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Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot

ne good inspiration can motivate a nation and the entire world. Jesus, the Missionary of Hope among all people, inspired His Mother, disciples, apostles, and others. His message, even today, brings hope and life to those who hear it. During His ministry, the disciples supported and helped Him. The mission of Jesus is a continuous inspiration that the Church carries forward and proclaims. The Church, by its very nature, is a missionary, and it is supported by its faithful to this day. One person who supported this mission was Pauline Marie Jaricot, who was inspired to promote the propagation of faith through her prayer and contributions.

Mission Sunday -Be an Inspiration

Pauline Marie Jaricot was born on July 22, 1799, in Lyon, France, and died on January 9, 1862. She was beatified on May 22, 2022. She was the seventh child in the Jaricot family in Lyon. At age of 17, she heard a sermon on vanity and became a tertiary of the Dominican Order. She took a vow of virginity. She loved the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her spiritual director was St. John Mary Vianney.

In 1818, when Pauline was 19 years old, she heard about the needs and difficulties of the Paris Foreign Mission Society (founded in 1658). Here she was inspired to become an inspiration to the world. She called the silk-factory workers to pray each day and contribute a penny to the mission. she inspired the group of 10 to pray and contribute. These decimal group members were requested to go and form another group of 10, their task was to pray and contribute to the mission of China. With this inspiration, she began to collect around 20 \$ a month from people to fund missions in Asia and in America. In 1822, it was called the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Later, many missionaries sought their help for the missions. This Society, in 1922, was named the Pontifical Society of the Propagation of Faith by Pope Pius XI.

Post French Revolution

The French Revolution introduced secularism and suppressed the Catholic Church. Pauline Jaricot

saw prayer as the only antidote to it. She taught that the Rosary was the miraculous solution to the spiritual problem of her day. In 1826, she began to assemble a group of 15 people, with each participant pledging to recite one decade of the Rosary daily (Mysteries of Joy, Sorrow, and Glorious 1x15 = 15 members). This she called a Living Rosary.

When she died in 1862, she had established numerous groups within the Society of the Propagation of Faith and over two million members in France alone who participated in the Living Rosary. Despite the absence of social media in those days, the members were united through the Living Rosary. Thus, she inspired the Catholic Church to support the Mission of Jesus. She ignited the flames of faith and hope of the people during an era of secularism. She emerged as a missionary of Hope among all people.

You can be an inspiration during the month of Mission - October 2025 and always.

- 1. Be a Member of Missio-Avona G-20 Faithful for mission Ad Gentes (to the nations) and pray one decade of the Rosary every day.
- 2. Support the Mission by your contribution.
- 3. Be a missionary of Hope among all people witness Jesus.

