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The Pontifical Mission Societies: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
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"HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE!"

Celebrate WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

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In his 2023 World Mission Sunday letter, Pope Francis proclaims that when the disciples were on their way to Emmaus and broke bread with Jesus after His resurrection, *"Their hearts burned within them."* And when He explained the Scriptures, *their eyes where opened* and His apostles recognized Him. Their immense joy promoted them to jump to their feet and share this liberating Good News of our Risen Lord to the whole world!



The Holy Father reminds us to support The Pontifical Mission Societies (TPMS) on October 22 and notes:

"Dear friends, the Risen Lord is always with you. He sees your generosity and the sacrifices you are making for the mission of evangelization in distant lands."

And here are examples of the Good News at work today funded by TPMS:



- In **Ukraine**, your donations are used by local churches to alleviate the pain of hungry people and to serve homeless refugees during this current conflict.
- In **Turkey and Syria**, your contributions are enabling our fellow Catholics and others to rebuild their churches and people's lives after the severe February earthquakes.
- In **India**, struggling dioceses receive your TPMS support to build and maintain schools that empower students to become Catholic leaders with skills as carpenters, mechanics, welders, machinists, or electricians.
- In **South Sudan**, where civil wars have created incredible suffering, your TPMS funds not only benefit those victims but also support the education of seminarians and novices to serve their own people.

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Support these life-giving Pontifical Mission Societies at:
www.givecentral.org/pontificalmissionsocieties, use our QR code, or write a check to the "Mission Office" c/o Mission Office, 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202. Please add us to your legacy will!



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Admiring Cincinnati Precious Blood Sisters Serving in Guatemala



Precious Blood Sisters Joyce Kahle, left, and Theresa Walter, right, with student Sindy Jacinto.

In 2016 these two sisters arrived in Guatemala to collaborate with Sr. Marifé Hellman to help provide housing to her graduates who wanted to continue studying at a local university. Casa Sofia is the residence in

Guatemala City where dozens of women have been living and studying without cost while continuing their education. The Holy Mary of the Most Precious Blood School was founded by Sr. Marifé Hellman.

Sindy Lorena Jacinto Borja moved in with Sisters Joyce and Terry in September of 2016. She comes from Carrizal, a struggling village of San Jacinto, Chiquimula. Sindy is the youngest of six children, with four sisters and a brother. Her father died a number of years ago and her mother has been ill, supported by her children.

Sindy worked part-time for six months doing housework with a group of sisters in another part of the city. She also took a course one Sunday a month called "Healing and Wellbeing of our Mayan Sisters." Proudly, she recently graduated with a license as a Social Worker from the University of San Carlos. Sindy's message to the Sisters is, "Many thanks for the opportunity you have offered me to fulfill my dream to be a social worker. It has been difficult but, with the help of Jesus, I will achieve it."

Sr. Joyce celebrated her 50th anniversary of religious life on June 7 at Bellarmine Chapel at Xavier University in Cincinnati, surrounded by family, Precious Blood Sisters, former classmates and friends. She fondly

recalled how they sent her off in prayer in 2005 when she was missioned to India to care for the survivors of the tsunami.

This past July, the Sisters of the Precious Blood formally installed their new leadership team at their central house in Dayton. Sr. Terry Walter, who celebrated her 50th Jubilee in 2017, was named as one of their congregations' councilors.



Clockwise from top left, Sisters Marla Gipson, Ann Clark, Terry Walter, Joyce Lehman and Judy Kroeger

Founded in Switzerland in 1834 by Maria Anna Brunner, the Sisters of the Precious Blood serve in the United States, Chile, and Guatemala, proclaiming God's love by being a life-giving, reconciling presence in our fractured world. Their central house has been located on Salem Avenue in Dayton since 1923.

Come and celebrate our Precious Blood Sisters and Fathers at the World Mission Sunday 3pm Mass on October 22 at Holy Redeemer Church, New Bremen, Ohio. Dinner provided following Mass.