

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI
The Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez, STD
Auxiliary Bishop of Miami

August 27, 2008

Adam J. Szubin, Director
Licensing Division
Office of Foreign Assets Control
U.S. Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Second Floor Annex
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Mr. Szubin:

The Missionary Society John Paul II is a Catholic organization dedicated to evangelization and attending to the poor and needy. There is an opportunity for them to serve in Cuba in temporary missions.

We will appreciate that you grant the Missionary Society John Paul II the required license so that they may travel to Cuba and do their missionary work there.

Grateful for your assistance in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Most Reverend Felipe J. Estévez
Auxiliary Bishop of Miami



MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II

«Do not be afraid to open your hearts to Christ»

September 29th, 2008

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Sir/Madam:

The Missionary Society John Paul II, a religious organization of the Roman Catholic Church, is hereby requesting a specific license from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") to be issued pursuant to § 515.566 of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 authorizing the Missionary Society to engage in travel-related transactions as set forth in § 515.560(c) and such additional transactions that are directly incident to engaging in a full-time program of religious activities in Cuba by individuals affiliated with our organization. It is also seeking a specific license to be issued pursuant to § 515.570(d)(1) of the same regulations to transfer funds to the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba.

The Missionary Society John Paul II's full-time program of religious activities in Cuba will include evangelization, family and youth ministry, and Christian formation as described in the application. The evangelization program will require that Full Members of the Missionary Society travel periodically to Cuba (i.e., once every quarter).

Should you have any question, you may contact me at 305-228-1277 or by fax at 305-969-0763. You can also e-mail me at m.artime@missionarysociety.org.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Marzo Artime

**APPLICATION FOR SPECIFIC LICENSE
TO ENGAGE IN TRAVEL-RELATED TRANSACTIONS
AND SUCH ADDITIONAL TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE DIRECTLY INCIDENT TO
ENGAGING IN A FULL-TIME PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CUBA BY
INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II**

PRESENTED TO

**THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL OF THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**



**BY
THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II
1393 SW 1st ST STE 101E, MIAMI, FL 33135-2376**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008



LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA
Religious Activities (Religious Organizations) - 31 CFR § 515.566(a)

Please review your application for accuracy and completeness before submitting it to OFAC.

Type of Application: New ApplicationCategory of Travel: Religious Activities (Religious Organizations) - 31 CFR § 515.566(a)

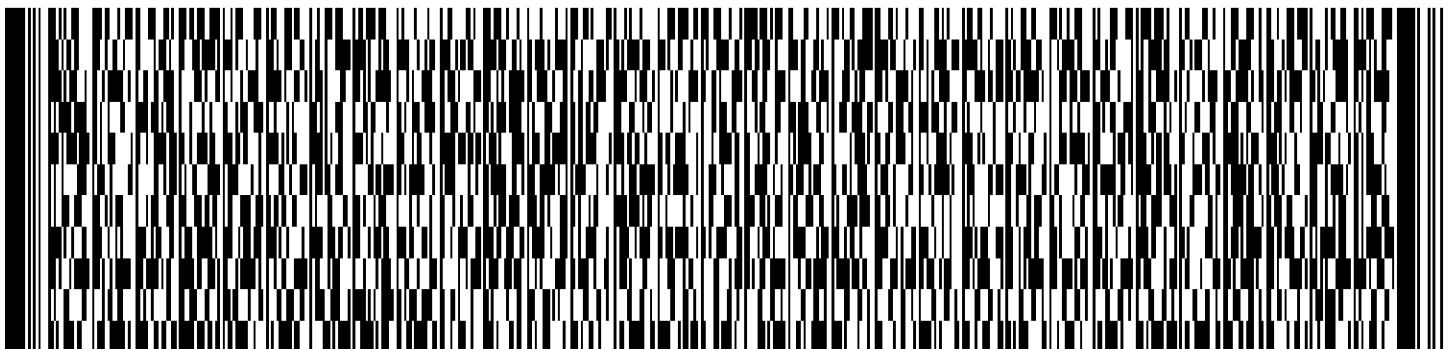
APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: Mr. Marzo ArtimeName of Organization: Missionary Society John Paul IIStreet Address: 1393 SW 1st ST STE 101ECity: MiamiState/Province: FloridaZip/Postal Code: 33135-2376Country: United StatesPhone No.: 305-228-1277Fax No.: 305-969-0763

Detailed List of Activities

The members of the Missionary Society John Paul II, together with local leaders in Cuba, will conduct door-to-door evangelization campaigns to invite people to participate in Church activities. We will plan and carry out family and youth retreats (i.e., conversion experiences, Scripture seminars, lay ministry training, pastoral workshops, liturgical workshops, etc.) and train local leaders for follow-up and continuity of the evangelization programs. We will also celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments. Oftentimes, during the Eucharistic celebration, the members of the Missionary Society will preach the homily. The Missionary Society plans all of its activities in Cuba with the local bishops.

Activity examples: a team of five married couples travels to Cuba for a two-week mission. We divide the work, some couples will work with youth ministry, others will concentrate on family ministry, and some on formation (i.e., liturgical, lay ministry, catechesis, etc.). Each group will work with local leaders in their area. For example, the youth ministry group will do a 5 day Youth Ministry workshop to prepare a team of about 20 young men and women to be leaders in a Youth Encounter. They will visit parochial youth groups to give talks to motivate them to participate in a door-to-door outreach effort to invite their friends and young neighbors to the Youth Encounter. Together with the trained local leaders, the Missionary Society will then do a weekend Youth Encounter (e.g., conversion experience) for all those that were invited and came. The experience will conclude with a celebration of the Eucharist with the bishop. After the encounter, the Missionary Society will have an evaluation and planning session with the trained leaders. The other groups will do similar activities with their respective pastoral assignments.



LICENSE APPLICATION FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA (cont'd)
Religious Activities (Religious Organizations) - 31 CFR § 515.566(a)

Please review your application for accuracy and completeness before submitting it to OFAC.

PREPARER INFORMATION

Name: Same as Applicant

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Phone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____

CERTIFY TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

- THE LICENSE WILL ONLY BE USED FOR TRAVEL RELATED TO GENUINE RELIGIOUS PURPOSES
- THE TRAVEL WILL BE SUPERVISED BY AN OFFICIAL OF MY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION
- ALL PERSONS TRAVELING UNDER THE LICENSE WILL ENGAGE IN A FULL-TIME SCHEDULE
- I HAVE CERTIFIED MY ORGANIZATION'S STATUS

PLEASE REVIEW THIS FORM AND ENSURE YOU HAVE PROVIDED ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION. YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE WITH YOUR SIGNED APPLICATION ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IDENTIFIED BELOW. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THE REQUESTED DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR PRINTED APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN THE DENIAL OF, OR DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION.

COPY OF IRS DETERMINATION WHICH STATES WHETHER YOUR ORGANIZATION QUALIFIES AS A CHURCH

WARNING: Transactions relating to travel, trade, and financial dealings with Cuba are restricted under the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515, the Reporting and Procedures Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 501, and the Trading With the Enemy Act, 50 USC App. Section 5(b). 18 USC 1001 provides for up to 5 years imprisonment and a US \$10,000 fine for any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation on this form or in any other information submitted to OFAC. You are reminded that it is illegal to make use of charge cards during your stay in Cuba. Please be advised that each authorized traveler may carry no more than \$300 of quarterly remittances to Cuba and may not return with any merchandise acquired in Cuba other than exempt informational materials.

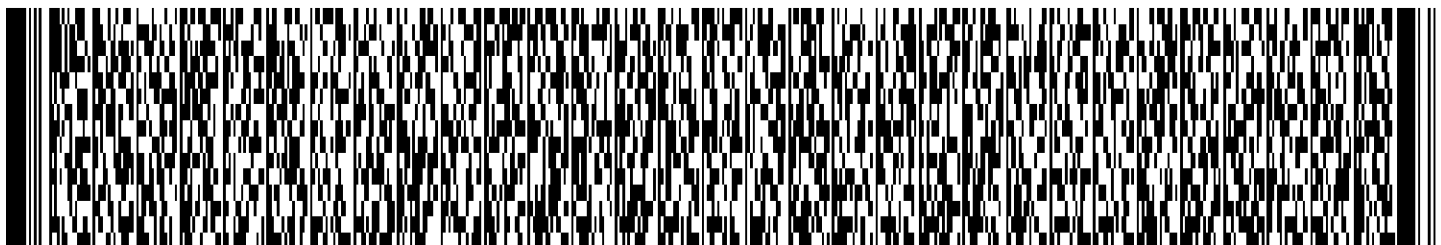
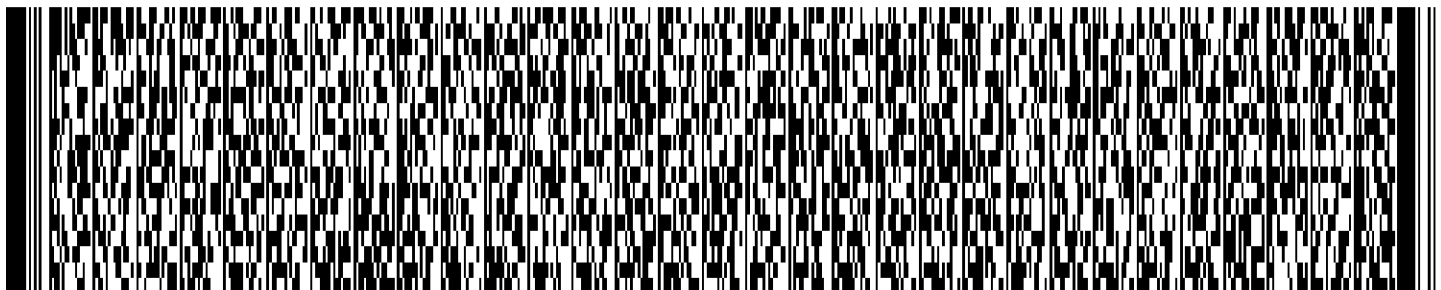
SIGN BELOW: Your signature is your certification that the statements in your application are true and accurate.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

PREPARER'S SIGNATURE

DATE



**MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II'S APPLICATION FOR A
SPECIFIC LICENSE FOR RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CUBA
BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS – 31 CFR § 515.566(A)**

1 **Identify your organization.** The name of the organization is Missionary Society John Paul II (henceforward the Missionary Society).

1.1 **General Description.** The Missionary Society is a Roman Catholic lay missionary community dedicated to the new evangelization project promulgated by Pope John Paul II (i.e., promoting the Catholic faith throughout the world). Most of the members of the Missionary Society are committed families intent in living out and proclaiming the values of the Gospel at home and abroad. Through its missionary activities, the Missionary Society cooperates with local bishops and pastoral agents in their own evangelization efforts. The missionary activities of the Missionary Society include door-to-door evangelizing campaigns, creating and supporting prayer and bible study groups, retreat experiences for youth and families, and the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. The Missionary Society is also applying to be able to collect donations to help the poor and needy in the areas where we will serve in Cuba. The money that we collect will be given to the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba (COCC).

The visit of Pope John Paul II to Cuba in 1998 opened certain “spaces” for the Catholic Church in Cuba that throughout this last decade it has struggled to maintain. The recent visit to Cuba of the Vatican’s Secretary of State, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, and the surrounding circumstances of that visit seem indicative that the *new* government will at least tolerate those “spaces” hence the opportunity for the Missionary Society to direct its missionary efforts towards Cuba in support of the call to mission of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba (COCC). During the next three years, the COCC will conduct an intense evangelization campaign as it prepares to celebrate in 2012 the 400th anniversary of the finding of Our Lady of Charity. The religious activities of the Missionary Society will help support their efforts.

1.2 **Contact Information.** The name and address of the religious organization is as follows:

Missionary Society John Paul II
1393 SW 1st ST, STE 101E
Miami, FL 33135-2376
Attn: Marzo Artime

Phone: 305-228-1277
Fax: 305-969-0763

E-mail: m.artime@missionarysociety.org

Web: www.missionarysociety.org

1.3 Institutional Responsible Person. The intuitional contact person for all matters and transactions regarding this license is as follows:

Marzo Artime, Trustee
Missionary Society John Paul II
1393 SW 1st ST, STE 101E
Miami , FL 33135
Phone: 305-228-1277
Fax: 305-969-0763
E-mail: m.artime@missionarysociety.org

2 Certification of the Organization's Status.

2.1 Not For Profit Organization. The Missionary Society John Paul II, Inc. is a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation organized exclusively for religious and charitable purposes.

2.2 Organization's Membership. Following the Statutes that govern the Missionary Society, there are three kinds of memberships: Full, Associate, and Junior. Only Full Members of the Missionary Society will travel to Cuba under this license. Full Members of the Missionary Society are individuals who after a prudent period of discernment and having demonstrated a serious commitment to the goals of the Missionary Society (i.e., prayer life, participation in the weekly meetings of the Missionary Society, etc.) make voluntary vows and are accepted into the community. In order to participate in a mission abroad, the Missionary Society requires extensive pastoral training.

2.3 Religious Services. The members of the Missionary Society meet regularly on every Thursday to pray, reflect on the teachings of the Church, and plan the missionary activities and related work. We celebrate the Eucharist as a community once a month, and each family participates in their respective parishes on the other Sundays.

2.4 New Evangelization Workshops. The Missionary Society periodically conducts a weekend retreat/workshop to reflect on the missionary nature of the Church and our baptismal responsibility to be active participants in it.

2.5 Catholic Identity. The Missionary Society is an organization of the Roman Catholic Church that adheres and disseminates the official religious doctrine of the Catholic Church.

2.6 Other Affiliations. The members of the Missionary Society are not associated with any other denomination.

3 Category of Travel. The Missionary Society is hereby requesting a specific license pursuant to § 515.566(a) of the Regulations that will authorize the Full Members of the Missionary Society to engage in transactions directly incident to a full-time program of missionary religious activities in Cuba under the auspices of the Catholic Church.

- 3.1 **Affiliation.** The Missionary Society understands that the term “affiliated” means individuals that are employees or members of the Missionary Society. As previously explained, only Full Members of the Missionary Society will travel to Cuba under this license. Becoming a Full Member of the Missionary Society requires a multi-step process of discernment and voluntary vows that includes pastoral training and full participation in the community life of the Missionary Society. The Missionary Society clearly understands that solicitation to participate in religious activities in Cuba does not constitute affiliation with the Missionary Society.
- 4 **Examples of Pastoral Activities in Cuba.** The missionary work that the Missionary Society will do in Cuba will be coordinated by the local diocesan bishops in response to local pastoral needs. The type of activities will include:
- 4.01 **Door-to-Door Evangelization** – The Missionary Society, together with local leaders, will conduct door-to-door evangelization campaigns to invite people to participate in Church activities.
- 4.02 **Pastoral Ministry** – The Missionary Society, together with local leaders, will plan and carry out family and youth retreats (i.e., conversion experiences, workshops, etc.) and train local leaders for follow-up and continuity of the programs.
- 4.03 **Worship** – The Missionary Society, together with local leaders and priests, will celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments. Oftentimes, during the Eucharistic celebration, the members of the Missionary Society will preach.
- 5 **Additional Certifications as Required.** The Missionary Society is hereby making the following written certifications as required:
- 5.1 **Exclusively Religious Nature of Travel.** All travel to Cuba of the Missionary Society under this license will be exclusively for religious purposes. This license will not be used for the purpose of travel that is primarily touristic in nature or for travel that is not for genuine religious purposes.
- 5.2 **Supervision.** All travel to Cuba will be supervised by the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees. The Missionary Society understands that failure to properly oversee the use of the license is the basis for suspension and/or revocation of the license.
- 5.3 **Full-time Schedule of Religious Activities.** All persons traveling to Cuba with the Missionary Society pursuant to this license will engage in a full-time schedule of religious activities in Cuba.

I, Marzo Artime, a duly authorized officer of the Missionary Society John Paul II, hereby certify that I am submitting this application on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Missionary Society John Paul II and that all statements contained herein are true and accurate. Signed this 29th day of September, 2008.

Marzo Artime, Trustee

**APPLICATION FOR SPECIFIC LICENSE
TO SEND REMITTANCES BY PERSONS SUBJECT TO U.S. JURISDICTION
TO INDEPENDENT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN CUBA
31 CFR § 515.570(d)(1)**

PRESENTED TO

**THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL OF THE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**



**BY
THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II
1393 SW 1st ST STE 101E, MIAMI, FL 33135-2376**

SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

**MISSIONARY SOCIETY JOHN PAUL II'S APPLICATION FOR A
SPECIFIC LICENSE TO SEND REMITTANCES BY PERSONS SUBJECT TO U.S.
JURISDICTION TO INDEPENDENT NON-GOVERNMENTAL
ENTITIES IN CUBA 31 CFR § 515.570(d)(1)**

1. Identify yourself. Furnish your name, address, and daytime phone number.

Marzo Artime
13241 SW 1st ST
Miami, FL 33184-1182
305-228-1277

2. Identify your organization. If you are applying on behalf of an organization, tell us about your organization: what type of organization is it (e.g., a church, a private foundation, a nongovernmental organization)? If available, provide a copy of a mission statement, brochure, or other literature describing typical activities your organization undertakes.

The Missionary Society is a Roman Catholic lay missionary community dedicated to the new evangelization project promulgated by Pope John Paul II (i.e., promoting the Catholic faith throughout the world). Most of the members of the Missionary Society are committed families intent in living out and proclaiming the values of the Gospel at home and abroad. Through its missionary activities, the Missionary Society cooperates with local bishops and pastoral agents in their own evangelization efforts. The missionary activities of the Missionary Society include door-to-door evangelizing campaigns, creating and supporting prayer and bible study groups, retreat experiences for youth and families, and the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. The Missionary Society would like to collect donations to help the poor and needy in the areas where we serve. The money, food and medicines that we collect will be given to the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba (COCC).

3. Identify the type of license requested. State that a specific license is being requested pursuant to § 515.570(d)(1) of the Regulations to send remittances to an independent nongovernmental entity or its members in Cuba.

The Missionary Society John Paul II is hereby requesting a specific license from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") to be issued pursuant to § 515.570(d)(1) of the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 515 authorizing the Missionary Society to transfer funds to the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba.

4. Identify the intended use of the remitted funds. Provide a detailed description of the purpose(s) for which you seek to send funds to Cuba (e.g. fund restoration of a church, fund the conduct of religious services, assist an independent farmers' cooperative that raises and sells its own chickens in training its members). Please provide the name and address of the Cuban independent nongovernmental entity that will be the ultimate recipient of the remittances you wish to send. State what the intended outcome is for providing the assistance.

The Missionary Society John Paul II would like to transfer funds to the Catholic Church in Cuba for four purposes:

1. **Nutritional Program for Senior Citizens.** These are parish-based programs that provide one to three meals daily to older people that do not have the means otherwise to acquire food on a consistent basis. The Missionary Society would like to help some existing programs and create new ones.

2. **Restoration of Church Buildings,** particularly the ones destroyed by hurricane Gustav and Ike in Holguín.

3. **Evangelization.** This will include the purchase of books, particularly Bibles, the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Documents of Vatican II.

4. **Medical Supplies,** particularly prenatal and children's vitamins, acetaminophen, prescription glasses, and other over-the-counter medicines.

The funds will be given to the bishops of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba (COCC). The intended outcome is to ease the pain and suffering of the Cuban people, particularly the poor and needy.

5. Identify your contact in Cuba. Identify the actual individual(s) or independent nongovernmental entity you intend to send the funds to in Cuba and who will be responsible for receiving, spending/disbursing, and accounting for the funds. If the recipient is an individual, confirm that the individual is affiliated with the nongovernmental entity that will be assisted and state the person's title or function within the entity.

The funds will be given to the bishops of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba (COCC). The funds will be given to:

The Most Reverend Juan de la Caridad García Rodríguez
President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Cuba and
Archbishop of Camagüey
Calle Luaces #55 entre Academia y República
Camagüey 70100, Cuba

Archbishop Juan García will then distribute the funds to other local bishops as directed by the Missionary Society.

6. Provide a budget and accounting of funds. State the amount of funds you wish to transfer to Cuba and how you plan to allocate the funds. You must provide a detailed budget accounting for the funds that itemizes the amount to be transferred by specific task or category of expenditure (e.g. purchase of materials needed to renovate a church: lumber-\$600.00; paint-\$200.00; concrete-\$800.00) or by specific purpose (e.g., rental of a room to hold a training session for new missionary recruits). State how you will monitor to ensure the funds have been spent for the intended purposes.

The Missionary Society John Paul II does not currently have sufficient capital to solely fund any of these projects. Our intention is to raise funds once we are approved by OFAC. The main purpose of our organization is to evangelize (i.e., to promote the Catholic faith). Yet to be coherent with the teachings of the Church we must also practice charity and attend to the material needs of those we serve. We estimate that for the next two years, the Missionary

Society will be able to send to the bishops of Cuba no more than \$3,000.00 every quarter that it will collect through its fund raising efforts. The funds will be allocated according to the needs and priorities that the bishops identify within the specific goals of the Missionary Society as stated above as permitted by law. At the present time, there is an urgent need for purchasing building materials, yet that is very likely to change in the future. Sample budget:

Missionary Society John Paul II
Fourth Quarter 2008
Budget for Donations to the COCC

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Building Materials | \$800.00 |
| Food for Hurricane Victims | \$200.00 |
| | |
| Total Donations | \$1 000.00 |

7. Extensions & renewals. When applying for an extension or renewal of a license, be sure to reference the license number in your application and include the following: (a) an explanation why an extension or renewal is necessary; (b) a detailed report setting forth an accounting for all funds sent pursuant to the original license or, if the original license was renewed, the most recent renewal; and (c) a complete copy of the license and all license amendments and renewals.

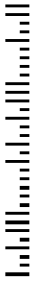
This is an application for a new license.

7. Sign your letter. Your signature is your certification that the statements in your application are true and accurate.

I, Marzo Artime, a duly authorized officer of the Missionary Society John Paul II, hereby certify that I am submitting this application on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Missionary Society John Paul II and that all statements contained herein are true and accurate. Signed this 29th day of September, 2008.

Marzo Artime, Trustee

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