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Greetings and welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2022 edition of the Holy Childhood Newsletter. Our country of focus is Papua New Guinea (PNG).



CURRENT PROJECT

Our Holy Childhood Association assists the **Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood worldwide**. We are supporting Elementary Education in the **Diocese of Wabag, Enga Province, Papua New Guinea**. We help with the resourcing and promotion of instruction in Religious Education in parishes and elementary schools.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA

OVERVIEW

Papua New Guinea is the most diverse country in the world, with over 800 different cultures. and many distinct racial groups. People have traditionally lived in tribal communities isolated from one another. It is very mountainous with dense tropical rainforests. There are over 600 islands. The capital City of Port Moresby is not connected by road to the rest of the country. Today, air travel is widespread, as there are only a few major "highways" and their condition is generally poor. Most people live subsistence lives in rural areas without modern amenities such as electricity, clean water infrastructure and information services like radio, television, computer capability and phones. Here are a few interesting facts:

- ♦ Papua New Guinea's over 850 different languages are actively spoken. Today, there are 3 official languages: English, Tok Pisin (Pidgin), Hiri Motu.
- ♦ The current population is over 7 million, more than twice as many as 40 years ago.
- ♦ PNG contains the 3rd largest rainforest in the world. The weather is tropical.
- ♦ There are 20,000 plant species, 800 kinds of coral, and over 650 types of fish.
- ♦ PNG's main economic resources are gold, copper, coffee, tea, timber and coconut.



Bird of Paradise – National emblem



Papua New Guinea Flag

The flag of Papua New Guinea is red-black, diagonally divided, features a yellow bird-of-paradise and the Southern Cross constellation.

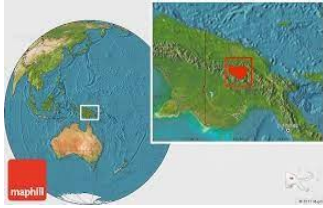
A BRIEF HISTORY

The island of New Guinea was largely unknown until explored and administered by Europeans, particularly by the British and Germans. PNG was involved in activity during the World Wars, especially against the Japanese in WWII. Independence from Australian administration was granted in 1975.

Inevitably, the modern world has crept into Papua New Guinea and initiated changes. Many tribes have only recently been exposed to "modern" lifestyle, culture and Christianity. The Highlands of PNG were only "discovered" in the 1930s. There are people today who have never seen Western/European people.

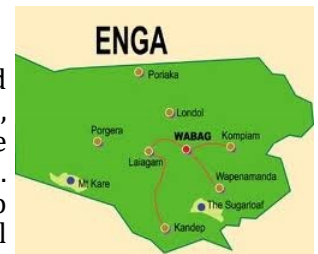
With "discovery" came exposure to new culture, education and cash economy. Some people have found modern ways more attractive than subsistence living. Rising levels of education have opened different expectations for the future. There has been increased migration to the towns and cities in search of a limited number of jobs. Unemployment has risen along with increased lawlessness.

THE PROVINCE OF ENGA - GEOGRAPHY



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Enga province is in the centre of the PNG Highlands. It is dominated by rugged mountains, steep valleys, deep gorges, fast flowing rivers, waterfalls and very thick rainforests. The provincial administrative Centre is the town of Wabag, where our project is centralised. There are very few roads in Enga. The Highlands Highway goes into the province, but most areas are inaccessible by road. People travel extensively by foot. Small aircraft service many areas where it is possible to build airfields.



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Poor roads



Public Motor Vehicle – (PMV)



Small aircraft



EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Most children today attend Primary School until Year 6. Some will complete Year 10, after which a smaller number will go on to colleges to become teachers or trades workers. A few will progress to studies leading to University. Many of the schools are aided by various Christian denominations. The Catholic Church is very active in working in schools from the various parish outlets that exist. Priests and Catechists walk long distances between communities to offer support. Students and teachers do all of the cleaning and maintenance chores. In remote areas, they even build the schools before classes start!



Mixed class - Paiela

The following pictures are from a remote town called Paiela. The writer of this Newsletter (pictured) spent time in the local school and village.



Students hard at work



Local children



Bush School in remote PNG receives support from HCA Canada

CULTURE

There are many different cultural groups within PNG. Engans are a large group and unlike in several areas of the country, most Engans share common customs. All Papua New Guineans are known for their body art and dances. Thus Engans have their own unique styles, as shown here.

Male decoration



Female face decoration



Engan dancers

THE PEOPLE

People in most areas of Enga are subsistence villagers who grow their food and raise pigs, considered special and eaten rarely. They are generally a healthy and happy people. Your work with the HCA can ensure that children from these areas can continue their education and spiritual growth and lead productive lives.



Catholic Church, Paiela



Outdoor Mass



Villagers & their home



Yes, despite our preoccupation with Papua New Guinea this edition, we cannot forget that Advent approaches. As intermediate students, you are familiar with some of the traditions we share as Catholics, so be sure to work on the following at school and at home:

Advent wreath



Advent calendar

ADVENT CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 1st Light the first candle and begin your Advent journey.	December 2nd Light the second candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 3rd Light the third candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 4th Light the fourth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 5th Light the fifth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 6th Light the sixth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 7th Light the seventh candle and continue your Advent journey.
December 8th Light the eighth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 9th Light the ninth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 10th Light the tenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 11th Light the eleventh candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 12th Light the twelfth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 13th Light the thirteenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 14th Light the fourteenth candle and continue your Advent journey.
December 15th Light the fifteenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 16th Light the sixteenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 17th Light the seventeenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 18th Light the eighteenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 19th Light the nineteenth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 20th Light the twentieth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 21st Light the twenty-first candle and continue your Advent journey.
December 22nd Light the twenty-second candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 23rd Light the twenty-third candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 24th Light the twenty-fourth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 25th Light the twenty-fifth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 26th Light the twenty-sixth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 27th Light the twenty-seventh candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 28th Light the twenty-eighth candle and continue your Advent journey.
December 29th Light the twenty-ninth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 30th Light the thirtieth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 31st Light the thirty-first candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 32nd Light the thirty-second candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 33rd Light the thirty-third candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 34th Light the thirty-fourth candle and continue your Advent journey.	December 35th Light the thirty-fifth candle and continue your Advent journey.

Making your Christmas tree Christ centred Presenting real Christmas carols



Making your Christmas tree Christ centred



Jesse Tree



Manger scene



Resolutions in preparation for Christmas

Resolutions

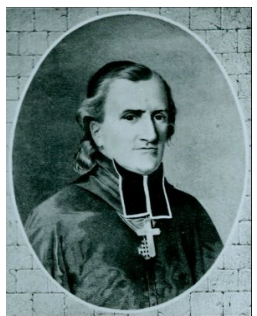
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Foundress: Society for the Propagation of the Faith

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

A year of celebrations



Bishop Charles de Forbin-Janson

Founder: Holy Childhood Association



Jeanne Bieard

Foundress: Society of St. Peter the Apostle



Father Paolo Manna

Founder: Pontifical Missionary Union

2022 has been a year of celebration for the Pontifical Missions Societies

1. Since Vatican II, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, founded in 1622, has been known as the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. 400 years of activity!
2. This year is the 200th anniversary of **the Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, founded by Pauline Marie Jaricot (as featured in our last Newsletter). **Her beatification took place in Lyon, France, on May 22, 2022.**
3. 2022 is also the 100th anniversary of the **Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of Faith**, the **Pontifical Mission Society of the Holy Childhood**, and the **Pontifical Mission Society of St. Peter the Apostle**, when they were made Pontifical in 1922, by Pope Pius XI at the centenary celebration of the Society for the Propagation of Faith.
4. This year is also the **150th** anniversary of the birth of Father Paolo Manna, founder of the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions and the Pontifical Missionary Union of Priests and Religious.

PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD: DRAWING COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



The Holy Childhood Association is a Pontifical organisation, meaning it is under the sponsorship and blessing of the Pope. This gives the HCA and members elite status.

On the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood, the International Secretariat has announced a **"COMPETITION"** for missionary children and adolescents. You are to respond to the question *"What does Missionary Childhood and Adolescence mean for me in terms of being a Society of the Pope?"* You are to answer with a picture that shows your missionary activity accompanied by a brief descriptive caption of your work and how you feel about being a Missionary connected to the Pope.

The contest closes on May 19, 2023. In order for entries from around the world to be collected and judged, your entry must be received in Toronto by February 28, 2023. Send your entry to:

**The National Director
Pontifical Mission Societies
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The winning entrant will receive a special HCA Rosary. The picture will be sent by the Director to the International Secretariat and will be published along with winners from other countries. All entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

BE CREATIVE!! BE INSPIRING!! GOOD LUCK AND GOD BLESS!!