



THE PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

What are The Pontifical Mission Societies

- **The Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS)** are a worldwide network at the service of the Pope that supports the missions and the Young Churches with prayer and charity.
- In most countries, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies leads the four societies and oversees the **World Missions Sunday Collection**, which is taken up on the third Sunday of October each year in every Catholic parish around the globe.

Who founded The Pontifical Mission Societies?

Two women (Blessed Pauline Marie Jaricot and Jeanne Bigard), a Bishop (Msgr. Charles de Forbin-Janson) and a priest (Fr. Paolo Manna) became the charismatic Founders of this great movement for missionary cooperation in the Church, originated in France in the early 19th century.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Our story begins in France in the early 19th century. Pauline Marie Jaricot, inspired by letters from her brother Phileas about the missions, starts to gather small groups —mostly workers from her family's silk mill. She asked each member of the group to offer daily prayer and a weekly sacrifice of a sou (the equivalent of a penny at that time) for the Church's worldwide missionary work.





The Society of St. Peter the Apostle

Jeanne Bigard, and her mother, Stephanie, received a letter from a French bishop serving in Japan. He shared the news that more than 50 young men were preparing for the priesthood and also mentioned the obstacles and difficulties he was enduring in providing for them and trying to accommodate the growing number of young men applying for admission to the seminary. Stephanie and Jeanne began gathering funds to support those seminarians. In 1889, they established the Society of St. Peter Apostle to support mission vocations, both priestly and Religious.

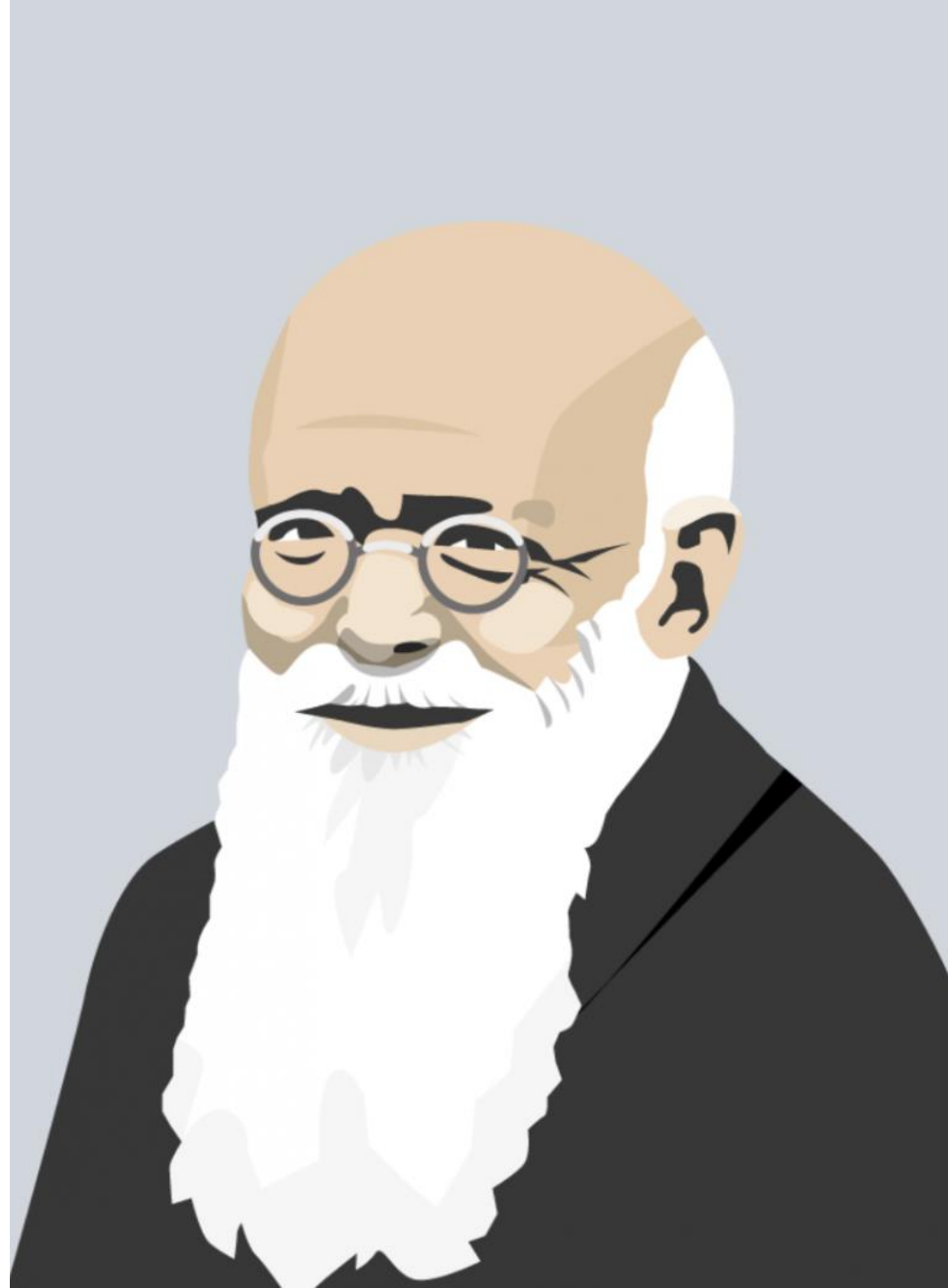


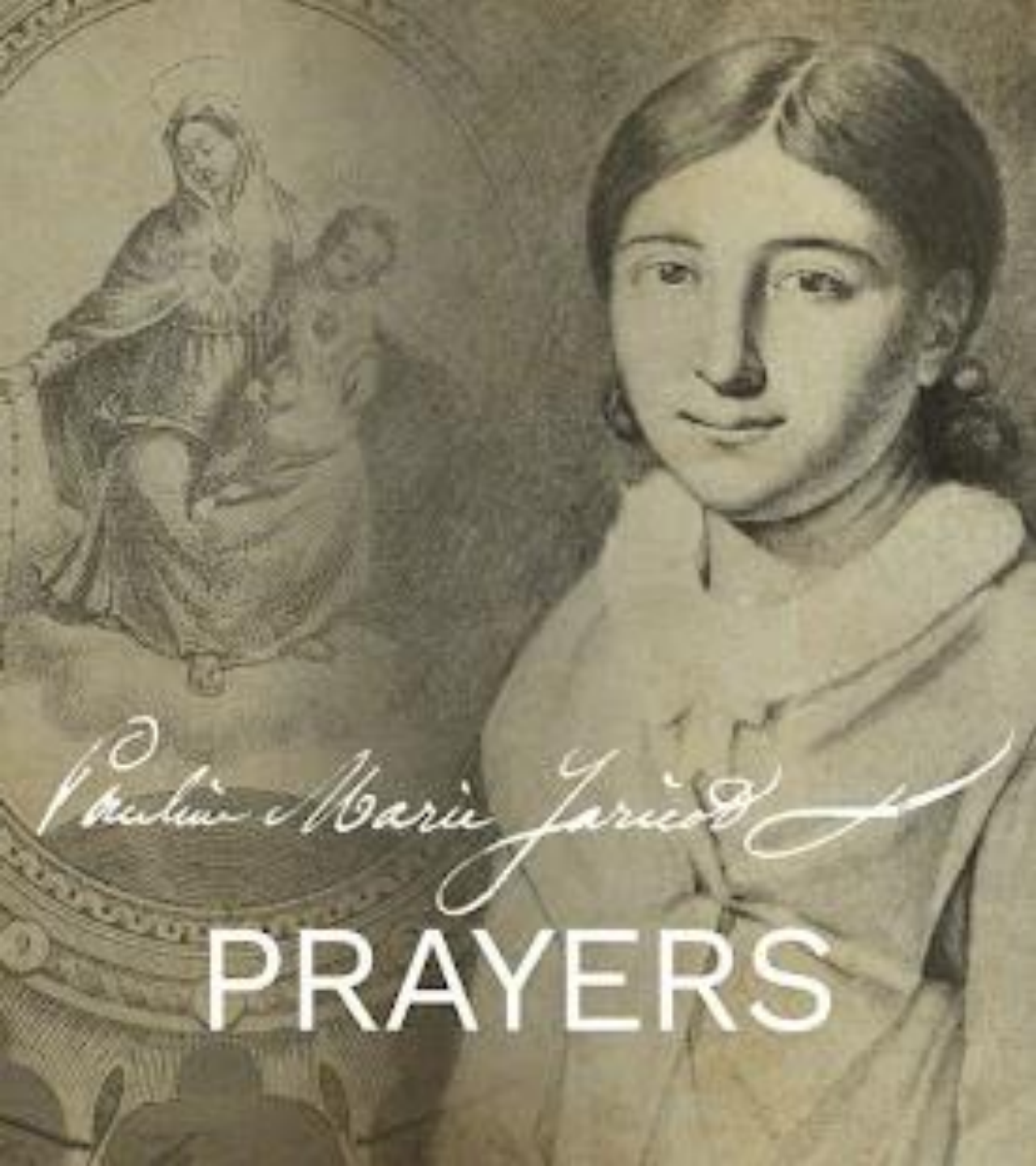
The Missionary Childhood Association (MCA)

One day in 1843, a young French priest, Charles de Forbin-Janso, now a bishop, had a talk with Pauline Jaricot about his long-time ago dream to work with the poorest of the world's children in the Missions. In the course of the conversation, she suggested that he appeal to the children of France to help children around the world. As a consequence of this meeting, the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) was born. Today, MCA continues to follow the vision of Bishop Forbin-Janson – “children helping children” – as children pray and sacrifice for their brothers and sisters in need around the world.

The Missionary Union

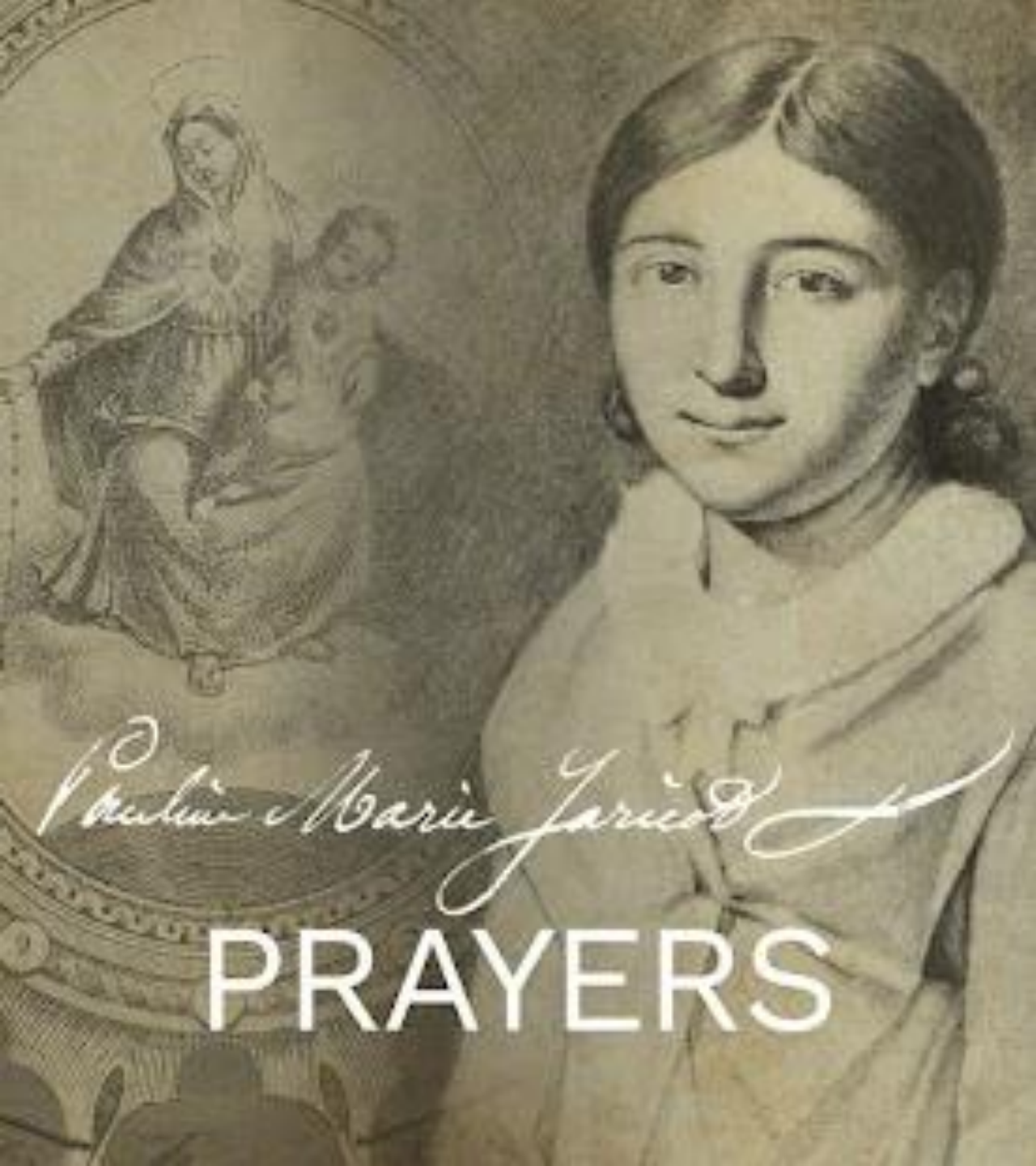
Father Paolo Manna, a PIME missionary, establishes the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious in 1916. Known today simply as the Missionary Union, this spiritual apostolate supports those engaged in catechesis and religious educations to help Catholics to better understand their baptismal responsibility for the Church's missionary work.





PRAYER FOR HER CANONIZATION

LORD, You who inspired Pauline-Marie Jaricot to found the Propagation of the Faith and the Living Rosary as well as her total commitment to the cause of the worker, hasten the day when the Church will be able to celebrate the saintliness of her life. May her example lead a great number of Christians to devote themselves to the Gospel, so that the men and women of our time and all peoples may discover your infinite love manifested in Jesus Christ Our Lord who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER FOR HER BEATIFICATION

Hasten, Lord, the day when the Church can celebrate the saintliness of your servant Pauline Jaricot, inspired by you to found the Propagation of the Faith and the Living Rosary, and promote the welfare of the poor. May Christians everywhere strive to follow her selfless example, dedicating themselves to spreading the Good News of the Gospel, so that all peoples may come to know the boundless love revealed to the world through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.