

WEEK 3

October 12th - October 18th

EUROPE

St. John Paul II: A Missionary to the World

Feast Day: October 22



St. John Paul II was born in Poland in 1920 and became one of the most beloved popes in Church history. As pope for over 26 years, he traveled to more than 100 countries — more than any pope before him — sharing Jesus' love and hope with people everywhere. He called the Church to be “missionary by nature” and reminded young people that everyone is called to be a missionary, no matter where they live.

St. John Paul II supported the Missionary Childhood Association, encouraging children to pray, learn, and give for the Church in mission countries. He believed that children have an important role in spreading the Gospel.

Mission Prayer Inspired by Saint John Paul II

Loving God,

Thank You for the joyful heart of St. John Paul II.

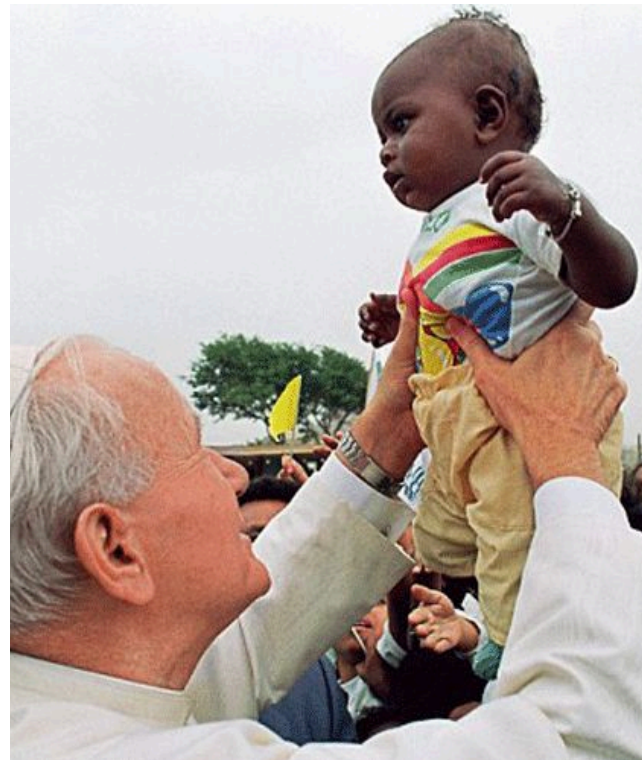
Help us to be missionaries like him — bringing Your peace, truth, and love to others.

May we never be afraid to say “yes” to You and to serve with courage and joy.

Bless all the children in the Missionary Childhood Association and help us grow in faith together.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!

Amen.





Mission Inspiration

A MISSIONARY ADVENTURE IN MALLORCA SPAIN

“A MISSIONARY IS THE BEST THING A HUMAN BEING CAN DO ”

Last year, something very special happened on the island of Mallorca, Spain. The Missions Office wanted to help children and teens learn more about missionaries— So Mr. Toni Miró and Fernando González, who work in the Mission office, traveled to visit schools all over the island.

Fun Fact: Fernando served in missions in Togo and Peru!

Toni and Fernando didn't use a car... they traveled on motorbikes! They zoomed from school to school, giving up to 7 presentations in a single day! They brought fun things like:

- Photos and videos
- Games
- A missionary Quiz
- And their own powerful missionary stories!

The purpose was to share this universal message:
Jesus wants all of us to be missionaries! Even kids!
Sometimes, when we talk about mission, it doesn't feel like anything changes right away. But God works in hearts quietly, and this time, something amazing happened...



Story by Fernando González, Missionary Childhood in Spain
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Mission Inspiration

DIOCESE OF MALLORCA SPAIN

After Fernando and Toni's visit, a sister from Colegio Ramón Llull in the town of Andratx called with exciting news: The students were so moved by the missionary stories that they wanted to write letters to real missionaries! Here are some of the beautiful things they said:

- "Thank you for helping children have a better life and future."
- "You help us dream of a better world."
- "How can I help people from here?"
- "Can I come with you?"
- "You inspired me to become a marine biologist and care for creation!"

These young writers are a perfect example of why the Missionary Childhood Association exists! Missionaries often inspire others show that you can be a missionary wherever you are!

Reflection and Activity:

- **What would you write in a letter to a missionary?**
- **How can you be a missionary at school or at home?**
- **What do you think is the best thing a missionary does?**



Mission Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for sending missionaries to share Your love with the world.

Bless Toni and Fernando, and all those who ride, walk, or fly to tell others about You.

Help me remember that I, too, am a missionary.

Even from my school or home, I can show kindness, pray, and help others.

Let my words and actions bring hope, just like the letters we wrote.

Holy Spirit, give me a big heart, full of courage, joy, and love.

Make me brave like the missionaries who help children in faraway places.

Use my hands, my smile, and my prayers to make the world brighter.

Amen.



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