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Pontifical Urban College – Auditorium of the Pontifical Urbaniana University

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The Church's Universal Mission and the Service of the Missionary Union from Its Foundation to the Pontificate of Leo XIV

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Thursday, October 29

Morning (Arrival and accommodation)

Mass in the respective communities

Afternoon 4.00-7.00 pm

4.00pm Hymn to the Holy Spirit and Inaugural Prayer

Section I: Roots and Wings. Mission – Local Church – PMU (Moderator: Fr. Paolo Tovo, SX)

4:10-4:25: Greetings and Inaugural Address (Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFMConv)

4:30-5:00 PM: Conference: 1916-1926: The Birth of an Idea and the Beginning of a Journey. A Historical Rereading for Today's Challenges (Sr. Monika Juszka)

5.00-5.15pm: Coffee break

5:15-5:45 PM: Conference: The Pontifical Missionary Union and the Journey of Local Churches (Fr. Vito del Prete, PIME)

5.50-6.30 pm: Round Table (by Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFMConv): Aspects of the Spirituality of Fr. Paolo Manna, Bishop Guido Maria Conforti, and Other Saints and Blesseds of the Union for the Present

6.30pm: Prayer at the end of the session

6.45-7.30 pm: Eucharistic Adoration (with the Urban College Community)

Friday, October 30***Mass in the respective communities*****Morning 9.00-12.30****Section II: PMU/TPMS spirituality and charisma at the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church (Moderator: Sr. Monika Juszka)**

9.00am: Opening prayer of the session

9.05-9.40: Conference: The Missionary Spirituality of the Bishop (H.E. Msgr. Samuele Sangalli)

9.40-10.15: Conference: The Missionary Priesthood (Fr. Paolo Tovo, SX)

10.15-10.30: Discussion

10.30-10.45: Coffee break

10.50-11.20: Conference: Animating and Forming the Missionary Spirit in Consecrated Life (Sr. Maria Rosa Venturelli SMC)

11.20-11.40: Communication: Blessed Director Fulton Sheen and His Commitment to Missionary Animation and Formation for All

11.40-11.55: Communication: The Missionary Union and Mission Societies in the Popes' Annual Messages for World Mission Day

12.00-12.30: Discussion and prayer at the end of the session

Afternoon 3.00pm-6.30pm**Section III: Renewing the mission of inspiring and forming the missionary spirit in all the baptized (Moderator: Sr. Maria Rosa Venturelli SMC)**

3.00 pm: Opening Prayer

3.05-3.45pm: Conference: "The Church of Sheaves" and the Renewal of Missionary Formation in the Church (HE Msgr. Fortunatus Nwachukwu)

3.45-4.15pm: Discussion

4.20-4.35pm: Coffee break

4.40-5.15pm: Conference: The missionary conversion of formation in seminaries today (Don Armando Nugnes)

5.20-6.00 pm: Round Table (by Fr. Giulio Albanese and Sr. Maria Rosa Venturelli): Formation for the Mission *ad gentes* in the Church Today and the Fundamental Commitment of the Missionary Union

6:05-6:20 PM: Communication and Discussion: Missionary Vocation Union and Union of Retired Priests. Perspectives in France and the Netherlands.

6.25pm: Prayer at the end of the session

6.45-7.30 pm: International Missionary Rosary (with the Urban College Community)

Saturday, October 31st

Morning 9.00-12.00

Concluding Section: "Caritas Christi urget nos": For a New Missionary Era of the Church (Moderator: Fr. Vito Del Prete PIME)

9.00am: Opening prayer of the session

9:05: Closing Conference: The Future in the Roots. The Missionary Union's Renewed Commitment According to the Indications of Popes Francis and Leo XIV (Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFMConv)

09.35 General Sharing

10.30-12.00 Mass of Sending (H.E. Msgr. Fortunatus Nwachukwu)

John Paul II, *Encyclical Letter Redemptoris Missio*

84. The leading role in this work of promotion belongs to the Pontifical Mission Societies, as I have often pointed out in my Messages for World Mission Day. The four Societies - Propagation of the Faith, St. Peter the Apostle, Holy Childhood and the Missionary Union - have the common purpose of fostering a universal missionary spirit among the People of God. The Missionary Union has as its immediate and specific purpose the promotion of missionary consciousness and formation among priests and men and women religious, who in turn will provide this consciousness and formation within the Christian communities. In addition, the Missionary Union seeks to promote the other Societies, of which it is the "soul." "This must be our motto: All the churches united for the conversion of the whole world."

Leo XIV, *Message for the 100th World Mission Day 2026 [18 October 2026] "One in Christ, united in mission"*

From this perspective, it is worth recalling the motto of Blessed Paolo Manna, "The entire Church for the conversion of the whole world," which succinctly expresses the ideal that inspired the establishment of the Pontifical Missionary Union in 1916. On its 110th anniversary, I convey my gratitude and my blessing for its commitment to inspiring and forming the missionary spirit of priests, consecrated persons and lay faithful, promoting the unity of all evangelizing efforts. In fact, no baptized person is exempt from or indifferent to mission: everyone, each according to their own vocation and condition of life, participates in the great work that Christ has entrusted to his Church. As Pope Francis repeatedly reminded us, proclaiming the Gospel is an action that is always harmonious, communal and synodal.