

Deadline extended for the "Design the Mission Box 2026 Contest"

Fr Michael Pui, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, is delighted to get more entries this year than the previous year. The quality of the designs is also very good, and it brings a smile to his face just looking at the effort the students put in. The students' awareness of the need to support the Pontifical Mission Societies is especially poignant as this year marks the 100th Anniversary of Mission Sunday being extended to the whole of the universal Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926.



(Photo: Fr Michael examining the entries to date)

Mission Sunday will be on 18 October 2026. In January, Pope Leo XIV announced the theme for this year, "**One in Christ, United in Mission**," focusing on unity, evangelization, and gratitude for global missionary work. The Pope's message on it can be found on: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/mission/documents/20260125-giornata-missionaria.html>



When he was in Auckland recently to visit Rosmini College, and later gave a retreat to the Auckland DRS and HoDs, he discovered that information about the contest had not reached some of the schools due to a mail-out error. Because of that, he has extended the deadline for submission from 1 May to 1 June 2026. The hope is that some more students will take this opportunity to participate