

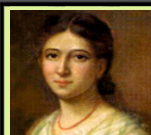


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#### **(1) Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith**

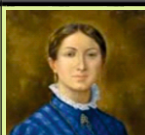
creates missionary awareness among  
the laity and establishes a Programme  
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Founder - Bishop Charles de Forbin - Janson

#### **(3) Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood**

promotes missionary  
zeal among children so as to lead them  
to a sharing of spiritual and material  
resources with other children



Founder - Miss Jeanne Bigard

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awakens adults and  
youth to the problem of training of local  
clergy, men and women religious, and  
catechists in Mission Churches



Founder - Blessed Paolo Manna

#### **(4) Pontifical Missionary Union of Priests and Religious**

animates  
missionary commitment in Priests, men  
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the pastoral ministry of the Church.

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## **Mary, Queen of Peace**

Peace is what all like to have but seldom one can claim that his/her life is always peaceful. The things that can disturb our peace can be inside us or outside. Peace is either 'freedom from disturbance' or 'a state or period in which there is no war or war has ended.' According to Cambridge Dictionary, 'peace is freedom from war and violence, especially when people live and work together happily'. This indicates that there are two important aspects to peace – one is 'absence of war or violence' and the other is 'happy life'.

When the Risen Lord appeared to the twelve disciples he breathed his spirit into them and said “Peace be with you.” The disciples were facing a violent situation that disturbed them—the crucifixion and death of their master. They could not live happily because of this.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus was with them consoling and giving assurance. She prays to the Risen Lord to help them to be redeemed from this terrible situation. She becomes the mediator for peace from God. The intercession of Mary is tremendous. Jesus knowing the plight of his disciples gives them the grace of peace through the outpouring of his Spirit.

The Church believes that Mary the Mother of Jesus was lifted up to heaven body and soul and is constantly interceding for us, her children. She is interceding for us to establish peace. Peace within us and peace outside us. There is disturbance and violence inside every person and there is war/violence outside in the world and people are not able to live and work happily. Mother Mary the Queen of Peace is interceding for us.

As we are celebrating 70 years of Independence of India let us ask to ourselves whether we are free from violence and live/work happily. The everyday news of hatred among communities, religions, the regions and language groups disturbs us and the life of people is made difficult, the happiness of all is a casualty.

The elements that divide people are increasing day by day. It is a fact that violence begets violence, hatred begets hatred. We are inclined to take the law into our own hands in order to establish peace. The one who is the victim of violence tend to exact revenge, which becomes a never ending saga of taking revenge. But peace cannot be bought about by destruction and violence. Peace is possible through dialogue, words and acts of kindness, extending a helping hand in time of distress.

Many people are not ready to accept the peace that the Spirit of God gives. The world is seemingly moving towards the law of 'eye for an eye or tooth for a tooth'. Gandhiji said, “An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind.” In this endeavor of meting out justice we will not find 'the end'. Let us never be tired of waiting for peace as a consequence of dialogue with love, kindness and mercy. It may be a long wait but the solution is sure and permanent.

In this troubled situation Mother Mary is our help. She is the one who can pray to the Lord to calm the sea of violence and war. Mother through her Son is able to avail us a situation where every individual loves the other as his/her brother/sister.



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