

PMS, a global player of missionary service

With their presence across the globe, the Pontifical Mission Societies – PMS –serve as a worldwide network at the service of the universal Church. PMS is represented in Italy by the Missio Foundation, the pastoral agency of the Italian Episcopal Conference, tasked with missionary animation and formation. Its efforts revolve around three areas of activity based on its recipients.



[\("The Golden Bridge"\).](#)



[is the Pontifical Mission Societies' service offered by young people for young people, with a two-year formation program addressed to those who feel drawn to the mission. Each stage of the program is accompanied by animation cards that can be used in various local realities of youth ministry. A highlight among the many activities is the summer experience in a country located in the South of the globe, offering the opportunity to spend a few weeks side by side with Italian missionaries based in the area.](#)



[, focuses on the missionary animation of communities, adults and families. It encourages spiritual solidarity through prayer for missionaries, and material solidarity through the collection of offerings for Churches in mission lands in all churches during World Mission Day, celebrated this year on October 18. It also provides animation and formation material for the Missionary Month of October, to be used locally for faith animation in dioceses. The **Pontifical Missionary Union \(PMU\)** or **Missio Consecrati** proposes to animate and instil missionary zeal in priests, men and women religious, deacons, seminarians. The latter are the focus of specific attention, with an annual conference dedicated to them and with periodical visits by seven missionaries, commissioned by the Society, to the various seminaries in Italy to meet those preparing for ordination, inspiring them to missionary activity. Other tools include university missionary formation through an online Missiology Course for those interested.](#)



[supports the development of recently](#)

[founded missionary Churches, providing the necessary resources for seminarians. All the proposals of *Missio* can be further explored on the website \[www.missioitalia.it\]\(http://www.missioitalia.it\)](#)

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