



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Hearts on fire, feet on the move

Did you know?

The **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies, was founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822. She planted the seed for what today is the **World Mission Sunday Collection** by asking her friends to pray daily and donate a penny a week for the missionaries working on spreading the Gospel to all nations.

The monies raised in 1822 supported the vast diocese of Louisiana, which then extended from the Florida Keys to Canada, as well as the missions of Kentucky and China. In the United States, we benefited from the collection until 1908. Throughout the years, we received the equivalent of over \$250 million today, while the dioceses in our country considered mission territories have continued to receive subsidies.

Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of churches, schools and orphanages and help missionaries proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Pray the rosary for the missions this October!

The World Mission Rosary is a tool used to both pray and speak about the missions. Its uniqueness is in the five colors represented in each of the decades.

This rosary honors the work of mission, our call to be missionaries, and fosters peace through its special emphasis on each of the Earth's regions, where prayers are needed for all people who live and play and pray just like each of us!

The mysteries of the World Mission Rosary are the ones you know- joyful, sorrowful, glorious, and of light. Each color, however, represents an area in particular:

- **Green** – for the forests and grasslands of Africa
- **Red** – calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas (US, Canada, Latin America, and Native Americans)
- **White** – symbolizing Europe, the home of the Holy Father
- **Blue** – for the ocean surrounding the Islands of the Pacific (Australia/Oceania)
- **Yellow** – symbolizing the morning light of the East and the "beginning of civilization" for Asia/Middle East

