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HAVE A GOOD MISSIONARY MONTH 2026

This year's Mission Month marks **World Mission Day's centennial celebration**: a century of missionary zeal, prayer and solidarity experienced within the Universal Church. World Mission Day reminds us that Mission does not concern a few people, that it is rather every baptized person's responsibility to proclaim the Gospel. That is why Pope Leo XIV chose the theme: **"One in Christ, United in Mission."**

This month is also a major period of time when **concrete acts of solidarity** are made, especially through the **universal collection** requested by the Holy Father and entrusted to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, since 1926. Through this gesture, we support the world's poorest dioceses, enabling their growth so that they may become increasingly independent.

Mission Month is an opportunity to **exchange**. By sharing our material resources with you, we receive, in return, immense human, spiritual and missionary wealth as we witness the powerful testimony of a Church that is alive in Christ and ever growing throughout the world.

On this Mission Month, let us enter this Jubilee Year of celebration with a spirit of gratitude, communion and missionary audacity. **United in Christ**, let us give according to our means, so that Mission can continue to bear fruit here and to the ends of the Earth.

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"ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION"

Message of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV for the 100th World Mission Day 2026

October 18, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we reflect on being one in Christ and united in mission, let us allow ourselves to be guided and inspired by divine grace, "to renew in ourselves the fire of our missionary vocation" [...]

1. ONE IN CHRIST

**Missionary disciples united in him
and with our brothers and sisters**

[...] Being a Christian isn't primarily about practices or ideas; it's a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit. It means abiding in Christ, like branches on the vine (cf. Jn 15:4), [...]

2. UNITED IN MISSION

That the world may believe in Christ the Lord

[...] The unity of the disciples isn't an end; it's directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21). It's through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power. [...]

Missionary unity shouldn't be understood as uniformity, but rather as the convergence of different charisms [...]

3. MISSION TO LOVE

Proclaiming, living and sharing God's faithful love

[...] let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization—which is always a work of love—according to our vocation and the gifts we have received. Your prayers and practical support, **particularly on World Mission Day, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need.** Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion.

POPE LEO XIV

ANIMATION MATERIAL FOR MISSION MONTH 2026

Available online at missionfoi.ca

- ☐ Pope Leo XIV's Message for World Mission Day
- ☐ Mission Month leaflet (eight pages)
- ☐ Mission Month 2026 Poster
- ☐ Mission Month Prayer 2026
- ☐ Sunday Gospel Reflections for Mission Month
- ☐ 31 Daily Readings to Meditate During Mission Month
- ☐ The Living Rosary initiated by Blessed Pauline Jaricot

Free material that you can
order in French or in English
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- ☐ Mission Month 2026 Poster
- ☐ Mission Month prayer 2026 (leaflet)
- ☐ Envelopes for the collection
- ☐ Make Us Your Witnesses Prayer (2022)
- ☐ Our Lady of Mission Prayer (2021)

Paid Materials

- ☐ Missionary Rosaries

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200th Anniversary of the Living Rosary by Blessed Pauline Jaricot

After the devastation caused by the French Revolution, there is an important wave of dechristianization, a surge of unbelievers, Christians plunge into lukewarmness while workers suffer from misery and social injustice.

With her burning soul, **Pauline realizes the importance of restoring people's interest and devotion to God.** Herself a member of the Rosary Confraternity, she has an ardent devotion to the Virgin Mary. And so Pauline believes that this **prayer, many times recommended by the Popes, can wake up society.**

Organization

Pauline was renowned for her intuition and her sense of organization. In 1826, she puts her idea to action and divides the Rosary recitation by groups of 15 people or "Associates", in honour of the 15 mysteries prayed. Each person commits to saying a decade daily, meditating one of the mysteries of Our Lord's life. [...] the Rosary is recited daily, in its entirety, by the group of 15 people, and all the mysteries are meditated in turn.



Living Rosary

Pauline herself will call it the Living Rosary. The Associates are bound – in an invisible, yet real way through the entire Living Rosary that they are reciting daily – with the Pope's praying intentions in favor of the evangelization of peoples, for the conversion of sinners, and the preservation of the faith in the Catholic Church.

The Groups multiply in France, and then start spreading across the world. In 1834, the Living Rosary had more than one million members in France. Pauline receives support from the Popes, who will entrust the Living Rosary to the Dominican family. The order will go on to ensure the work's international development from Pauline's house in Lorette, right up until her death in 1862.

"The Living Rosary, the crown of Mary, makes us one, although we are many, just as a rose has many petals, a rosebush many roses, a garden many rosebushes" – PAULINE JARICOT

Blessed Pauline Jaricot (1799-1862) was born in Lyon (France). She founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (Mission Foi), which led to the worldwide network we call the Pontifical Mission Societies.

For more information, please visit the following website:
opmcanada.ca/pauline-jaricot/

Source: paulinejaricot.org/le-rosaire-vivant

The projects we supported in 2025

2 countries • 14 projects

Ethiopia: \$363,986

Mauritius: \$79,487



The Christian community
of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jimma Bonga, Ethiopia.

A sole collection requested by the Pope

As Pope Francis reminded us in his message for 2024, "The collections of World Mission Day in all the local Churches are entirely destined for the universal fund of solidarity (cf. Statutes of the PMS, Ch. 2, art. 8), that the Pontifical Society of the Propagation of the Faith then distributes in the Pope's name for the needs of all the Church's missions."

Thanks to this collection, the poorest Dioceses can ensure the work of catechists, build halls and churches, support the formation of seminarians, and promote a human and spiritual education, as a sign of solidarity and sharing, giving hope to the peoples.

Mission foi

Mission foi (officially known as the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith) is present in 120 countries. The organization aims at helping and supporting missionary activity in the world's poorest Dioceses (approximately 1100), through prayer and charity. Founded in 1822 by Pauline Jaricot (1799-1862), the Propagation of the Faith is the first of four Societies through which the Pontifical Mission Societies came to be. It was proclaimed "pontifical" in 1922 by Pope Pius XI, who established World Mission Day and entrusted the universal collection to the Society as a sign of solidarity, sharing and hope towards all the peoples of the world.

**Total amount for World Mission Day's
collection in Francophone Canada in 2025:**

\$293,381

**Other contributions (donations, collections and bequests)
from July 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025:**

\$457,938

Thank you to all our generous donors who also contributed to our annual fundraisers!

Prayer for Mission Month 2026

Father, make us one in Christ,
rooted in his love that unites and renews.

May all members of the Church be united
in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit,
courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel,
proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful
love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women,
support them in their efforts, and watch
over them in hope.

Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work
of evangelization in every corner of the Earth:
make us instruments of peace, and grant that
the whole world may recognize in Christ the light
that saves.

Amen.

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, pray for us

POPE LEO XIV

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