



Apostolic Vicariate of San Jose del Amazonas (St Joseph of the Amazon)

Carmen Balguerías is a 29-year-old Spanish lay missionary living in the Peruvian Amazon. Throughout her life, God continued calling her to serve through His Church. After discernment, she was sent as a lay missionary by the Diocese of Madrid to the Apostolic Vicariate of San Jose del Amazonas. Since then, a true school of faith, humility, and dedication has begun.



Mission in the Amazon is a journey of humbling the heart, admiring the people's faith so deeply rooted in God's Creation, and learning each day to begin again with God's grace, doing small things with great hope.

Carmen will be speaking at the Masses at St Joseph **August 8 & 9** (and the Saturday 7pm vigil in Spanish August 15) for the **Apostolic Vicariate of San Jose del Amazonas** as part of the Missionary Cooperative Plan in the Diocese of Springfield.

The Vicariate of San José del Amazonas is located in the northeast part of the Peruvian rainforest on the Amazon River and its tributaries. We minister to 680 distant villages where the rivers are our only means of travel. Our main goal is to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the remote indigenous Amazon communities. We count on lay missionaries, religious sisters, and a few priests to travel to these outposts, to provide education, medical care, religious formation and the sacraments.

The support of the St Joseph congregation through the Missionary Cooperative Plan appeal will help ensure that the missionaries are able to follow the call to serve the people in this remote and very poor area - a real sign of hope for the people who witness the care provided as a reflection of God's love. Join us in Christ's call to go out to the nations by your PRAYERS and by your monetary assistance.

Talk with Carmen after the Masses!

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