



Briefing for Diocesan Directors on the 2026 General Assembly

Msgr. Roger J. Landry • June 22, 2026





The General Program



- The General Assembly of TPMS took place May 27 through June 3, 2026 at the College of St. Lawrence of Brindisi on the outskirts of Rome.
- The National Directors from the 122 national/multinational directions were present.
- The structure of the General Assembly featured the following elements:



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- Mass, Lauds and Vespers celebrated each day together in one of the main languages (English, Italian, Spanish, French, Portuguese).
- Mass at St. Peter's Basilica followed by an audience with Pope Leo XIV.
- Pilgrimage to the tomb of Blessed Paolo Manna, founder of the Pontifical Missionary Union, with Mass with Archbishop Michele Artuoro of Benevento, former National Director of Italy; Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Philomena, where Blessed Pauline Jaricot was healed in 1835.



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- Keynote addresses from:
 - **Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle** (Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches);
 - **Father Tad Nowak, OMI** (Interim Coordinator of TPMS and Secretary General of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, POPF);
 - **Father Guy Bognon, SSP** (Secretary General for the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, POSPA);
 - **Sister Ines Paulo Albino ASC** (Secretary General of the Missionary Childhood Association, POSI);
 - **Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFM Conv.** (Secretary General of the Pontifical Missionary Union, PUM); Emmanuele Sponze (Assistant for Administration);
 - **Archbishop Samuele Sangalli** (Adjunct Secretary for Administration of the Dicastery for Evangelization);
 - **Gianni Valenti** (Director FIDES)



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- Presentation, Discussion and Approval of the (1) Subsidies for POPF, POSPA and POSI for 2026; (2) Financial Report for 2025; and (3) Budget for 2026.
- Presentation, Discussion and Approval of the revision of the TPMS Statutes.
- Presentations from various National Directors on Best Practices (Uganda, Colombia, Brazil, Indonesia, USA, Peru, Cameroon, Spain, Malawi).
- Presentation by the Finance Council Chairman.



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- Presentation by the Communications Commission (Faith and Fundraising)
- Two continental meetings, at which were discussed the reform of the Statutes and the presentation by the Faith and Fundraising Commission.
- Nomination and discussion of themes of the 2027 World Mission Sunday to be proposed to the Holy Father.
- Dates for the Restricted Assembly in November and the 2027 General Assembly
- Discussion of recommendations and motions from National Directors



Pope Leo XIV's Remarks to TPMS



- June 1, Sala Clementina.
- Pope Leo gave remarks and then met with National Directors one-on-one.
- He focused on the 100th anniversary of World Mission Sunday, the 110th anniversary of the PUM, the upcoming beatification of Archbishop Sheen, the 2026 WMS theme, and our continuous missionary conversion.



Pope Leo XIV's Remarks to TPMS



- On World Mission Sunday:
 - “This year marks the hundredth anniversary of establishing ... the penultimate Sunday of October as World Mission Sunday by my predecessor Pope Pius XI. For one hundred years, this day has been set apart for **prayer, reflection and contributing** to the Church’s mission of evangelization, especially in areas where the proclamation of the Gospel is only just beginning and where the Church is still young. On this day, **every Catholic community** is invited to pray and offer spiritual and material sacrifices for the missionary efforts in areas of first evangelization and for the support of young churches.”



Pope Leo XIV's Remarks to TPMS



- On World Mission Sunday:
 - “I am happy to express **my gratitude to all of you and to everyone who works with you throughout the world, for all of your efforts, great and small**, in promoting World Mission Day in every ecclesiastical circumscription in the universal communion of the Church.”
 - “If I might add, one of the particular services of World Mission Sunday is to **remind people in the older churches**, if you will in the established churches, **how important it is that they too join in the missionary spirit of the whole Church.**”



Pope Leo XIV's Remarks to TPMS



- On the 110th Anniversary of the Pontifical Missionary Union:
 - “This year also marks the one hundred and tenth anniversary of the founding of the **Pontifical Missionary Union** by Blessed Paolo Manna, declared Pontifical by Pope Pius XII and described by Saint Paul VI as the “soul” of the other Pontifical Mission Societies. **I encourage all to participate in its mission of fostering among all the baptized an ever more fervent missionary spirituality and a deeper commitment to the Church’s universal mission of evangelization in this new missionary age.**”



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- On the Beatification of Sheen:
 - “It is also providential that this year, on 24 September, in Saint Louis Missouri, **a renowned National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States of America**, the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen, will be beatified. **Archbishop Sheen was a light of faith, hope, and love that shone through the radio and television media for decades. I myself am a witness of his evangelization when I was growing up.** His broadcasts touched millions with the hope of the Gospel and his initiatives and efforts resulted in enormous spiritual and material aid to the Churches in areas of first evangelization. **May our new Blessed be an example for all of the National and Diocesan Directors** of the Pontifical Mission Societies throughout the world.”



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- On the Theme of World Mission Sunday 2026:
 - “The theme for this year’s World Mission Sunday - One in Christ, united in mission - highlights the unity of believers and marks the 100th anniversary of this global celebration. **It invites all of the members of the Church to a deeper communion in Christ and to a fuller unity in his divine mission of love.** It reflects the profound desire of the Lord expressed in his prayer to the Father before his Passion (cf. Jn 17:20, 21, 26). These aspects, expressed in this year’s theme, call for **a missionary renewal in the Church in the years ahead.** I therefore encourage you to keep this teaching in mind, **to live an authentic spirituality of missionary unity and communion centered on Christ, and to promote it through your activities among the faithful.**”



Pope Leo XIV's Remarks to TPMS



- On continuous missionary conversion:
 - “The Second Vatican Council insisted that the ‘**Church on earth is by her very nature missionary** since, according to the plan of the Father, **it has her origin in the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit.**’ Mindful of this, I invite you all to appreciate the urgency of **embracing an ongoing missionary conversion** and to look together for ways of being a missionary Church for the healing of our world, so fraught with tensions, conflicts and wars. In this important task, the work of the the Pontifical Mission Societies remains essential. Let us therefore **continue our missionary journey with joy and renewed zeal.** In all that we do for the work of evangelization, may we always **place Jesus Christ at the center**, embracing the beautiful Gospel principle expressed by John the Baptist: “He must increase, but I must decrease” (Jn 3:30).”



Pope Leo XIV's Remarks to TPMS



- Prayer and Blessing:
 - “Entrusting all of you, **your collaborators, benefactors and all who share in this vital missionary work** to the maternal **intercession of the Mother of God, Mary, Queen of Missions**, and that of **all the missionary saints**, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.”



Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle's Keynote



- Cardinal Tagle is the Pro-Prefect of Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches of the Dicastery for Evangelization.
- He addressed the General Assembly on May 27.
- He described how the General Assembly is always one of the highlights of his year.
- He then spoke about the anniversaries being marked this year, Sheen's beatification and the World Mission Rosary, and then gave a gloss on Pope Leo's 2026 Message for World Mission Sunday.



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- Among the anniversaries, he mentioned the 100th of WMS, at the request of the General Assembly of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, the 110th of the PUM, the 200th of Blessed Pauline Jaricot's Living Rosary, and the 75th of the World Mission Rosary of Archbishop Sheen.
- "The World Mission Rosary with five distinct colors was introduced by Archbishop Fulton Sheen 75 years ago. He will be beatified September 24 this year and I will represent Pope Leo, much like I represented Pope Francis at the beatification of Pauline Jaricot. **Participation in this General Assembly is a path to holiness!**"



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- With regard to the 2026 WMS Message, based on the theme “One in Christ, United in Mission,” he said that it is the extension of Pope Leo’s motto In Illo Unum.
- He focused on the three parts of the message.
- The first part is entitled, “One in Christ: missionary disciples united with Him and with brothers and sisters.” He highlighted the Pope blends “spirituality, Trinitarian theology, ecclesiology, mission all together.” The unity of which Jesus speaks is “not just a type of sociological or organizational unity; it is the indwelling of person to person.” This is the unity given in baptism.



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- In the second part, entitled, “Unity of Mission: So that the world may believe in Christ Jesus,” he said that the Church’s unity gives credibility and authenticity to the Church’s message about the triune God. This unity doesn’t eliminate legitimate diversity. The first Christians lived this unity. Division lacerates the Church and wounds her mission.
- In the third part, dedicated to mission flowing from love, he said our daily mission is one of love. He remembered St. Paul’s words to strive for the greater spiritual gifts and that without charity, we are and accomplish nothing. The great missionaries have done everything out of love.



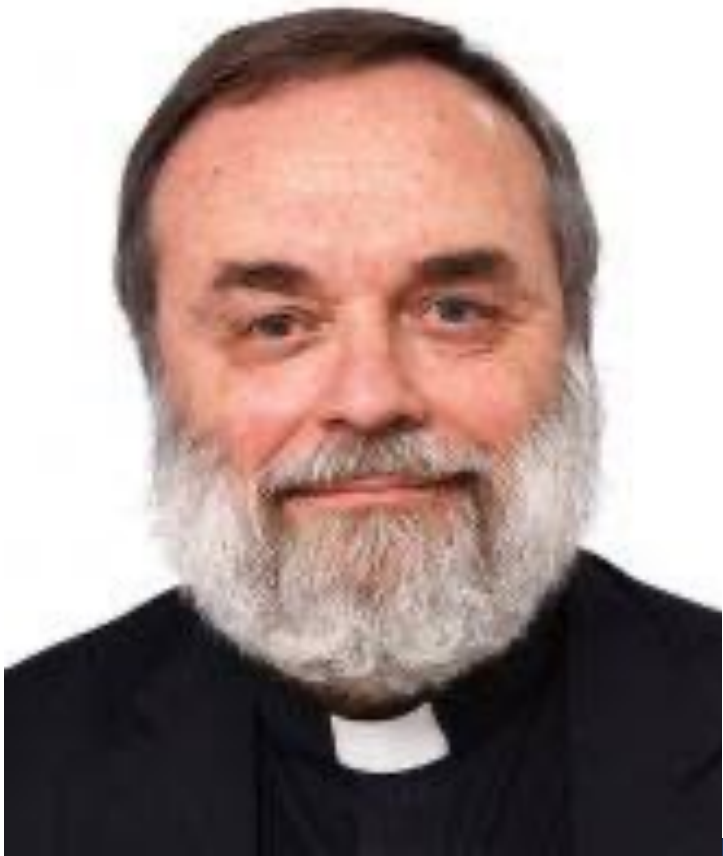
Annual Report of Fr. Tadeusz Nowak, OMI



- Father Nowak is the **Secretary General of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith**. He's also presently the **“Coordinator ad interim” of TPMS** until a new President is appointed.
- He began his annual report speaking for several minutes on Sheen, to underline his importance in the history of the missions.
- "He put TPMS on a new plane. Everyone knew who he was. He always mentioned he was National Director of TPMS."



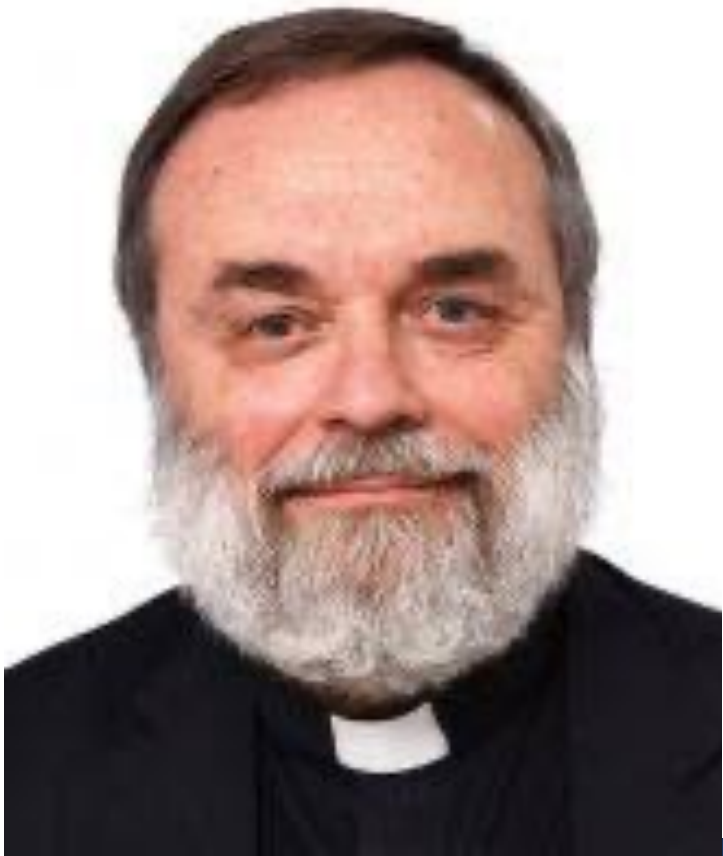
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- He said that when Sheen appeared on “What’s My Line?,” he said that all the money from his appearance will go to a leprosarium in Madagascar because he was the national director of TPMS. “He was a great animator and formator of the Societies. He was a very holy man. He urged the daily Holy Hour. What he did for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith is untold.”
- He underlined the importance of National Directors’ interaction with the bishops in their countries to help inspire a missionary spirit and to help diocesan directors carry that same spirit.



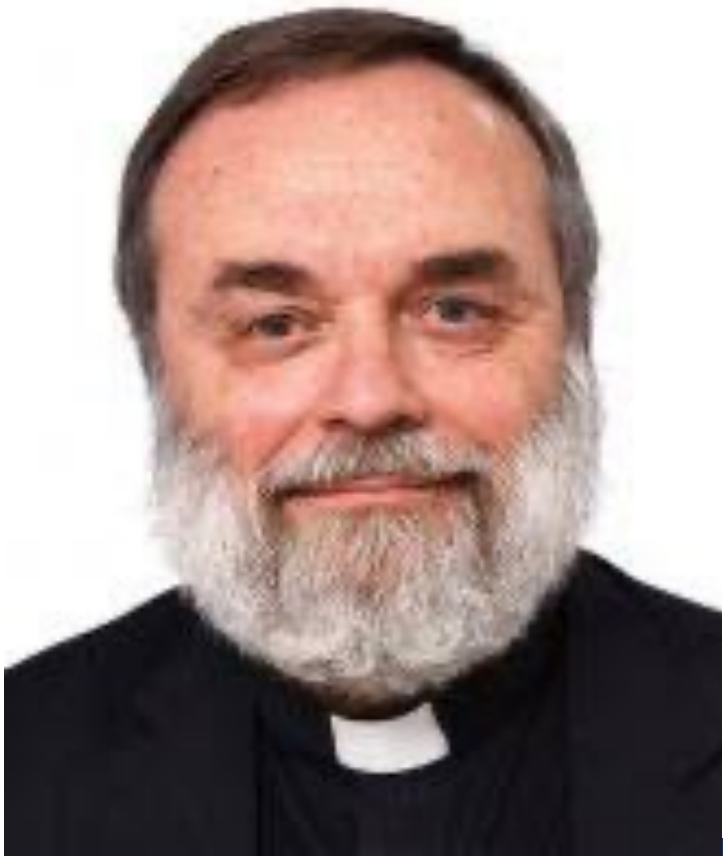
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- “One of the biggest challenges, perhaps the greatest, is to make the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and its many responsibilities known on a local, parish, diocesan, national and international level. It’s sad to note that we are an unknown entity in many parishes in Europe and the Americas. The faithful and people of good will often do not know who we are nor of the vast extent of our responsibilities. We need to address this problem urgently and at a local level. I encourage national directors and their diocesan counterparts to make who we are and what we do known.”



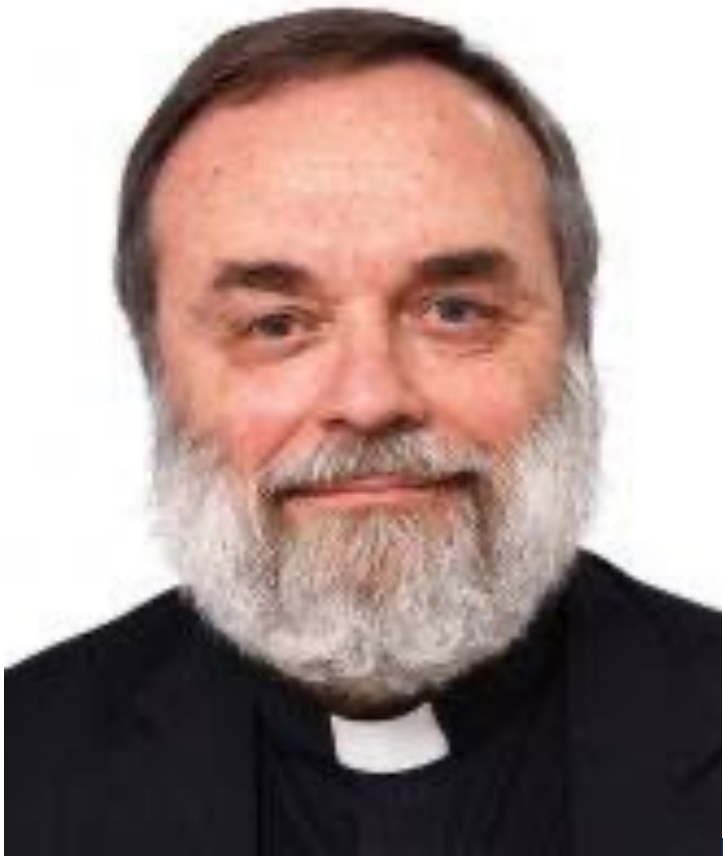
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- He spoke to the importance of National Directors in receiving countries to visit the projects that are being supported.
- With regard to his financial report, he singled out the work of the US in the past year: “In 2025, the World Mission Day collection generated the sum of \$76,591,756. When we add the interest earned on certain donations from the Directorates—amounting to \$ 1,437,789.00 the gross total comes to \$78,029,546, which was thankfully significantly higher than that of the previous year, **thanks in large measure to the efforts of the National Direction of the USA** and also to the efforts of a few other National Directions.”



Annual Report of Fr. Tadeusz Nowak, OMI



- He gave an overview of subsidies:
 - The **Ordinary Subsidy**, which requires now a letter from the bishop with the reasons he needs the money, together with a consolidated financial report from the previous year.
 - The **Extraordinary Subsidy** for the building of a church, chapel, clinic, convent, pastoral center, community center, formation for youth leaders, support of retired bishops in the diocese, etc. A bishop can ask for three extraordinary subsidies in a year and a fourth one for a religious community in the Diocese. For projects over \$30,000, an architectural plan must be provided. They must have the permission of civil authorities to build. 15 percent of the costs must be paid by the local community.
 - **Catechist subsidy** for remuneration and formation of full-time religious educators.



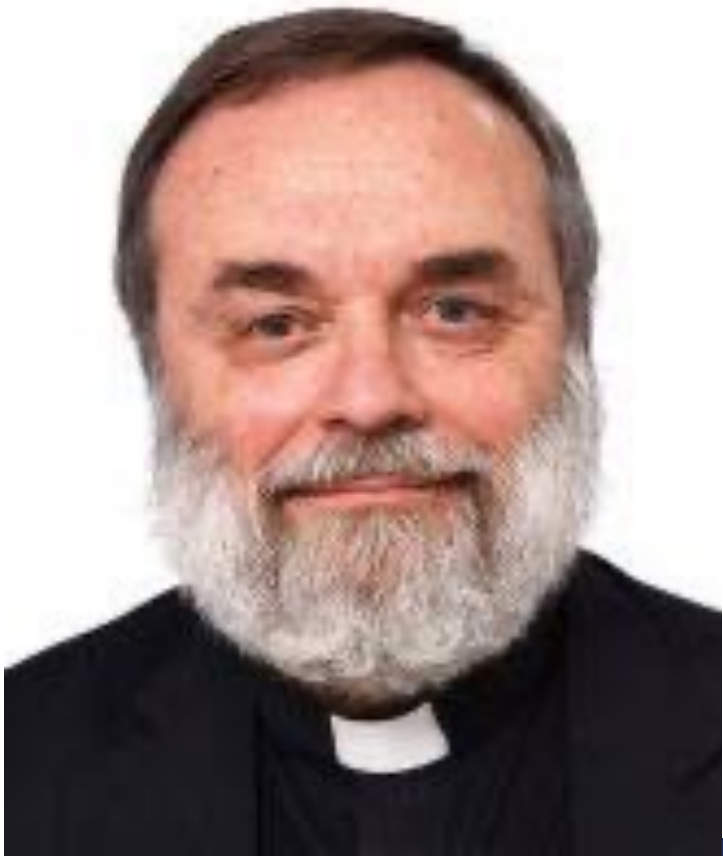
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- He mentioned that SPOF also pays:
 - For half of the cost of Nunciatures in missionary countries, about 2 million a year.
 - Since 1925, we support the Dicastery for Eastern Churches with about 5 percent of the World Mission Sunday collection
 - Since 1963, the USA gives 5 percent to the support of the Church in Latin America.
 - The Society for the Propagation of the Faith likewise pays for the five colleges for missionary seminarians and religious in Rome.
 - Finally, he said, some of their funds go to the administration of the international office.



Annual Report of Fr. Tadeusz Nowak, OMI



- He proposed the following for 2026:
 - \$53,134,180 for 3,558 requests for ordinary and extraordinary subsidies. 60.8% in Africa, 30.9% in Asia, 4.1% in Latin America, 4.1% in Oceania, 0.2% in Europe.
 - \$8,800,000 for Domus Missionalis
 - St. Peter the Apostle (priests getting advanced degrees)
 - St. Paul the Apostle (seminarians studying philosophy)
 - Mater Ecclesiae (religious sisters studying theology)
 - St. Joseph College (seminary professors updating formation)
 - CIAM (International Center of Missionary Animation)
 - \$2.2 million to the Nunciatures in mission territories
 - \$2.5 million Eastern Churches
 - \$858,000 to Latin America
 - \$1.33 million for administration
 - \$819,832 to FIDES
 - \$300,000 to POSPA
 - \$275,000 to PUM
- His budget was approved by the General Assembly.



Annual Report of Fr. Tadeusz Nowak, OMI



- The rank of generosity for the Universal Solidarity Fund for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith in 2026 (in **Euro**)
 - USA — 24,165,483
 - Spain — 8,725,490
 - Italy — 4,167,334
 - England — 2,505,004
 - France — 1,519,418
 - Aachen (Germany) — 1,513,362
 - Poland — 1,480,830
 - Ireland — 1,225,307
 - Mexico — 1,127,025
 - Australia — 1,181,818
 - Slovakia — 1,107,800
 - Toronto (Canada) — 999,586
 - Croatia — 867,870
 - Munich (Germany) — 857,138
 - Montreal (Canada) — 401,295
 - Portugal — 400,000
 - Switzerland — 355,541
 - Slovenia — 322,422
 - Hungary — 230,286
 - Scotland — 202,043
 - Belgium — 159,946
 - Netherlands — 153,717



Annual Report of Fr. Guy Bognon, SSP



- A native of Benin, he has been **Secretary General of the Society of St. Peter the Apostle** (POSPA) since 2015.
- He said that POSPA exists first to help the baptized realize they are responsible for the needs of the universal Church, especially the formation of priests and religious.
- The second purpose of POSPA is the formation of local clergy. He mentioned that in many countries, there is a collection on Good Shepherd Sunday for the needs of SPA.
- The third purpose is missionary solidarity, particularly financial solidarity.
- He said that the Society today is helping 804 seminaries and 87,977 diocesan seminarians (57,982 minor, 4,875 propaedeutic and 25,120 major seminarians).



Annual Report of Fr. Guy Bognon, SSP



- He said that there are six programs they administer:
 - **Ordinary subsidies** filled out by rectors
 - **Extraordinary subsidies** (signed by the rector, bishop, TPMS national director and the Nuncio).
 - **Mass stipends for priest formators and rectors** (about \$150 each six months, \$2.5 million total)
 - **Lifelong formation for priest formators.** (62 being funded now at \$211,670)
 - **Scholarships and grants for seminarians** to study in the local area. (To study in Rome, they apply to the rector of the Urbanianum for funds from the Dicastery).
 - **Scholarships for religious** in the local area (\$98,300 for 22 religious)
- For 2025, he said that they gave \$3,127,538 for seminary buildings (55-60% for renovations; 25-30% for new constructions, and 10-15% for equipment). This was one-third of the value of the requests received; the other two-thirds couldn't be funded because of lack of funds.



Annual Report of Fr. Guy Bognon, SSP



- For 2025, \$14,415,858 were given for ordinary subsidies for the 87,977 candidates (up by 5,118 from 2004).
 - \$9,466,207 for 214 major seminaries (215,120 seminarians)
 - \$1,384,180 for 143 propaedeutic seminaries (4,875 seminarians)
 - 3,565,470 for 447 minor seminaries (57,982 seminarians)
- Novitiates — Because of lack of funds, POSPA was not able to provide subsidies to Novitiates. Missio Aachen has been able to give to certain women's religious communities.
- Mass intentions for formators — \$2,621,917 for 1,699 to Africa, 470 to Asia, 351 to Europe, 33 to Latin America, 1 to Oceania
- Scholarships for Priest and Religious Formators — \$304,800 for 61 scholarships (43 for priests, 18 for women religious).



Annual Report of Fr. Guy Bognon, SSP



- The rank of generosity for the Universal Solidarity Fund for the Society of the St. Peter the Apostle in 2026 (in **dollars**)
 - USA — 2,818,028
 - England — 2,142,684
 - Aachen — 1,773,908
 - South Korea — 1,511,085
 - Spain — 1,457,270
 - Slovakia — 1,321,871
 - Italy — 890,334
 - Switzerland — 746,008
 - France — 711,887
 - Montreal — 663,974
 - Ottawa — 659,727
 - Indonesia — 539,097
 - Austria — 534,483
 - Netherlands — 396,000
 - Brazil — 344,967
 - Australia — 330,000
 - India — 321,662
 - Czech — 212,024
 - Philippines — 188,357
 - Mexico — 165,219
 - Poland — 146,371
 - DRC — 130,845
 - New Zealand — 103,040
 - Ivory Coast — 101,176



Annual Report of Sr. Ines Paulo Albino, ASC



- She is an Adorer of the Most Precious Blood from Guinea-Bissau. She started last year as the **Secretary General of the Missionary Childhood Association** (or Holy Childhood Association).
- She mentioned **three purposes** of MCA:
 - Promotion of the missionary protagonism of children
 - Solidarity and sharing from children to help other children throughout the world
 - Promotion and sustaining of missionary vocations among children.
- There are a **few basic activities**:
 - The prayer of children for other children
 - Charity through the collection (normally on the Epiphany)
 - Missionary witness, which can evangelize parents.



Annual Report of Sr. Ines Paulo Albino, ASC



- She underlined MCA is for children 0-14.
- She mentioned that they are doing much more formation in the form of webinars, international congresses and a twice a year bulletin.
- She mentioned with sadness the cancellation of the World Day of Children scheduled for September 2026
- In terms of the 2026 subsidies, she said that POSI has \$16,675,157 at its disposal. She was proposing \$9,748,230 for Africa, \$5,768,400 for Asia, \$274,500 for Latin America, \$184,400 for Oceania, and \$184,400 for Oceania, which would leave a balance of \$621,527.



Annual Report of Sr. Ines Paulo Albino, ASC



- There would also be 3,650,000 for Ordinary Subsidies; \$13,000,000 for extraordinary subsidies, \$200,000 for national directions, and \$712,437 for administration.
- In terms of generosity of National Directors:
 - Spain — \$2,032,450
 - Aachen — 1,870,000
 - Slovakia — 1,233,210
 - Australia — 1,130,000
 - England — 1,123,683
 - USA — 751,359
 - Poland — 746,964
 - India — 549,283
 - Indonesia — 523,988
 - Austria — 440,000
 - Czech — 384,025
 - Brazil — 324,061
 - Italy — 269,590
 - Japan — 266,737
 - Mexico — 247,975
 - Philippines — 231,886
 - Toronto — 218,324
 - DRC — 208,747
 - Croatia — 177,608
 - Pacific Islands — 166,263
 - Ivory Coast — 125,552
 - South Korea — 122,066
 - Malta — 112,000
 - Netherlands — 110,000
 - Switzerland — 102,218



Annual Report of Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFM Conv.



- He has been the Secretary General of the Missionary Union for 5 years.
- The PMU first supports all of the other three Societies with prayer and formation. Bl. Paolo Manna promoted them from 1916, before the other three became Pontifical thanks to his work.
- The TPMS Statutes say, “The objective of the Pontifical Missionary Union is to stimulate missionary formation and awareness among priests, members of institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, consecrated laity, candidates to priesthood and religious life in all its forms, as well as all other persons engaged in the pastoral ministry of the Church” (art. 20).



Annual Report of Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFM Conv.



- PMU creates the “Union” of all the forces in the missionary field to serve the Church's common evangelizing mission, focusing on formation, information and fostering the missionary vision and spirituality of all the baptized.”
- Each national director is appointed first the national director of PMU.
- PMU promotes the World Mission Sunday letters of the Holy Father each year. It used to be published on the Ascension; now on Epiphany to give us time to prepare materials based on it.
- Missionary formation and animation is not a question of a day, like WMS, or a month, but a 365-day ongoing effort.



Annual Report of Fr. Dinh Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFM Conv.



- PMU tries to promote missionary animation, formation and spirituality through Biblical missionary commentaries, congresses, webinars and more. Everything begins with the Word of God. It tries to form national and diocesan directions with courses at CIAM. Without missionary spirituality, we become administrators or bureaucrats.
- PMU's funding comes from the Universal Solidarity Fund of SPOF. The overall budget for 2026 for \$379,322, with \$275,000 coming from SPOF. Last year it spent \$201,000. It now has \$1.75 million in patrimony.



Annual Report of Emmanuele Sponza



- Fr. Tad Nowak is now the Responsible for Administration, but he has hired Emmanuele Sponza to do the day to day work for him.
- The TPMS Statutes state there there must be an Administrative Office that cares for the administration and financial aspects of the four Secretariats. The Secretariats themselves direct the annual budget for a calendar year and their profit and loss are under the care of the Council for the Economy. The Supreme Council (General Assembly) examines the budgets of each, directs an external audit and presents the results.
- The Council for the Economy is trying to move everything into one financial program presently being used by the Dicastery for Eastern Churches.



Annual Report of Emmanuele Sponza



- He gave an overview of the budget for 2026, which will be \$4,423,435. POPF will give 43%, POSPA 30%, POSI 23% and PUM 4%. They will also receive funds from personnel, another for FIDES from POPF.
- In a separate presentation, Fr. Vincent Goulmy, National Director of the Netherlands and a member of the Finance Council, went over the figures from the four Societies and the General Administration.



Process for Subsidies



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Consilium Superius

Assemblee Generale
Roma, MAGGIO 2025

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AFRICA

SUSSIDI ORDINARI
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ROMA, 2025

- There are applications that need to be filled out for each Society for ordinary and extraordinary subsidies, normally from the bishop of the missionary diocese or territory, sometimes by the National Director, sometimes by the rector of the seminary (for Society of St. Peter the Apostle). The applications, if not coming from the bishop, normally need his approval (he can only submit 3 or 4 for SPOF), and the approval of the Nuncio.
- They are then reviewed by the Secretary-General of the respective Society, to make sure everything necessary has been submitted so that they can be properly evaluated. These are due by December.



Process for Subsidies

ALGERIA

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| 1. | ALGER, A.D. S. E. Mgr Jean-Paul Vesco, OP | Subside Ordinaire | \$ 25.000 |
| 2. | CONSTANTINE, D. S. E. Mgr Nicolas Pierre Jean Lhernould | Subside Ordinaire Subside pour les catéchistes Formation: | \$ 20.000 \$ 3.000 |
| | <small>soutien aux activités catéchétique et de formation en faveur des jeunes étudiants chrétiens de l'Afrique subsahariennes: sessions de formation de 3 jours et session d'été d'une semaine.</small> | | |
| 3. | LAGHOUAT, D. S. E. Mgr Diego Ramón Sarrió Cucarella, M.Afr. | Subside Ordinaire Subsidies extraordinaires: | \$ 20.000 |
| | <small>I. 2025/004185 Révérend Père Mounkoro René: Soutien aux deux bibliothèques du diocèse de Ghardaia et Ouargla.</small> | | |
| | <small>Les deux centres conservent et mettent à la disposition des documents concernant toute la région du Sahara. Ils sont des lieux d'organisation de conférences et des rencontres au dialogue interreligieux. Il est nécessaire d'acquérir des nouveaux livres et d'entretenir du matériel : ordinateurs et climatiseurs, peinture - - Coût total: \$ 27.800 - Contribution locale: \$ 6.000 - Montant sollicité: \$ 21.800</small> | | |
| | PROPOSITION: | | \$ 20.000 |

- In March, the Secretariats need to receive from the National Offices the figures (even if not yet audited) of how much has been contributed, so that they know how much can be distributed with regard to the various petitions.
- The Secretaries then make proposals to the Superior Council (the General Assembly of National Directors) as to Ordinary and Extraordinary Subsidies that should be awarded, which requests should be put on hold either for lack of paperwork or lack of funds.
- The proposals are sent in thick PDF documents to the National Directors ahead of the General Assembly.





Process for Subsidies



PONTIFICIUM OPUS A SANCTA INFANTIA
Consilium Superius

Assemblea Generale
Roma, MAGGIO 2025

AFRICA
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ASIA
EUROPA
OCEANIA

- Length of reports
 - For the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, there were documents of 560 and 387 pages (a total of 947 pages).
 - For the Missionary Childhood Society, the report was 973 pages.
 - For the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, the report was 36 pages for Ordinary Subsidies and 113 for Extraordinary Subsidies (149 pages total).
- The proposals are open for discussion and debate during the General Assembly. Then they are voted on *en masse*.
- Ahead of the General Assembly, the National Directors are asked if there are particular countries, particular types of projects, or even specific projects that they would want to prioritize.

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(*ad usum privatum*)



Process for Subsidies

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| ATAKPAME. D. | | | | |
| S. E. Mgr Moïse Touho | | | | |
| * Subside Ordinaire pour la promotion de l'Oeuvre de la Sainte Enfance | | | | |
| 2025-TOG-1-1 | | | | |
| | EUR | 7.200 | EUR | 7.200 |
| * Subside extraordinaire | | | | |
| 1° | Ecole primaire catholique de TALO | | 2025-TOG-1-2 | |
| | Rév. Père Eni Sewanou Norbert Dagoudi | | | |
| | Construction d'un bâtiment scolaire (Educazione scolastica) | | | |
| | Construction de 3 salles de classes avec bureau et magasin. Une bonne éducation est une garantie pour l'avenir de l'Eglise et de la société. Talu, quartier périphérique à forte population. Les élèves de l'école primaire sont en grand nombre, les infrastructures sont insuffisantes. Les cours se font dans les appartâmes. Ce bâtiment aidera pour améliorer les conditions d'études des enfants, la formation chrétienne et humaine. | | | |
| | 309 enfants | | | |
| | Devis: | EUR | 40.413 | |
| | Participation | EUR | 5.349 | |
| | Demande: | EUR | 35.063 | EUR 20.000 |
| 2° | Ecole primaire catholique de LASSEGNON | | 2025-TOG-1-3 | |
| | Rév. Père Eni sewanou Nohert Dagoudi | | | |
| | Construction d'un bâtiment scolaire (Educazione scolastica) | | | |
| | Construction de 3 salles classes avec bureau et magasin. Dans le diocèse, le soin de l'enfance est retenu comme priorité pour contribuer à l'éducation de qualité. Lassegnon, village à un grand nombre d'enfants. L'école primaire est dépassée en nombre d'élèves. Le manque d'infrastructures est un défi pour l'enseignement. Les cours se font dans les appartâmes. Les enfants sont exposés aux intempéries | | | |
| | 283 enfants | | | |
| | Devis: | EUR | 40.413 | |
| | Participation | EUR | 5.349 | |
| | Demande: | EUR | 35.063 | DILATA |

- In June after the General Assembly, and in November after the Restricted Assembly, the Secretariats then prepare “protocols” to be proposed to the various national offices to be fulfilled according to the funds they reported in March were available.
- The protocols are sent to the National Offices to be approved. Upon approval, they are likewise copied to the Nuncios and National Directors in the respective countries as well to the bishop or rector who made the request for ordinary or extraordinary subsidies. The National Offices then send the funds to the respective nunciature’s account at the IOR (The Institute for the Works of Religion, or Vatican Bank) to be given to the recipient in local currency.



Approval of the Draft of TPMS Statutes



PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES
STATUTE



PREAMBLE

Vision and mission of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the context of the Church's evangelizing mission

1. The passion for evangelization is a vital dimension of the Church. "The community of Jesus' disciples was born apostolic and missionary. The Holy Spirit molds it externally so that the Church may go forth to radiate her light to the ends of the earth."¹ "The identity of the Church is to evangelize"² and "evangelization is essentially linked to the proclamation of the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or have always rejected him."³ "Missionary action is the paradigm of all the Church's Society"⁴
2. Above all, a new awareness is emerging; that is, that mission concerns all Christians, all dioceses and parishes, ecclesial institutions and associations⁵.
3. Various ecclesial bodies have emerged to foster, sustain and coordinate communion among all those dedicated to evangelisation. In particular, the Second Vatican Council not only recognized the responsibility of the College of Bishops for the universal mission, but also entrusted to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, today the Dicastery for Evangelization, Section for First Evangelization and New Particular Churches (hereafter "the Dicastery")⁶, the task of "regulating and coordinating both missionary work and cooperation throughout the world"⁷ making use of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS): the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith (POPF),

¹ Pope Francis, General Audience, January 11, 2023.

² Pope Francis, Message for World Mission Day 2022.

³ *Evangelii Gaudium*, 14.

⁴ *Evangelii Gaudium*, 15.

⁵ *Evangelii Gaudium*, 2.

⁶ *Documenta Evangelium*, art. 53.

⁷ *Ad Gentes*, 29.

- The revised edition of the Statutes was presented to us. The process has been led by Father Anh Nhue Nguyen, OFM Conv., and Father Anthony Chandry from England and Wales. Eventually the Statutes need to be approved by the Holy See's Dicastery for Legislative Texts before being sent on to the Holy Father for final approval.
- The draft presented incorporated most of the suggestions from the previous general assembly. The main question for discussion was the role of approval that the General Assembly would give to the acts of the general secretaries. The General Assembly retained the right to approve rather than just advise.
- Diocesan directors will be appointed by their local bishops, having consulted the national director.



Final Items



- There was a recommendation to ask Cardinal Tagle to petition Pope Leo XIV for a year of missions.
- There was a recommendation for a new President to be nominated by the Holy Father as soon as possible.
- There was a consultation for the 2027 World Mission Sunday theme. There were nearly 40 candidates. The three top vote getters were submitted to Cardinal Tagle and then to Pope Leo.
- Departing National Directors were warmly singled out and thanked for their service.





Thank **you!**