



Catholic Diocese of Ndola

Pontifical Mission Societies

MEMO

To: Vicars Forane, Holy Childhood Chaplains, All Priests, Holy Childhood Executives,
the Lay faithful

From: Diocesan PMS Director

Cc.: The Bishop's office

The Pastoral Director

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On May 3, 2022, the *Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith* (POPF) celebrated two significant milestones. It marked the 200th anniversary of its foundation as the *Association of the Propagation of the Faith* (since 3rd May 1822) and the 100th anniversary of its *Pontifical* status, conferred by Pope Pius XI in his *Motu Proprio Romanorum Pontificum*, thus confirming the missionary spirit of the Society and its important service to the universal Church. By the same *Motu Proprio*, the Holy Father also conferred *Pontifical* to the Society of the Holy Childhood and the Society of St. Peter the Apostle.

Pauline Marie Jaricot (Lyon, July 22, 1799 – January 9, 1862), discovered a great and urgent desire for the Gospel to reach the ends of the earth: “*I have loved Jesus Christ more than anything else on this earth and because of his love I have loved those who were in distress and pain, more than my own life*”. Out of this fervour the *Association for the Propagation of the Faith* was born, which even today continues to open the hearts of believers to engage in the vastness of the missionary horizon through spiritual and material support for the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

On May 26th, 2020, Pope Francis recognized a healing miracle attributed to Pauline's intercession. Now the Venerable Servant of God Pauline – Marie Jaricot Foundress of the

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Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be beatified in Lyon, France on May 22, 2022 the sixth Sunday of Easter.

I therefore encourage all Parish priests and their assistant priests to give a brief history of Pauline – Marie Jaricot and the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith as they celebrate Masses on this Sunday.

The Celebration of the Pontifical Mission Societies Anniversaries in the Diocese shall be communicated in the due course.

I have hereby attached an extract of the Life of Pauline and as well as the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Wishing you all a Solemn Celebration of the Beatification of Pauline – Marie Jaricot.

Yours in Christs Mission,

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