

# CELEBRATING FOUR WEEKS OF MISSION: 10/16 – 11/6

## Week 1: 10/16

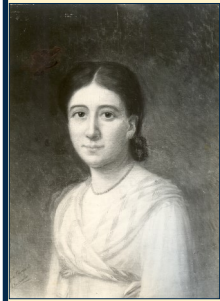


Fr. Bob McCahill is a Maryknoll priest who has devoted himself to serving the poor in the slums of Bangladesh. For more than 40 years, he has been a “witness of utter simplicity, serving the sick, and showing respect for the piety of his Muslim neighbors (religion of most of the people he serves)”

By acting as Christ would among the poor, through his actions and caring, he has earned the respect and confidence of others. It would not be unusual to see Bob caring a sick child on his bike to a hospital. By living to serve others, he wrote, “They have no problem perceiving that the good works and my lifestyle are because Jesus is my model..”

Fr. Bob McCahill is an exemplary model of how hearts can be changed through the witness of one’s lifestyle.

## Week 2: 10/23



Pauline Jaricot, born in 1799, was a member of a group founded by the Fathers of the Foreign Missions in Paris.

Being inspired by stories of mission, and convinced that others should be aware of this important mission work, she began to print, publish and distribute information.

She was also moved to organize mission cooperation by gathering with other women to pray, share stories and make sacrifices of support for mission activity.

This grew into the movement for the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**. Pauline Jaricot was the foundress of this very important organization who’s work is celebrated and supported on World Mission Sunday as it aids over 1,100 struggling diocese worldwide.

Pauline was Beatified in May 2022, making this year’s celebration unique. She is the Patroness of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and is a model of witnessing through mission

## Week 3: 10/30



Marta Pereira, originally from Costa Rica, is an archdiocesan parishioner who led the 2019

Immersion

Trip delegation to the Diocese of Vijayapuram, India.

Marta has deep experience with the witness of encounter as she was a missionary for 8 years throughout Latin America, including Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. She has also traveled to Guatemala with the Center for Mission.

The India Immersion Trip focused on encountering other’s and sharing our faith and culture with the Catholics of Kerala. As they visited homes, offices of social justice, schools, and parishes, Marta encountered the strength of the community through various activities. Marta affirms, “This trip was so inspiring as we witnessed to them and they witnessed to us and we both were gifted through these encounters.” Marta experienced the witness of encounter.

## Week 4: 11/6



Archbishop Samir Nassar is a Maronite serving in Damascus, Syria. His diocese has been in the midst of war for many years. He tells his own story, during his visit to the Twin Cities in 2018, of needing to get up in the middle of the night to visit the bathroom, just in time as a bomb came through the roof of his church, hit his bed and destroyed his room.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, through the Center for Mission, has established a partnership of solidarity with the Diocese of Damascus. We forward our help and prayers as we are able. Archbishop Nassar, gifts us with his blessings and love. This is a reflection of witnessing through mutuality and solidarity.

An icon representing our relationship hangs in our cathedral.