



Walking through the streets of Sabana Yegua in the Dominican Republic during the 40th Anniversary Pilgrimage. See page 2 for a story on the pilgrimage!

# Through Faith and Action

## FROM THE OFFICE

Warmly welcoming 2023, we are thrilled to introduce our newsletter, *Through Faith and Action*. You can expect to find inspiring mission stories, office events, and insights on the meaning of mission.

We look forward to fostering a mission-centered community that shares our understanding of what it means to be a missionary through baptism in today's world.

World Mission Ministries consists of two entities: the Office for World Mission and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. These entities allow us to promote global connections in light of Pope Francis' Missiological Principles of Mission found in his encyclical, *Joy of the Gospel*. Pope Francis encourages us to approach mission with five principles in mind: Encounter, Identification, Accompaniment, Solidarity, and Praxis. Each principle allows us to partake in the Incarnation of Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world.

The first step to any mission experience is the encounter. Encounters consist of that first meeting experience with others. Through our encounters, we will begin to identify shared values and shared faith with our brothers and sisters. As a result of these identifications, we can accompany each other through faith and action. This accompaniment can look different from relationship to relationship, but it allows us to shift our concerns to be focused on others. Amidst accompaniment comes solidarity, which allows us to cultivate feelings and tenderness with others. Finally, we arrive at the realization that after we have walked alongside others, we must transform the way we live and make choices that align with our values. We hope to provide many opportunities for you to encounter our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. **What you do with those encounters is up to you.**

Having these five principles at the heart of our office, we can provide opportunities for mission education, immersion experiences, nourish the relationship with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's sister parish, La Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic, and much more.

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## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS!

This past October, the Office for World Mission joined Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to La Sagrada Familia, our sister parish in the Dominican Republic. This opportunity allowed parishioners of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to encounter our brothers and sisters while celebrating this 40-year-old relationship!

As the pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and the communities of La Sagrada Familia eagerly awaited the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, they were able to visit the many ministries and projects supported by the parish. One of the projects they visited was a self-sustaining water project that provides household water for Altagracia and Cañada de Piedra communities. Additionally, the pilgrims visited a second water project that was implemented by Asociación Felix Ortiz, as a water reservoir to collect and store water. This water is then used for farming purposes.

Throughout the week, the pilgrims were guided by Father Javier Guativa as he led them through Sabana Yegua to visit the nutritional and health centers. The nutritional center provides access to education and nutritional meals for young children, and the health center contains a pharmacy, dentistry, and laboratory. The pilgrims were amazed to see these projects, but more importantly, valued the many encounters that can occur despite the language barrier. As said best by Elaine Siskoff, one of the pilgrimage attendees, "When you meet someone you didn't know before and won't meet again, but you can exchange a hug... it is a really beautiful feeling."

On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, the pilgrims and members of the communities gathered for a procession around the town, a celebratory mass, and a party in the afternoon to celebrate our relationship! We are so blessed to be part of this relationship!

Pictured top row from left to right: Archbishop Jerome E. ListECKI with a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake, parishioners exchanging the sign of peace. Bottom row from left to right: Procession before mass, dancers at the celebration following mass.





Blessed Pauline Jaricot

## PAULINE JARICOT

Blessed Pauline Jaricot is the foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, along with the Missionary Childhood Association, St. Peter Apostolate, and Missionary Union.

Through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which was established in 1822, Pauline Jaricot encouraged those around her to pray daily and donate a penny a week for the global missions of the Church. In this way, many people can be connected through faith and sacrificial giving to our brothers and sisters around the world.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith continues to be present around the world, especially in the United States. A fun fact is that Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen was the U.S. national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1958-1966! His popularity and legacy still live on today.

To learn more about the Society for Propagation of the Faith and Pauline Jaricot, [watch this movie biography](#).

Let us pray,

Lord,

You came on earth so that people might have life and life in abundance. Pauline-Marie Jaricot devoted herself completely to this work of yours. She established the Propagation of the Faith for the many people who do not know true Life and the Living Rosary for those who do not possess this Life in its abundance. Venerable Pauline Jaricot, you who consecrated your life to spreading the Kingdom of Christ in serving God and His people, intercede for us and may God deign to give us the grace that we humbly ask for.

Amen.

Prayer credit to <https://paulinejaricot.opm-france.org/prier/?lang=en#:~:text=Venerable%20Pauline%20Jaricot%2C%20you%20who.Amen.>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 21 is the feast day of Our Lady of Altagracia (the Highest Grace). Our Lady of Altagracia is the protector and patron saint of the Dominican Republic. In preparation for this feast day, which is close to the hearts of our brothers and sisters at La Sagrada Familia, we invite you to pray the rest of the novena leading up to the feast day. To pray the novena [click here](#).
- 2023 March Lenten Retreat to La Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic takes place March 6-14th. If you are interested in animating your faith this Lenten Season, [visit our application](#). Applications close January 31, 2023.
- Women in Mission event on March 26 from 1-4PM at 1501 S Layton Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53215. Doors open at 12:30 PM. We look forward to celebrating women and our nominees, Idalia Nieves-Reyes and Sr. Alice Thepouthay. To register for this event, contact Lucca Kenyon at [kenyonl@archmil.org](mailto:kenyonl@archmil.org).
- Colombia Trip will be May 23-30. More information will be communicated at a later date.
- Sankofa 2023 Immersion Experience will take place October 12-26. If you are interested in immersing yourself in the culture of Ghana, West Africa and sharing your worldview, [visit our application](#).

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*\*Would you like to remember a loved one with a mass? Contact the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to request a mass. Learn more by contacting The Office for World Mission.*