

200th
Anniversary
of the Foundation



1822

May 3
The Association of the Propagation of the Faith is officially founded

150th
Anniversary
of his birth



1843

May 19
Foundation of the Society of the Holy Childhood



1889

June 1st
Foundation of the Association of St. Peter the Apostle



1872

January 16
Blessed Paolo Manna was born in Avellino (Italy)
October 31, 1916
The Missionary Union of the Clergy is officially founded

100th
Anniversary of
"Pontifical" designation



1922

May 3
Pius XI with *Motu Proprio Romanorum Pontificum*, declares the three Societies "Pontifical"



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Matthew 28: 18-20

The Salvation of Many

"We have the salvation of many in our hands."

This powerful reminder from Archbishop Giampietro Dal Toso, International President of the Pontifical Mission Societies, was given to the (arch)diocesan directors and staff of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States at the annual national meeting held this past June.

The salvation of many is in your hands, and in my hands.

All Christians are called to share the Gospel and the love of Jesus Christ. It is our missionary vocation and it is how the Church grows, both locally and throughout the world. It is not here or there; we are one Universal Church, one body in Christ. When we allow boundaries to fade, we can truly embrace all our brothers and sisters in Christ, not only in neighboring parishes, but also in parishes oceans away, and genuinely desire for them the same we desire for ourselves: a safe place to worship, a vibrant faith community, catechesis and formation

programs, successful schools, and more. We do not want to "risk dying in our small world," as Archbishop Dal Toso warns, but participate fully in the vital work of evangelization, both locally and globally. As Catholics, we are blessed to be part of an international network unlike any other, uniquely positioned to identify and meet the needs of communities across continents – but this can only happen if we are willing to share our blessings and the Gospel.

The Pontifical Mission Societies not only bring the Church to places where Christians are few, but also strengthen the Church in young dioceses through spiritual and material support as they build churches, train catechists, open schools and seminaries, and sponsor religious vocations. Unlike water projects or fundraising for schoolbooks, it can be difficult to appeal for the gas a priest needs to reach a remote parish or the overhead costs of running a diocese, but these are the daily needs, nonetheless. Here, the Pontifical Mission Societies step in to ensure the faith community can thrive.

Over 1,100 dioceses within the Catholic Church are classified as mission dioceses and are supported by the Pontifical Mission Societies, including all dioceses in Africa, Asia, and Oceania - except those in Egypt, the Philippines, and Australia – and some dioceses in Latin America. Each mission diocese receives an annual "ordinary" subsidy for the general operational expenses of running the diocese. Additionally, bishops in mission dioceses may also apply for up to four "extraordinary" subsidies: three for specific projects of the diocese and one on behalf of a Religious community in their diocese. Through this support, which is only possible through *your prayers and support*, mission dioceses evangelize and serve the people in their communities, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

To learn more about the Pontifical Mission Societies and how you can get involved in this work, visit www.archstl.org/mission!



A Momentous Year in Missions

This year we celebrate...

- The 200th anniversary of the founding of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith by Blessed Pauline Jaricot
- The 150th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Paolo Manna, founder of the Missionary Union
- The 100th anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Missionary Childhood Association, and Society of St. Peter the Apostle receiving their "Pontifical" designation

If you would like to make a special gift to commemorate this momentous year in missions, please use the envelope provided.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

A Life-Changing Opportunity

Fr. Pontian Kaweesa, National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Uganda, humbly refers to himself as "a product of the Pontifical Mission Societies". As a young child, Fr. Kaweesa recognized his call to priesthood while his family hosted a visiting priest. Through a sponsorship made available through the Pontifical Mission Societies, Fr. Kaweesa was able to attend seminary and be ordained. He went on to teach at St. Mbaaga major seminary and to serve on various academic boards, and now directs the very organization that first allowed him the opportunity to pursue his vocation.



There are many young men, like Fr. Kaweesa, who are called to priesthood and able to attend seminary thanks to the support of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. "Some of us would not have been trained and educated to become priests if it were not [for] the prayers and sacrifices that were made by the faithful people like you!" Fr. Kaweesa explains. Today, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle provides over 28,000 seminarians with an annual subsidy, while also supporting men and women called to Religious life. As the Church continues to grow rapidly in mission dioceses, there is a great need for both local clergy and Religious to share the Gospel, celebrate the Sacraments, and care for those in need.

Gifts made to the Society of St. Peter the Apostle create an opportunity for young men and women to say "yes" when God calls them to their vocation. Can you provide that opportunity? Please prayerfully consider supporting vocations in mission dioceses today!



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Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Patroness of Missions and Missionaries, also known as the Little Flower of Jesus.



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World Mission Sunday

Through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, this special Eucharistic celebration unites Catholics around the world in building the Church in over 1,100 mission dioceses.

Witness & Proclaim

QUARTERLY MISSION CHALLENGE TO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH:

Pray this prayer to ask Blessed Pauline Jaricot's intercession:

Lord,

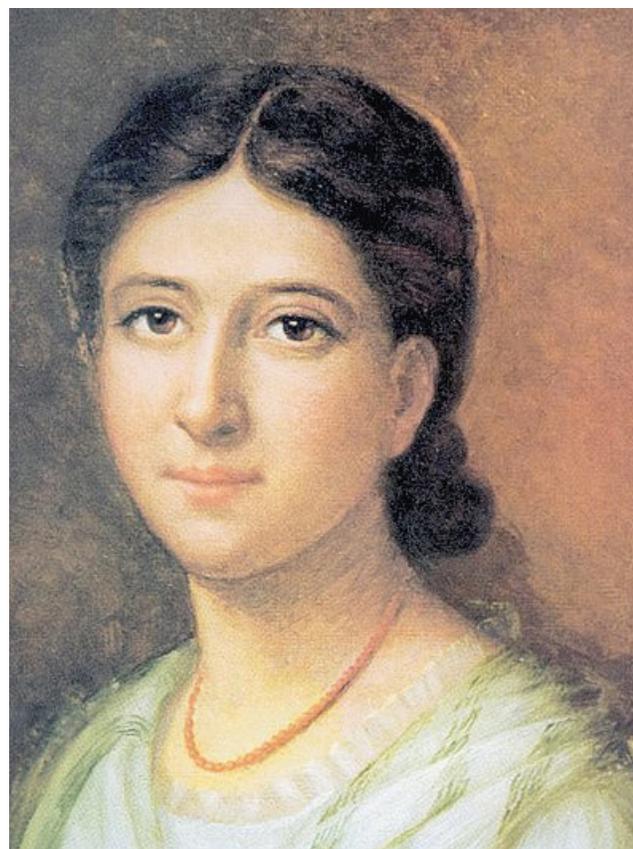
You came to earth that men might have life and have it abundantly. Pauline-Marie Jaricot devoted herself entirely to this work which is Yours.

She established the Propagation of Faith for the multitudes who do not know Life, the Living Rosary for those who do not have it in its abundance.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, you who dedicated your life to spreading the Kingdom of Christ by serving God and men, intercede for us and may God deign to grant us the grace that we humbly ask.

Amen.

Prayer provided by the PMS in France <http://paulinejaricot.opm-france.org/>



Children Are Missionaries, Too!

"It's beautiful if children are shown from an early age that the proclamation of the Gospel, the proclamation of the story of Jesus, is dynamic and they too can tell the story of Jesus to their friends. And it is also beautiful that they can learn from an early age to think about distant people, nations, and worlds, for whom they too can recite some prayers or learn to make some small offerings." - Pope Francis

All children in the archdiocese are invited to participate in the Missionary Childhood Association, whether through their family, school or parish school of religion. As young missionary disciples, the children are asked to pray every day for other children, especially for those in mission dioceses, and for the spread of the Gospel around the world. Through prayer, children develop a missionary spirit that will accompany them throughout their lives. The children are also asked to make small, sacrificial offerings for the spiritual and material needs of their brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, in order that they too can live in the fullness of their dignity as children of God. Financial offerings are collected by the Mission Office and go to support catechesis and formation programs, schooling, health care, advocacy, and outreach for children in over 1,100 mission dioceses.

To learn more about the Missionary Childhood Association or get involved, visit www.archstl.org/mca.



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It's never too late to share the Gospel, and your legacy gift enables missionaries around the world to do just that!

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Feast of Christ the King

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!"
Mk 11:9, 10



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Feast of St. Francis Xavier

Patron of Missions and Missionaries, also known as the Apostle to the Far East who baptized more than 40,000 converts.

Celebrating World Mission Sunday

On October 23rd, Catholics around the world will once again celebrate World Mission Sunday! Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday this year is centered on the scripture verse: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ."

This year's World Mission Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Rozanski at 11:00 am at St. Cecilia Parish. All are invited to join in this special celebration at St. Cecilia or to join in the celebration Mass at your home parish, as every parish in the world is called to participate in this special Eucharistic celebration, united as one Church. Every parishioner is a missionary, sharing the love for Christ's Gospel with one another, supporting the Church most in need. World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism, as it offers each of us an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses.

Please be on the lookout for our special World Mission Sunday appeal newsletter coming this October! For more information about World Mission Sunday visit www.archstl.org/wms.

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Mission Programs

The faithful of the archdiocese are blessed with several opportunities to answer their baptismal call to be "missionary disciples" and participate in the missionary activity of the church through the following programs:

- The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
- The Society of St. Peter the Apostle
- The Missionary Childhood Association
- World Mission Sunday
- The Missionary Plan of Cooperation
- The Daily Worldmissionnaires
- Pan y Amor

For more information on these programs, please visit www.archstl.org/missions.



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-Pope Francis

1822: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith Supports the Church in St. Louis

As we continue to celebrate the 2022 Anniversaries of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we look back on the unique history between the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

In 1770, the first Catholic Church in St. Louis was built and dedicated to Saint Louis IX, King of France. When Bishop William Dubourg came to reside in St. Louis in 1818, he was bishop over Louisiana and the Floridas, which encompassed approximately one-third of the United States at that time. In need of financial support for the growing Church in the New World, Bishop Dubourg appealed to the newly founded Society for the Propagation of the Faith, established by Pauline Jaricot in Lyons, France in 1822. As a direct result, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith extended its generosity and support to the missions of the United States.

In its first 100 years of existence, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provided an estimated \$11 million in aid to the Church in the United States, with the Church in St. Louis receiving \$196,155 within the first fifty years. Some of the

funds from the Society were used to build the “Old Cathedral” - Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France.

Since its beginning, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has supported the Church in mission dioceses as those dioceses grow and develop, while also encouraging the reciprocity of that prayerful and sacrificial support, as they can do so. Following this pattern, the Archdiocese of St. Louis began making sacrificial offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith- the first donation coming from Ste. Genevieve parish (perhaps the first parish in the United States to do so!). By 1873, Ste. Genevieve had established its branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and annually sent offerings to Lyons, France to support other mission dioceses. In the first hundred years of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, St. Louis sent over \$127,000 to help the young churches in mission dioceses.

We thank Bishop Dubourg and all his successors for their missionary zeal which allowed the Church in St. Louis to grow from a young missionary diocese to the extraordinary archdiocese it is

today. As a result of their example, their legacy continues as the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis share the fruits of what they received from the Pontifical Mission Societies, especially the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, aiding the more than 1,100 mission dioceses of the Church in prayerful and sacrificial support.

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