



**Mission Appeal
July 29 & 30, 2017
at Blessed Savior Parish**

Speaker: Libanesa Valdez
Place: Bogota, Colombia

Each year, the Bishops of the United States ask that every parish receive a speaker from the Mission work of the Church to share their experience and offer an opportunity for the entire Church to participate in supporting it. This year our parish will receive Libanesa Valdez from the Community of Saint Paul (CSP) to give us our annual Missionary Appeal. Originally from the Dominican Republic, Libanesa has studied publicity and communications, and has experience working with the different missions of the CSP. She has recently begun further studies in communications to continue supporting the missions.

On the weekend of Saturday, July 29, and Sunday, July 30, Libanesa will share some of the Community of Saint Paul's work in Colombia and invite us to participate in it through our generosity and support.

The Community of Saint Paul (CSP) is a small international missionary group in the Catholic Church currently working in missions in Bolivia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Colombia and Ethiopia. It is a Public Association of the Faithful in the Catholic Church, made up of priests and lay men and women from various countries. Besides the aforementioned missions, it is also present in Spain and has its headquarters in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Wherever they are present, the members of the Community of Saint Paul strive to promote the integral development of all so that they can discover their full human potential and dignity as children of God, with a strong sense of solidarity with those who are suffering, and a particular sensitivity towards injustice. They do so in promoting and carrying out the sacramental and pastoral work of the Church, as well as through a variety of ongoing development programs.