

LEARN AND TAKE ACTION

Missionary Discipleship

As baptized Catholics we are all called to live as missionary disciples. What is a missionary disciple?

- A person who knows and loves Jesus and shares the Good News of his love with the world—both far and near.
- A person who cares for all of God's children with prayers, actions, and sacrifices. This means all both young and old.

Pope Francis reminds us of this wonderful gift when he wrote "Baptism makes us 'missionary disciples' within the communion of the Church each one of us becomes a missionary disciple" (*Evangelii Gaudium* 120).

Missionaries are not just those who are called to travel to mission territories, frequently among the poorest of the poor, to bring the Good News with their actions, words, and prayers.

Pauline Jaricot lived her missionary discipleship to the fullest while never leaving France. God calls all Christians to live as missionary disciples all the time, wherever we are, to all people both known and unknown.

- How can you live your missionary discipleship with and for those around you?
- How can you live your missionary discipleship with those in mission territories?

A Woman of Prayer

Shortly after the foundation of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, Pauline established the Association of the Living Rosary; again, her method was to form "circles" which would reach out to form new groups. Pauline believed in the power of prayer.

- What are some of your favorite prayers?
- Ask your parents and or grandparents to share their favorite prayer with you.

Create Your Own Activity

Venerable Pauline Jaricot is rightly admired for her vision, heart, and dedication in creating the plan to support missionaries which grew into the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This model of faith recognized that she was called to do something that was new and different in order to meet the needs of the missions.

Digital discipleship is a new vehicle to continue the work of Pauline. Download the Pontifical Mission Societies app MISSIO (available on all platforms). Through Missio, users like you, can learn about the "who," "what," "how," and "wow" of missionary works around the world.

On Missio, you can find a project focused on education, health care, water, or many other human concerns. Through this outreach, project leaders—often local priests, religious and lay leaders in these mission countries—accompany the suffering and marginalized, offering spiritual comfort and support. You can support these projects by creating an activity to raise financial help, by sharing the project with friends through social media, or by organizing an event or other action in your community.

For All

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of four societies which make up the Pontifical Mission Societies; another is the Missionary Childhood Association. In 1843, Pauline's friend Bishop Forbin-Janson shared his dream of helping the children of the Missions and with Pauline's encouragement the Missionary Childhood Association was born.

- Research, with an adult, the Missionary Childhood Association.
- What is its motto?
- Who does it help? How?

Older Girls

Research the Society for the Propagation of Faith in the United States.

In its first hundred years of existence, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith sent some \$7 million in help to the young church in the United States. Today, just one diocese in the United States remains dependent on help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, still benefiting then from the vision of Pauline Jaricot. Which is it?

- Who is one of its best known former national directors?
- He created the World Mission Rosary. What is its significance? How is it different from other rosaries?

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