

WHAT CAN I DO?

Here are ways to bring enduring hope to our brothers and sisters in the mission lands:

- ◆ Pray daily for the Church's missionary work.
- ◆ Give generously both during Lent and throughout the year.
- ◆ Offer your personal sacrifice - your pain, your loneliness, your anxiety, your sickness or sadness - in union with the sufferings of the crucified Christ for the redemption of the world.
- ◆ Remember the Society for the Propagation of the Faith when writing or changing your Will. *The legal designation for gifts by will or trust is "The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, a corporation sole" for the benefit of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.*
- ◆ Be a part of the Propagation of the Faith's Charitable Gift Annuity Program, an opportunity to make a charitable gift and secure a relatively high, lifelong income.
- ◆ Visit our website at www.missionsla.org.



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The Mission Office is blessed with a dedicated staff who work to inspire others to recognize that we are **Baptized for the World**.

With Christ at the center of who we are and what we do, our team combines professional talents with prayer as the Spirit moves us into a global vision of service. Do not hesitate to contact us for information on how to support the Missions; we also warmly welcome ideas for growth or recommendations on how to improve.

We love to hear from you!

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Venerable Pauline Jaricot: An Enduring Legacy



Baptized Marie Pauline Jaricot on the day of her birth (July 22, 1799), she was the last child born to Antoine and Jeanne Jaricot in Lyons, France. Pauline wrote of her parents: *“Happy are those who have received from their parents the first seeds of faith... Be praised Lord, for giving me a just man for a father and a virtuous and charitable woman as a mother.”* The couple had seven children, including son, Phileas, (two years older than Pauline). Phileas would be influential in her life – nurturing her love for the Missions.

At the age of 15, Pauline suffered a bad fall. Not long after that, her beloved mother died. It took Pauline many months to recover, emotionally and physically. When she resumed her social life, it was with less delight than before. Her heart, she wrote, was *“made for the whole world if only I could love without measure,”* she observed, *“without end.”*

As a young woman, Pauline began to long to help the Missions – China and the United States – a desire nurtured by her brother Phileas, who was preparing for the priesthood and who told Pauline all about the work and witness of missionaries. Pauline saw this as her vocation – to become a missionary of the love of God. She came to believe that *“to truly help others is to bring them to God.”* So she came up with a plan to support missionaries. She gathered workers from her family’s silk factory into **“circles of 10.”** Everyone in the group pledged to pray daily for the Missions and to offer each week a sou, the equivalent of a penny. Each member of the group then found 10 friends to do the same. Even in the face of opposition from parish priests in Lyons, Pauline remained steadfast. Within a year, she had 500 workers enrolled; soon there would be 2,000.

Pauline’s efforts – while clearly not isolated or unique – were the main thrust behind the formation of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1963, 100 years after her death, Pope John XXIII signed the decree which proclaimed her virtues, declaring her *“Venerable.”* He wrote: *“It was she who thought of the society, who conceived it, and made it an organized reality.”*

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS



Experience him in the Sacraments

Experience him in Scripture



Experience him in your neighbor

CONSIDER A GIFT TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

Perhaps a gift of \$200 – \$5 for each day of Lent, which will support a priest in Sudan for two months, as he teaches about Jesus and His great love for us .

Or a gift of \$120 – \$3 for each day of Lent, which will be a month’s help to a Sister in South Africa providing medicine and care to those suffering from HIV/AIDS

Maybe a gift of \$40 – \$1 for each day of Lent, which helps with transportation costs for a catechist in Bangladesh bringing the Word of God to families on the country’s tea estates.

REACH OUT NOW

The history of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is one of tremendous generosity in support of missionaries and in response to the needs of the missions – truly a tradition of bringing the light of Christ to our neighbors all across the globe. Let us continue this tradition and deepen our relationships with our brothers and sisters and with Christ.

Donations in the form of a check or money order can be made out to the *Society of the Propagation of the Faith* or donate on-line at www.missionsla.org.



The **SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH** is one of the four **Pontifical Mission Societies**. Under the direction of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (Rome, Italy) and the bishops, it seeks to foster an ever-deeper spirit of universal mission, to inform Catholics of the life and the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions, and to encourage prayer and financial help for those mission churches.

Through the offerings from Catholics worldwide, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides support for pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Catholic Church in Africa, Asia, Islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for the support and education of seminarians, religious novices and lay catechists; for pastoral ministry and work of religious communities in education, health care and social services; for communication and transportation needs and for disaster and emergency relief when necessary.

Mission dioceses receive annual assistance from the funds collected. These dioceses also submit requests for support to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. These needs are matched with the funds gathered in each year, and the world's national directors of the Propagation of the Faith vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.

*ENHANCE YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY BY BRINGING
ENDURING HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED!*