



“Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again. Jesus certainly showed us the way ... in His life and His ministry, no one is excluded.”
- Pope Francis

Here are ways to live the Gospel and to bring hope to all of 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.*
- ◆ Visit our website at www.missionsla.org.

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As you journey through this Lenten Season, let the Mission Office be a resource as you share the Love of God and Live the Gospel.

With Christ at the center of their mission, the staff members combine professionalism and prayer as the Spirit moves them into a global vision of service. Do not hesitate to contact them for more information on the Missions and what it means to be Baptized for the World. We love to hear from you!

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Love...

Live the Gospel!

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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 longed 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. This became her vocation – to become a missionary of the love of God. Believing that “to truly help others is to bring them to God,” she came up with a plan to support missionaries. She gathered workers from her family’s factory into “circles of 10.” Each person pledged to pray daily for the Missions, to make a weekly donation of *sou*, the equivalent of a penny, and find 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.” It is now up to us to continue this legacy and service.



LENT is a spiritual journey spread out over 40 days. We take this time to prepare ourselves for the greatest gift of love we will ever receive: Jesus’ death on the cross and His Resurrection Giving of ourselves through prayer, fasting and almsgiving brings us closer to loving like Christ



LOVE like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out on cross for all of us. From the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.



LIVE THE GOSPEL call to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating to the poor and performing acts of charity. Almsgiving is "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2462). The Lenten Appeal of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is a wonderful opportunity for almsgiving.

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

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

Maybe a gift of \$120 – \$3 for each day of Lent, which would 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 would help with transportation costs for a catechist in Bangladesh bringing the Word of God to families on the country’s tea estates.

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.

Whatever you give, you will enhance your Lenten experience and deepen your relationship with our brothers and sisters and in Christ.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** is one of four Pontifical Mission Societies under the direction of the Pope. These Pontifical Mission Societies have, as their primary purpose, the promotion of a universal missionary spirit - a spirit of prayer and sacrifice - among all baptized Catholics.

Under the oversight of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (Rome, Italy) and the bishops, the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith** 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
- to encourage prayer and financial help for those mission churches.

Through the offerings from Catholics all throughout the world, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides support for pastoral and evangelization programs of the Catholic Church in Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America. This financial support includes aid for the formation and education of seminarians, religious novices and lay catechists; for the 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.

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 the requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed, in their entirety, to mission dioceses throughout the world.

