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## **“I lit the match that lit the fire”: Catholic Mission celebrates the beatification of Pauline Jaricot**

200 years ago, a great global network of Mission was founded by a young French woman, Pauline Jaricot, who had the vision of a solidarity fund to support missionaries around the world. By welcoming and inviting people to join, the association grew into a worldwide network, the Pontifical Mission Societies. This network continues Pauline’s vision of mission to share God’s love by supporting projects around the globe to help communities in need, by providing pastoral care and material support.

“I lit the match that lit the fire” were Pauline’s words to describe her work and its international spread.

On May 22, Pauline will be beatified, raised to the order of Blessed by Cardinal Tagle, the prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, in Lyon, France. This is a key milestone on her journey toward being recognised as a saint.

To celebrate Pauline’s legacy, Catholic Mission invites you to take part in the different events happening internationally and locally. The streaming of the beatification in Lyon will be available on our [website](#), the live stream is provided by KTO, the French-speaking catholic channel. In Australia, we will celebrate the beatification at the Woman with a Mission Retreat in Bunbury, on May 21-22, the mass will be live streamed on the Facebook page. To register for the conference, visit our [website](#). More events and resources are available on our [website](#).

Inspired by Pauline’s legacy, Catholic Mission has worked on bringing the Living Rosary to the digital age, by providing accessible online resources to help people to reflect on their actions through their prayers. Click [here](#) to access The Living Rosary.

“The Living Rosary is an invitation to come together and pray for the work of Mission.” Says Fr Brian Lucas, National Director of Catholic Mission.

Pauline’s vision is the cornerstone of the projects supported by Catholic Mission, which is currently working with the Church in Ethiopia to establish a community farm project in the rural area of Emdibir, aiming to create a sustainable solution to bring hope to families and children suffering from malnutrition. To learn more, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/community](http://catholicmission.org.au/community).

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**About Catholic Mission**

Catholic Mission is the Australian agency of the Pontifical Mission Societies – the Catholic Church’s global organisation dedicated to continuing Jesus Christ’s mission in the world: that all may have life to the full. Catholic Mission contributes funding and project support to critical church-run initiatives in Africa, Asia, Oceania, and South America. These include spiritual formation, pastoral care, education, health, sanitation, and agricultural programs. Here in Australia, we form people to go out and be missionary in their professional and personal lives; to pray, advocate and act for those on the margins. Catholic Mission has offices in 27 Australian dioceses.