

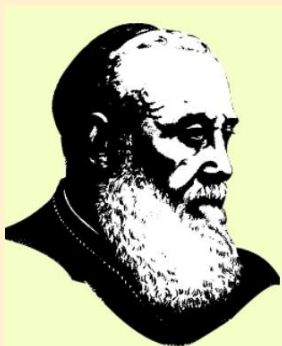


Mission Letter

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER
FROM THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA
(WHITE FATHERS)

Decembre 2025

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13



The year 2025 has been a special and significant year for the *Society of Missionaries of Africa* as we celebrated two hundred years of the birth of **Charles Martial Cardinal Lavigerie**, born on 31 October 1825. It has been a time to give thanks for the gift of this man, founder of both the *Society of Missionaries of Africa* (1868) and the *Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa* (1869), to the Church and to Africa.

More than anything else, he was a man of vision, a man of hope and a man of Faith, who fought against the injustices of his time, especially the slave trade. He was not afraid to speak his mind in the presence of people of power. He was a *Prophetic Witness* in his day, and he invites each member of his family to be a prophetic witness today. It is in this mission that each of you, as friends of our Society, shares.

The year 2025 has also been a special year in the Universal Church as we celebrated the Jubilee Year with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. In October, the theme of Mission Sunday 2025, *Missionaries of Hope for All Peoples*, further emphasized this call. As we move toward the end of 2025 and prepare to walk through the door of the year 2026, our world is facing difficult realities. Amid these difficulties, as long as we remain hopeful, trusting in God, together we will find ways to build a better world. This message of hope is nothing new. It is the same message we received with the birth of a child in a manger in Bethlehem.

As we come to the end of another year, the Society of Missionaries of Africa is thankful to each of you. We are grateful for your continued support through your prayers, friendship, and generous financial donations. Each of us is a pilgrim, but we are not alone on our journey. Each person contributes in his/her own way, according to his/her abilities. Your generosity and support help us to continue our different programs and projects in the places we find ourselves on mission. We thank you for being part of our missionary family.

We pray for all our loved ones who have died in 2025, especially the following Missionaries of Africa:



Brother Rene Garand Fr. Fernand Chicoine Fr. Jacques Charron Bishop Albert Thévenot



Fr. Jean-Marie Beliveau Fr. Raymond-M. Gagnon Fr. Luc Piette Fr. Richard Dandenault



Our founder, Charles Martial Cardinal Lavigerie, placed our Society under the protection of Mary, Queen of Africa. As we prepare to enter the year 2026, may Mary, our Mother, be with you and your families. May she help each of us to be, as the theme for Mission Sunday 2025 stated, ***Missionaries of Hope for All Peoples.***