes

Holy Family Academy

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It has been another
amazing year!

We give thanks to the Lord for all the blessings received during this school year, as well to all those who have supported and accompanied us in many different ways.

May the Lord reward you a hundred-fold!

See you after the Summer Break!

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SPONSORS / BENEFACTORS

We continue to look for donations and sponsors to support our **Scholarship Program** and help the school with necessary supplies.

Your sponsorship payment can be done through direct deposit or bank transfer or by donating any of the items below.

- Projectors and projector screens
- Projector stands
- Art Supplies
- Printing Paper
- Sport supplies
- Asthma Inhalers & AED

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