

## Summer Mission Cooperation – Accompanying the disabled in Nicaragua

The summer Mission Cooperation Plan is an opportunity for our parish to learn about, take inspiration from, and support missionaries from around the globe. This summer, due to the pandemic, it is impossible to have an in-person visitor, so we are hearing from our mission cause in a different way. We will hold the Mission Co-op collection on August 1-2 and so on that weekend we will hear a missionary reflection from Fr. Joseph Mulligan, a Jesuit from the Midwest USA province who has been ministering to people with disabilities in Nicaragua since 1986.

Nicaragua is an extremely poor country with high rates of unemployment, and government support for people with disabilities is very limited. Through his Accompaniment Ministry, Fr. Mulligan gives personal and pastoral support to 70 persons with various disabilities – especially the blind and people with motor disabilities. He meets with each person regularly, shares conversation, and provides financial assistance for healthcare related costs and for basic living expenses from his Fund for the Disabled.

Fr. Mulligan's work is supported by his Jesuit province and by caring and concerned donors like you. Fr. Mulligan and the people he serves would be very grateful for your prayers and material support for his Fund for the Disabled. Thank you for caring for the distant and the poor, and supporting international missions.

If you are able, place a donation to support this cause and others like it in the collection basket, or you can make a donation online at [WeAreMissionary.org/give](https://WeAreMissionary.org/give).

Spanish:

El Plan de Cooperación Misionera (Mission Cooperation Plan) del verano es una oportunidad para que nuestra parroquia aprenda sobre el trabajo de los misioneros alrededor del mundo, se inspire en ellos y los apoye. Este verano, debido a la pandemia, es imposible tener un visitante en persona, así que estamos escuchando sobre nuestra causa misionera de una manera diferente. Llevaremos a cabo la colecta de Cooperación Misionera el 1 y 2 de agosto, así que ese fin de semana escucharemos una reflexión misionera de Padre Joseph Mulligan un Jesuita de la provincia del medio oeste de los Estados Unidos que ha estado ministrando a personas con discapacidad en Nicaragua desde 1986.

Nicaragua es un país extremadamente pobre con altas tasas de desempleo, y el apoyo gubernamental para las personas con discapacidad es muy limitado. A través de su Ministerio de Acompañamiento, el Padre Mulligan da apoyo personal y pastoral a 70 personas con diversas discapacidades, especialmente ciegos y personas con discapacidad motora. Se reúne regularmente con cada persona, comparte conversación, y brinda asistencia financiera para gastos relacionados con la atención médica y para gastos básicos de vida desde su Fondo para Discapacitados.

El trabajo del P. Mulligan es apoyado por su provincia jesuita y por donantes compasivos como usted. El P. Mulligan y las personas a las que sirve estarían muy agradecidos por sus oraciones y apoyo material para su Fondo para Discapacitados. Gracias por cuidar a los pobres y por apoyar misiones internacionales.

Si puede, coloque una donación para apoyar esta causa y otras como ella en la cesta de las colectas, o puede hacer una donación en línea en [WeAreMissionary.org/give](https://WeAreMissionary.org/give).

Aurora announcement

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Aurora Ortiz with her son and Fr. Mulligan (face mask in hand) in front of his pickup truck.

As a teenager Aurora studied for two years in the U.S. and two years in Canada at academies for the blind thanks to full scholarships which Fr. Mulligan had obtained for her. She is quite fluent in English.

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Aurora Ortiz and Fr. Mulligan in front of her house.

Eliza announcement 1

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Fr. Mulligan with Elizabeth Martinez in front of her home, which also serves as the site of her preschool program. Jardin infantil means kindergarten.