



Three Lessons from the Life of Blessed Pauline Jaricot...

There are three aspects of Pauline's life and witness to our common missionary vocation that we can model in our own lives.

- ***Commitment to mission every day.*** For Pauline, mission was not reserved for certain moments, but for every day. The “circles” of workers in her family's silk factory pledged daily prayer and regular sacrifice. Each day, may we offer a prayer for those who serve in mission churches across the world, and for the poor and vulnerable who hear their message about the “hope that saves”!
- ***A vision of the whole world.*** Pauline felt strongly that help offered to the Missions of her day should be universal – that no one be forgotten. And when the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was formally established on May 3, 1822, that same vision prevailed – prayer and sacrifice for the world's Missions.
- ***Live in love.*** As a young woman, Pauline expressed the desire to “love without measure, without end.” Whether it was her work for the Missions, or for the sick or the poor, love motivated the actions of Pauline Jaricot. Indeed at the heart of the mission vocation is the commandment to love. Our love should pour forth into the community, extending beyond ourselves, to those faraway places, where nobody is watching, where the vulnerable are forgotten, and the poor are often abandoned. That's where the missionary will be. And that's where, through the Pontifical Mission Societies, you may be also – through your daily prayers and regular sacrifices.