

Amazonia

MISSION



The Mission in Amazonas allows us to identify the Church in its original form, need, and full surrender. We know that a Mission is characterized as *Ad-Gentes* when it takes place in distant realities that are difficult to evangelize. Taking into account the Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* n.115, which says: "Grace presupposes culture, and the gift of God becomes incarnate in the culture of those who receive it." We recognize that the Mission in Amazonas has its difficulties, but the beauty of its evangelical and Franciscan nature.

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us when it says: "Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the very end of the age" (Mt 28:18-20).

Regardless of the difficulties, our mission is to bring the word of evangelization. In this critical missionary experience, Amazonas allows the missionary to live fully by bringing the encounter with the Word of God, with sacramental life and ecclesial life, to our brothers and sisters in most need.



The Mission of the

Conventual Franciscan Province

Our presence in the Amazon began in 2005 with the arrival of Bishop Agostinho Stefan, OFM Conv. This year, 2023, we will have completed 18 years of missionary action among the people of faith. The Conventual Franciscan friars have made their presence felt in these regions, which are missionary by nature.

The Conventual Friars carry out excellent missionary and pastoral work in these complex realities. They visit families and minister the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Marriage. It has been a beautiful and essential missionary apostolate, with human promotions and evangelical witness.

The realities are difficult to access, and some places can only be reached by boat.

The aim of the

Province's Mission

The St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe Province, which maintains the Mission in Amazonas, primarily aims to promote evangelization for the sake of the Kingdom of God, bearing witness to Franciscan life according to the missionary needs of the region.

To this end, the Province opens its Mission Houses to missionaries from other nationalities or from Brazil to spend some time experiencing the Amazonian reality.

The Province has Mission Houses in Juruá-AM, Tefé-AM, and Cacau Pirera-AM, cities in the Amazon region,

which are far apart. This could be an excellent opportunity to foster Franciscan spirituality and the appreciation of life and ecology, which is present in the different ethnic groups of the mission.

The objectives of the "Mission" build up the missionary's religious vocation since there is the promotion of human life, the propagation of the Gospel, enabling fraternal life, community life, the conventual spirituality of the friars and their communion with the Church and the People of God.



Missionary in the Amazonas! Come and be a

At the Ordinary Chapter of 2019, the Province of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe approved a motion to open up the possibility for missionaries of the Order to experience this Amazonian reality: "The Provincial Chapter is in favor of opening the House of Mission in Amazonas to friars of the Order from other jurisdictions for possible missionary experiences" (Motion N.07). For these reasons, we are opening this possibility so that Conventual Franciscan religious of the Order can have this experience of two years or more in Amazonas.

How can this Missionary Experience be carried out?

It is important to emphasize that everything must be done in an organic and regular way, with a letter of request and an agreement between jurisdictions establishing the time and conditions.

Collaboration of the Province

The Province, being responsible for the Mission, after the procedures and agreement between jurisdictions, can collaborate with the missionary in the following ways:

01. Offer to learn the language for three months.
02. Providing a course in Amazonian reality.
03. Providing access tickets to the Mission House.
04. To maintain the missionary throughout his missionary experience.
05. Maintain a health plan for the missionary.
06. Provide community and fraternal life for the missionary.

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