

# Come! Make Mission a MOVEMENT!

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The Pontifical Mission Organization (PMO) in India collaborates with the local Church to enhance passionate participation in achieving goals and objectives of the 4 Pontifical Mission Societies:



Founder – Venerable Pauline Marie Jaricot

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

creates missionary awareness among the laity and establishes a Programme

for regular aid to Mission territories



(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

(2) Pontifical Society of St. Peter the Apostle 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

and women Religious, candidates to the

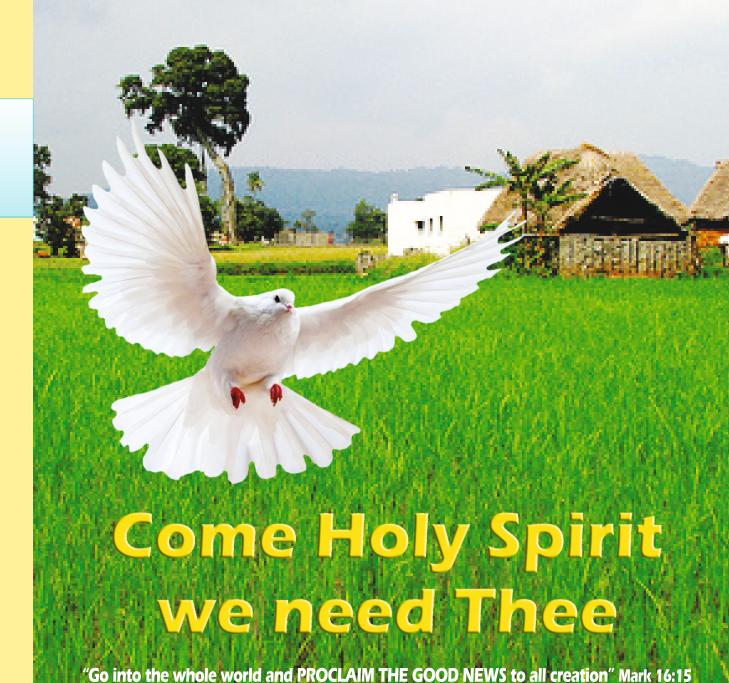
priestly and religious life, as well as others engaged in the pastoral ministry of the Church.

"Go into the whole world and PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS to all creation" Mark 16:15

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## **PROCLAIM**

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## Do you want them to think...



and work as "Little Missionaries"?



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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

#### Come, Holy Spirit, we need thee

Holy Spirit is described as 'the Lord, the giver of life' in the Nicene Creed. On the first Pentecost day He came on the Apostles and filled them with his life. He is 'the Helper' that the Lord promised that he would send. The terrified, nervous, weak, uneducated disciples filled with courage, wisdom, knowledge by the Holy Spirit to face the 5000 strong crowd. It was to address them and to declare that the person who was just crucified and died was alive. "He is risen and dies no more" is the slogan.

The disciples were invigorated at the encounter with the Risen Lord because they received the Holy Spirit --- a Spirit of good counsel and a Spirit of truth who strengthens every one to the mission of proclaiming Christ to the world. The Holy Spirit is one who gives power to forgive sins --- "Receive the Holy Spirit.



Those whose sins you forgive they will be forgiven in heaven" with these tremendous powers of the Holy Spirit the disciples realize that they need not be fearful of any power here on earth.

The power is given to the disciple of Jesus to be at the service of the community. They are ministers/servants in the true sense of the term. Proclaiming Christ means to make him known by words and deeds. Pope Francis in his sermon on the Maundy Thursday (13th of April 2017) urges every Christian "to serve the other." He also stresses the fact that to serve is to become the last and the least. Pope says, "He who feels and thinks he is important must become small and be a servant to the others. That is what God --- who loves us as we are --- does every day".

The Holy Spirit, therefore, must be invoked by us to strengthen us with powers to serve with humility; to be the servant of all. By nature it is not easy but with the power of the Holy Spirit we can overcome any weakness of ours and face the world. Millions of Men of God have done great things for God with the power of God. The Spirit makes them speak in tongues, cure illnesses, drive away demon and defeat those who speak against God. He gives the power to speak. It is he who inspires, and ours is to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

The real proof of the influence of the Holy Spirit is developing a "Universal Missionary Spirit", where we believe that we have an urgent mission of proclaiming to the world that Jesus is risen and he saves us". As many people as possible must experience the joy of the encounter with the Risen Lord and come to believe in him. Hence, I cannot be satisfied with doing the minimum but my mission mandate is to experience the joy of the resurrection and then communicate the experience with as many people as possible.

This zeal for mission must draw us into the mission of making children "Little Missionaries". Children can be effective missionaries as children and later as adults. They will proclaim the message without any inhibitions. Secondly, what they have inherited when they are very young becomes part of their nature and they grow in that Spirit and become seasoned missionaries when they are adults.

Let this Pentecost make us true dispensers of the Message of Salvation.



Fr Faustine L Lobo

