

Go there where the people live, struggle and suffer, and call them out. Go to families, and share with them the good news that if God is present, there is peace. It's of no use to preach only in churches, because today the churches are almost empty; it's of no use to teach the faith only in catechism class, because young people don't participate. Therefore, go where the people gather and tell them that God is waiting."

Words that sound eerily contemporary and yet written almost two centuries ago; not attributed to some famous preacher or high-ranking ecclesiastic, but to Pauline Marie Jaricot, a modest woman, who cultivated a deep missionary zeal in her heart despite never having set foot outside of her home town of Lyon, France. So intense was her life of faith that Pope St. John XXIII declared her venerable and last May 26th, Pope Francis approved a miracle through her intercession, setting the stage for her beatification.

She founded the *Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith* on May 3rd, 1822. The initiative was so successful that it spread throughout the world so that on the same day in 1922 Pope Pius XI designated the Society as Pontifical.

Next year will mark the Society's 200th birthday and 100th anniversary of Pontifical designation; a perfect moment to make us better known throughout the world.

Look through our website and see what wonderful things God has done for the growth of the church in mission lands through the efforts of our *Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith*.

And please remember one thing. We are not an NGO or charitable organization that distributes money in mission lands. We are a worldwide network of prayer, formation and charity at the service of the Holy Father in his solicitude for the missions and young churches in mission lands.

Please consider sharing in our network by praying for the evangelization of the world and by sharing what you can to help missionaries and local churches in mission lands to grow and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Contact the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in your country for more information. You can find him or her on this website!

God bless you.

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Jesucristo ha venido a establecer su Reino en las almas; nada clamoroso anuncia su presencia. Su triunfo es vencer los sentidos del hombre conquistando su corazón, no el conquistar su corazón deslumbrando sus sentidos.

El 26 de mayo de 2020, el Papa Francisco ha autorizado al Cardenal Angelo Becciu, Prefecto de la Congregación para las Causas de los Santos, la promulgación del Decreto sobre el milagro atribuido a la Venerable Sierva de Dios Pauline Marie Jaricot, Fundadora de las Obras de la "Propagación de la Fe" y del "Rosario Viviente"; nacida el 22 de julio de 1799 en Lyon (Francia) y muerta en el mismo lugar el 9 de enero de 1862.

