



Annual Review
2021

Prayer to Blessed Pauline Jaricot

God our Father,

we give you thanks for your servant,

Blessed Pauline Jaricot, who, through her commitment to the Gospel and her passion for mission, began the work of Missio.

Despite carrying many crosses she never closed her heart to the needs of the poor.

Following the example of your Son, fortified by a life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist, she helped to build your Kingdom of justice and mercy.

May we, like Blessed Pauline, share our faith humbly and charitably, and through prayer and action, work together to make your love known to all of creation.



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From the National Director

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Missio Ireland I hope that you and your loved ones are keeping well. I was appointed National Director of Missio last November.

Firstly, I wish to extend sincerest gratitude to all our benefactors, bishops, priests, sisters, brothers, congregations and schools throughout Ireland who continue to support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas missions and missionaries.

With the 2021 Mission Sunday collection and donations, we were able to fund projects in Chad, Benin, Senegal, and Kenya. We were also able to sponsor an number of priests and sisters doing post graduate studies in Rome. With the Mass stipends we receive from priests around Ireland, we are able to support priests in missionary countries around the world who

have very little to live on, especially those living among the poorest of the poor. The people give what they can, but are unable to support their priests. We ask priests to please continue sending extra Mass stipends to Missio Ireland.

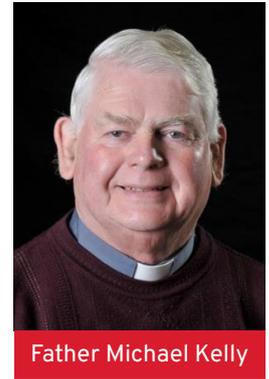
A big event in May was the beatification of Blessed Pauline Jaricot in Lyon, France. Pauline came up with the idea of gathering people together in groups of ten, to pray for missionaries and to support the Church in mission areas by contributing a coin each week. This initiative quickly grew into an international network, now known as Missio. The beatification was held in a large indoor arena, which could hold several thousand people. It was a wonderful experience. Pauline Jaricot had a passion for mission and was fervently committed to supporting the missionary activities of our Church. Her love, her determination and vision created the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which forms the backbone of Missio's work.

Miracle: in May 2012, 3½ year old Mayline choked on food and suffocated. Unable to

resuscitate her, doctors explained that she was brain dead and that she would die in the next few weeks. Upon hearing the news, students and parents of Mayline's school in Lyon, France decided to pray a novena for her recovery to Pauline Jaricot. Mayline lay in a coma, hooked up to respiratory machines and being fed through artificial means. In July, her parents began looking for a child-sized coffin. Mayline, in her vegetative state, received the Sacrament of the Sick. Soon afterwards the doctors were surprised to confirm that Mayline's condition had changed – indeed, she was coming back to life. Mayline was released from the hospital in December, fully healed. Mayline's father shared: 'Before, I always wondered if prayers were being heard. This is proof that the power of prayer can move mountains. I thank Pauline Jaricot, God the Father, and Our Lady each and every day for this miracle. I will thank them to the end of my days'. Doctors have been unable to explain the change in her health. Mayline's parents are convinced of the intervention of Pauline Jaricot. A diocesan inquiry occurred in 2019, where a medical board validated the miracle of healing, and the theological commission certified the intervention

of Pauline Jaricot in the full recover of little Mayline.

The family of Mayline came to the meeting of National Directors in Lyon on Sunday morning, 22nd May: her parents, her sister, and Mayline herself. Her father shared very convincingly Mayline's story. He himself was baptised four years later. Little Mayline is now a perfectly healthy 13½ year old teenager.



Please keep missionaries in your prayers. A number of priests were murdered since the beginning of this year, others have been taken as hostages. They need our daily prayers.

Again, I extend a very special thank you to our donors and supporters, whose generosity makes so much possible. You are remembered in our daily Masses and prayers.

Fr. Michael Kelly

National Director

Organisational Structure

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On behalf of the
Missio Ireland,

Thank You

for your support on Mission Sunday,
The Mission Sunday Collection in
2021 amounted to €1,368,023

Thank you for your great generosity
in difficult financial times.

We Cannot Remain Silent was the
theme for Mission Month 2021. Your
support for missionaries and the
communities they serve, through
your prayers and generosity, is
deeply appreciated.



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*We Cannot Remain Silent – 'we cannot
but speak about what we have seen and heard' Acts 4:20*

**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**
24th October
2021

Building peace in Nigeria

Learn how missionaries like Sister Veronica are
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and how you can support World Mission Sunday
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Mission Sunday Collection 2021

Achonry	€28,127
Ardagh & Clonmacnois	€37,000
Armagh	€71,446
Cashel & Emly	€28,635
Clogher	€102,718
Clonfert	€17,503
Cloyne	€38,491
Cork & Ross	€55,598
Derry	€93,759
Down & Connor	€97,057
Dromore	€13,282
Dublin	€178,403
Elphin	€38,844

Ferns	€35,520
Galway	€15,100
Kerry	€44,490
Kildare & Leighlin	€69,764
Killala	€15,485
Killaloe	€47,172
Kilmore	€40,300
Limerick	€40,699
Meath	€70,765
Ossory	€20,984
Raphoe	€40,089
Tuam	€60,000
Waterford & Lismore	€34,665
Individuals	€32,128
TOTAL	€1,368.023

Growing and Building

Across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Oceania there are over 1,100 mission dioceses. As they develop and grow, so do the needs of the local people they serve. Supporting the building and growing of mission dioceses offers the people they serve safe shelter, healthcare, education and hope for a better future. This could be anything from a church or parish centre so that people can gather and celebrate their faith, to transportation for missionaries so that they can reach communities in remote areas.

By listening to the needs of local people we attempt to provide support in the most effective way. We offer funding to help build and repair infrastructure such as churches, convents, seminaries, community centres, clinics and dispensaries. This enables local people to build their own Christian communities – local Church for local people.



Training and Educating

Most of the world's mission dioceses are found in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Often the Christian communities found in these regions cannot provide the resources and facilities needed to assist local people who are called to religious life. Despite sacrifices being made by families and parishes, they struggle to cover the costs of training, while also supporting day-to-day basic needs, which makes becoming a sister, priest, brother or catechist very challenging.

The Missio family is unique in its commitment in trying to support every seminarian in the missionary world – an aim which was set by Pope Pius XI in 1922, and one which is still embraced today. Together with the kindness of the Irish faithful, we provide funding to



support the basics, like food and shelter, and the more advanced needs for theological and pastoral studies.

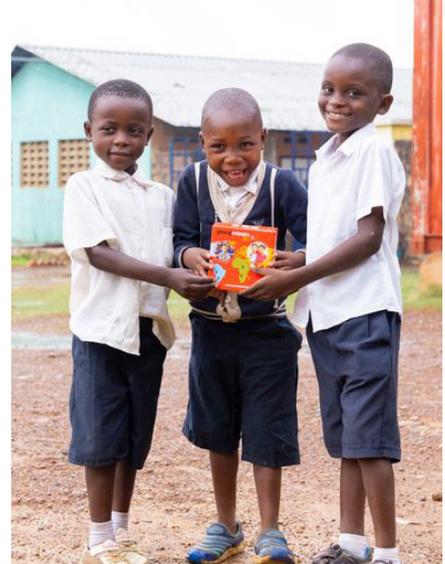
Training and educating ensures the gift of faith will be shared with generations to come. By preparing tomorrow's Church leaders, teachers and carers, your support plays an essential role. You ensure that anyone who has a religious vocation is not turned away because of financial difficulties.

Children Helping Children

Thanks to young people living out our motto Children Helping Children, the Missio family can support millions of the world's poorest children every year. This is done when girls and boys in over 120 countries, including Ireland, offer solidarity and hope through their prayers and donations. As a result, thousands of children's projects, led by missionaries, are supported. These missionaries, who are living out their faith through action, know the value of every donation they receive as they try to help everyone they can regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs.

Children Helping Children is a beautiful exchange of friendship and faith – while schoolchildren here in Ireland may fundraise for girls and boys overseas, the children they are supporting also share by keeping Irish children in their prayers. We are so grateful for the generosity shown by children in Ireland because it has allowed us to send life giving aid to many missionary led projects around the world.

100% of donations received from children in Ireland is sent to projects overseas.



Prayer & Mission

Prayer is at the centre of all our work. For many struggling communities overseas, and the missionaries working there, knowing that people in Ireland are praying for them, brings them hope. Not only do we ask people to pray for the missions overseas, but we also ask them to explore and develop their own understanding of mission.

We strive to create a vibrant missionary community where we encourage

those already engaged in the work of the Church at home in Ireland to support the work of the Church overseas. This is achieved through our work in schools, parishes and with our Mission Teams.

Throughout the year, and especially during Mission Month (October), Masses, exhibitions and events promote and spread awareness of the vital work that missionaries are doing overseas. Missio Ireland also provides the opportunity for parishes and individuals to access programmes and resources for further mission development.

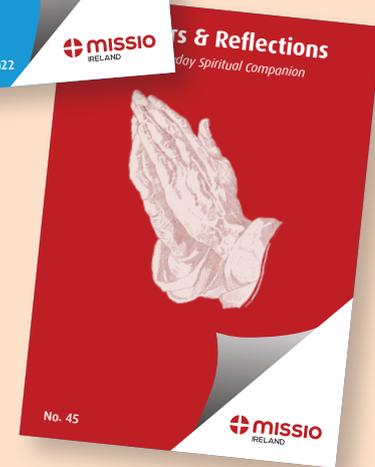
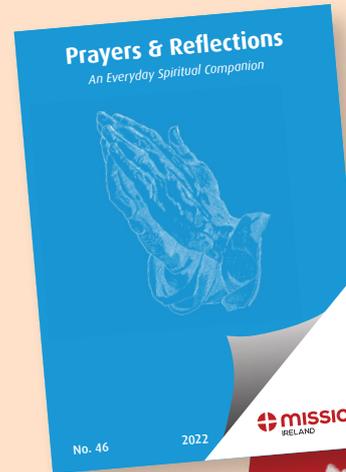


Prayers & Reflections

Each year in February we publish our Prayers & Reflections booklet. The date coincides with the annual World Day of the Sick, which is celebrated on the 11th February, feast day of our Lady of Lourdes. Prayers & Reflections encourages prayer and spiritual reflection, whilst also providing comfort to the sick and the housebound.

These booklets are also used by priests, brothers, sisters and Eucharistic ministers in parish visitation of the sick and elderly. We also encourage users of the booklet to pray for missionaries. This prayer booklet is distributed to individuals as well as to hospitals and nursing homes.

If you would like to order a copy of our 46th *Prayers & Reflections* Booklet, please contact our office directly.



Donations Received in 2021

Donations received in 2021 were distributed to a range of projects in mission territories.



Young people shared hope and solidarity with the world's poorest children. **€11,901** was distributed recently to child related projects abroad. All 3 projects assisted were located in the Diocese of Doba, Chad.



€955,346 was distributed recently to support missionaries and fund church projects abroad. The countries assisted included Benin, Chad and Senegal.



Through your generosity, the next generation of priests, sisters, brothers and lay catechists are educated. **€21,131** was sent recently to two seminaries in Kenya.



Mass Stipends were sent to the following countries last year: China, Congo (DRC), Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Nigeria, Philippines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Please continue to send Mass Stipends to Missio Ireland.

Missio Ireland



2021 *in numbers*



6 churches and chapels built or renovated.



Over €160,000 sent to catechists to support priests at parish level.



7 buildings renovated or built: presbyteries, convents, parish offices.



Over €1.3 million collected on Mission Sunday last year.



3 child related projects assisted.



2 seminaries assisted

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