

The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith helps each and every one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and spread the Gospel effectively. Mission Dioceses receive a regular annual ordinary subsidy from the funds collected. This subsidy is provided according to the needs and size of the diocese, and it is intended to support the basic evangelization needs and for the basic operational costs of the diocese.

In addition, The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith subsidizes many other pastoral programs of mission dioceses; i.e. **communication, transportation needs, training and supporting thousands of catechists who teach the Catholic faith and provide spiritual support in their own communities, printing of bibles, catechetical, and liturgical books, construction of churches, chapels, cathedrals, offices, presbyters, convents, schools, hospitals, pastoral centers, prayer centers, catechetical training centres, etc.**



To this day the Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith guarantees an equal distribution of funds according to the needs of each local church.

***"The love which God has for each single person constitutes, in fact, the very core of living and preaching the Gospel, and all who hear it in turn, become witness" Benedict XVI (Charity, Soul of Mission - Mission Sunday 2006)***

The National Offices of the Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith exist in more than 120 countries around the world. The central administrative offices are located in Rome, Italy, under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

The National Office for Zambia is situated at the Catholic Secretariat of the Zambia Episcopal Conference, Kabulonga Road, Lusaka.

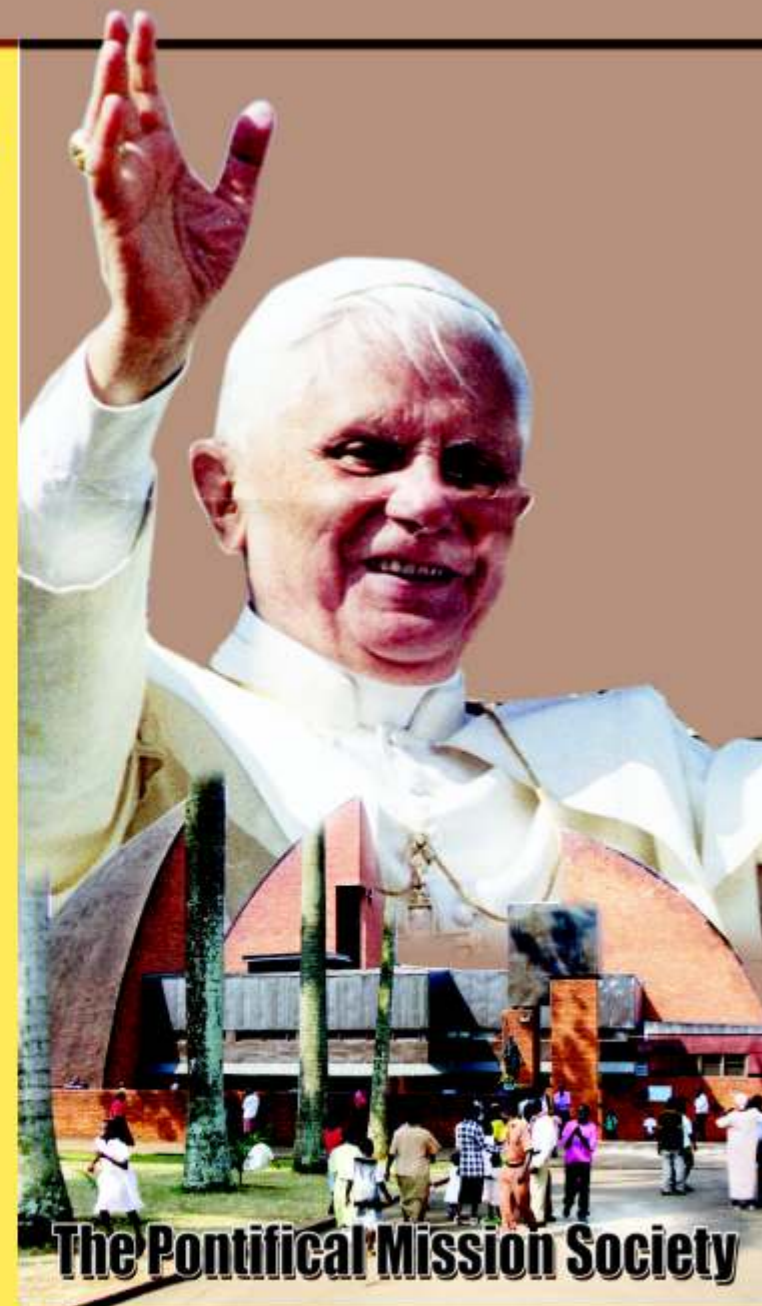
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**of the Propagation of Faith**



**Pauline-Marie Jaricot**  
(22/07/1799 to 09/01/1862)

Foundress of  
**SOCIETY OF THE  
PROPAGATION OF FAITH**

The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith was founded by a young laywoman, Pauline Jaricot, in Lyons, France in 1822. In 1922, Pope Pius XI made it a Pontifical Society, to indicate its status as the Church's official institution for helping all missions in the world, a unique jewel of which we can be rightly proud. It is an institution, which is at the service of the Holy Father, the College of Bishops, and the whole People of God. The society coordinates missionary activity throughout the world, but it is also part of the local church that has the right and duty to **"make disciples of all nations"** (Mt 28:19)

The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith animates the Christian community to live out their own missionary vocation and take an active part in the universal mission of the Church. As members of the ecclesial community the people of God play a vital role in building up the church in all its aspects. The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith has, as its primary purpose, the promotion of a universal missionary spirit, a spirit of prayer and sacrifice among all baptized Catholics.

The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith, in carrying out this goal, invites the baptized Catholics to express their missionary commitment by offering their prayers, personal sacrifices and financial support for the work of the church in the missions.

- *Mission is the very reason for the Church's existence- Jesus' own mission is the essential mission of the Church. To be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ is to be a missionary.*
- *Mission forms Christian communities in which people can live out their faith in peace and justice.*
- *Mission encourages and supports the many vocations in these communities, which are essential as the Church grows in numbers and confidence.*
- *Mission plays a key role in the prophetic witness of the church in combating poverty, illiteracy, disease, injustice and exploitation.*

The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith aims at:

- \* *Maintaining in the Church the spirit of Pentecost, which opened the apostles to the far ends of the earth and made them missionaries.*
- \* *To live the universal mission of redemption in union with Christ in his Church as the foundation of a common apostolic responsibility (Jn. 20:21)*



- \* *To participate in the proclamation of the Gospel with the example of one's own life and with the contribution of one's own professional and productive human gifts, also presented in monetary offerings.*

The Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith pursues its activities throughout the year, but intensifies them especially during October, which is the month of World Mission. The Society has a unique role in supporting the mission of the Church. The participation of all dioceses, manifested on World Mission Sunday and through the fundraising throughout the year is of critical importance for this support. World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. World Mission Sunday is celebrated annually on the next to last Sunday in October.

The offerings worldwide coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Society of the Propagation of Faith are accrued into a Universal Solidarity Fund. The fund is the total of contributions received throughout the year in support of the needs of the Universal Church. These funds are then distributed to mission dioceses throughout the world. Through the Universal Solidarity Fund the church informs and forms the people of God.