

## **MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST AWARDS OF HONOR**

Following are the various awards that we will give to some of our members who die.

### ***Order of St. James***

James was the leader of the Jerusalem community.

This award is given to any MFC chapter leader or above (i.e., senior) who dies while in active service.

The award may also be given to a former chapter leader who served meritoriously.

- Upon the recommendation of the Servant Council.
- Must be for meritorious service (thus one removed from office for cause should not be given this award).

The award is signed by the Area Servant.

### ***Order of St. Peter***

Peter was the apostle to the Jews.

This award is given to any MFC member who dies from any cause while primarily on MFC mission (i.e., sent to serve outside his/her area of residence) *within* his/her country of residence. Either of the following circumstances apply:

- When one dies while primarily on MFC mission, at any time during the mission.
- In case the work done for MFC is merely incidental (e.g., as part of one's vacation or travel for secular work), when one dies while actually doing work for MFC.

The award is signed by the Country Servant.

### ***Order of St. Paul***

Paul was the apostle to the gentiles.

This award is given to any MFC member who dies from any cause while on MFC mission *outside* his/her country of residence. Either of the following circumstances apply:

- When one dies while primarily on MFC mission, at any time during the mission.
- In case the work done for MFC is merely incidental (e.g., as part of one's vacation or travel for secular work), when one dies while actually doing work for MFC.

The award is signed by the Int'l Mission Coordinator.

### ***Order of St. Thomas More***

Thomas More was the government official who was killed for standing up for what was right and just.

The award is given to any MFC member who gives his/her life in the heroic service of God and country, in or outside of government.

- He/she must have been doing outstanding service.
- He/she must have been a person of high integrity.
- It is for those who are killed or assassinated because of the pursuance of their work.

The award is signed by the Servant General.

### ***Order of St. Stephen***

Stephen was the first martyr (Acts 7:54-60).

The award is given to any MFC member who is martyred (i.e., killed by another person or persons on account of his/her faith).

- Not for death due to accident or sickness.
- Death must have been intentionally inflicted on account of standing up for one's faith.
- The MFC member need not have been doing MFC work.

The award is signed by the Servant General.

*Note:*

1. *Sample texts are attached. The formulation of the text must be uniform, changed only by the particular circumstances.*
2. *Only one award is given, whichever is higher (above awards are ranked accordingly, with the Order of St. Stephen as the highest award).*
3. *All awards must first be cleared with the Servant Council.*
4. *In case of dispute, the Servant General decides.*

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