



## Living a Life of Impact

from Executive Director, James Flanagan

Americans recognize Memorial Day on May 29. As a veteran, it's important for me that folks understand the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

- Veterans Day is a time to recognize all our nation's veterans.
- Memorial Day commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States.

Every Memorial Day, my wife and I take our two young daughters to place flags on the graves of the Fallen. It's humbling to think about the incredible *impact* that came from their sacrifice. The day is an opportunity to teach our daughters what it means to have a life of service to a cause greater than yourself.

**God calls each of us to have a life of impact.**

Whether we are called to serve our nation within the military, serve parishioners within the Church, or serve our children within our home, we all have a divine calling to serve those most in need.

Although it may seem daunting to dedicate your life to serving others, I encourage you to find comfort in believing that your cup will be far from empty. Each time you let God's hand work through you and actively live out your Faith by serving one another, you are storing up true treasure in Heaven.

**I want to sincerely thank you for your impact** – for the many ways you have chosen to live a life of service, starting with your dedication to serving the poor and vulnerable through Catholic World Mission.

Leviticus 19:9-10 states *"A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger."* Thank you for choosing to receive our newsletters, The Harvest, to see how a collection of generous hearts are living the Faith and serving those in spiritual and material poverty. With my heartfelt gratitude, thank you for your commitment, your generosity, and your faithful service to those in need around the world.

## About James Flanagan

James Flanagan is the Executive Director of Catholic World Mission and is a devout Catholic with various nonprofit leadership recognitions. He has served close to 9 years in the Army where he had the honor to lead many successful teams in countries throughout the Middle East and Asia. James later worked in Senior and Executive corporate communications roles for Fortune 250 companies with an emphasis on Corporate Social Responsibility. He holds a BBA from the University of Georgia and a JD from the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law.



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