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The recreation of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN) from 2009 to 2019

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1. Introduction

It was February 2015 and Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ, then delegate of the Superior General of the Society of Jesus for the Apostleship of Prayer (AP), had already traveled to dozens of countries in the world, promoting and accompanying an institutional refunding process of such magnitude that it could only be started with personal encounters and listening and understanding the different cultural, social and ecclesial contexts. After a long process of five years of recreating the mission of the AP with various teams, reorganizing the world network and about to launch the new name (which would be renamed the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - PWPN) and logo, now about to celebrate the centenary of the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM), faces a dilemma in the face of the unexpected announcement of the Jubilee of Mercy by Pope Francis.

Should the team continue with the projects envisaged at the service of the local Churches to deepen the new way of understanding the mission, through various missionary proposals, or face an eventual change in plans to prepare for the Extraordinary Jubilee, with little time or resources, but a favorable occasion to deepen the essential of the mission of the PWPN?

2. The Apostleship of Prayer

The AP was born in 1844 in a formation house for young Jesuits, in Vals-près-le-Puy in south-central France, eager to be sent on mission to India. Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet SJ, their spiritual director, proposed to them a way of being already apostles and missionaries in their ordinary lives, uniting with Christ everything they did during the day.¹ His was an invitation to all to be missionaries here and now by simply offering to God all that we do, striving to be available to Christ for mission².

In a few years this new proposal for life had spread throughout France and beyond, reaching millions of followers. With the impetus of Fr. Henry Ramière SJ, successor to Fr. Gautrelet SJ and considered second founder, AP groups were formed in Catholic parishes and institutions and a tightly knit structure of directors was created at the head of the new association in each diocese. In addition, Fr. Ramière SJ gave it a solid theological foundation, connecting it with devotion to the Heart of Jesus.

¹ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. History of the apostolate of prayer.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/history-of-the-apostleship-of-prayer/>. Date accessed: March 27, 2021.

² Based, as indicated by the Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ, on the meditation of the Kingdom (EE no. 91-100), in particular of the greater offering that Saint Ignatius proposes to be available to the mission of Christ (EE no. 98): "Eternal Lord of all things, I make my oblation, with your favor and help, before your infinite goodness, and before your glorious Mother, and all the saints and saints of the heavenly court, which I want and desire and is my deliberate determination, only that it be your greatest service and praise, to imitate you in passing all insults and all vituperation and all poverty, both actual and spiritual, your most holy majesty wanting me to choose and receive in such a life and state. "

The 35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus³, which ends in 2008 with the election of Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ as the new Superior General, sets out a series of priorities, including the AP and the EYM.⁴

The "Mission Statement" by the International Council of the AP (Rome, June 2012), two years after the beginning of the process of recreation of this work requested by Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ, defines the reason for being of the AP of the following mode⁵:

“The AP, entrusted by the Holy See to the Society of Jesus, is a worldwide prayer network that helps people find meaning and hope in their lives by leading them to a personal relationship of deep trust with the risen Christ. As witnesses of the Father's love for the world, in AP we are called to be with Jesus and to share his mission. In this way, we make ourselves available to serve the world in the mission of the Church.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are apostles by prayer and by a life united to the Heart of Christ. By offering our lives, we open ourselves to his transforming action in us.

The spiritual path of the AP, especially the daily offering and prayer about the realities that the Pope raises, helps us to live our mission, following the example of Mary, in every state of life and in all situations of daily life. Our youth branch is the Eucharistic Youth Movement.”

The AP therefore has a triple dimension:

- worldwide prayer network at the service of the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church expressed in the monthly prayer intentions of the Pope.
- interior availability to the mission of Christ. This availability has as its source and model Jesus Christ given to us and for us, who makes himself continually present to us in the Eucharist.
- spiritual path that the Church proposes to all Christians to help them be friends and apostles of the Risen Jesus in daily life, and awaken in them missionary capacity.⁶

³ The General Congregation (GC) meets on the death of Father General to elect his successor and can also be summoned to make decisions of great importance. During the 20th century, ten CGs were held, one every ten years on average. Conference of Jesuit Provincials in Latin America. What is a General Congregation. <http://historico.cpalsj.org/congregacion-general-36/que-es-una-congregacion-general/>. Access date: March 20, 2021.

⁴ Educate Magis. General Congregation 35 of the Society of Jesus. Decree 6, n. 28 <https://www.educatemagis.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/2019/09/CG-35-ES.pdf>. Date accessed: March 27, 2021.

⁵ PWPN. Popesprayer.va. Documents https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2012-Propuesta_de_recreacion_del_Apostolado_de_la-Oracion_P._Claudio_Barriga_S.J..pdf. Date accessed: March 27, 2021.

⁶ PWPN. Historical document 2014. A journey with Jesus in apostolic availability. Recreation of the Apostleship of Prayer. Document 1. December 2014. <https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/1-DOC-1-Dec-2014-ENG-Final.pdf>

3. Phase 1: The commission

The Superior General, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ, in line with his predecessor Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach SJ, in accordance with the Decrees of the GC35, commissioned to recreate, not just renew, the AP, the EYM being its youth section.

It was an invitation to be free, to go beyond the known, to take more seriously the depth of cultural changes and to speak the new current languages, rethinking practices, prayers, theology and methods in such a way that the AP was able to touch and change people's real lives. This meant, first and foremost, identifying what the original spiritual insight of the AP was.

4. The process of discernment and apostolic planning: 2009 to March 2015

In its beginnings, the recreation required many consultations, encounters, prayer and discernment, carried out in various cultures and languages of the world, which included

- thirteen continental meetings,
- two synthesis papers
 - o on the diagnosis (social, cultural and ecclesial) of the various places,
 - o about the mission,
- questionnaires and surveys,
- reformulation in today's languages in light of fundamental experience⁷

The reflection and discernment in common on the experience of the apostolate and the way to develop it, constituted a way of proceeding of the different collaborating groups, so that they became the very subjects of the act of discerning. Although consultative in nature, since the final responsibility for decisions rested with the superior general, the process was essential in the search for God's will.⁸

This process required prior individual conditions of spiritual and communal disposition of a lively sense of belonging.⁹

The discernment took place at different geographical levels including continental, regional and national meetings. In addition, over the years, working groups on the following topics also were incorporated

⁷ Frédéric Fornos SJ. Oral communication - From development to implementation of the recreation process (the strategy): The case of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Discerning Leadership Course. Rome. 2021.

⁸ Apostolic community discernment. Father Josep M Rambla SJ; Josep M Lozano. Notebooks Cristianisme i Justícia. 2019. <https://www.cristianismeijusticia.net/es/discernimiento-comunitario-apostolico-textos-fundamentales-de-la-compania-de-jesus>. Date accessed: March 13, 2021.

⁹ General Congregation 32. Section II - The union of spirits; Decree on "Practical Guidelines and Norms for Spiritual and Community Life" No. 22. https://www.educatemagis.org/wp-content/uploads/documents/2019/09/CG32_ESP.pdf. Access date: March 30, 2021.

- digital identity (image and brand)
- projects at the service of local Churches
- the digital world
- the EYM (Eucharistic Youth Movement) and the event to celebrate its centenary

The World Council of the AP

In February 2010, the AP World Council had its first meeting in Rome. As World Director, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ raised the need to recreate, along the lines that “each generation must recreate its faith, its vocation, its mission”, this ecclesial service entrusted by the Holy See to the Society of Jesus. Along with its Deputy Director, Fr. Claudio Barriga SJ (Chile), the following attended:

- Fr. Rigobert Kyungo SJ (Congo) - Africa Coordinator,
- Fr. Juan Antonio Medina SJ (Uruguay) - Coordinator of Latin America,
- Fr Jim Kubicki SJ (USA) - USA Coordinator,
- Frédéric Fornos SJ (France) - representative of Europe,
- Br Lourdes Vázquez RJM (Mexico) - EYM international assistant.

The reason for Recreation

In September 2010, Fr. Claudio Barriga SJ presented a first working document¹⁰ inviting national offices to answer various questionnaires, which were taken up at the continental and international level. In December 2011, a recreation proposal was made to Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ, but he considered that it was not valid, since only a renovation was proposed and not a deeper recreation. He asked his Delegate, P. Barriga SJ, to change his methodology and appoint two Councilors:

- Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ (France) - pilot country in recreation
- Fr. Antonio Valerio SJ (Portugal) - pilot country in recreation

The idea was to work with pilot countries in the recreation process instead of wanting to move forward with everyone at the same time, inviting reflection and discernment from various AP and EYM leaders from around the world depending on the themes.

In June 2012, Fr. Claudio Barriga SJ presented a second working document¹¹ where the foundations of the why of the recreation of the AP are established, of its reason for being and of what had to be recreated - and what not. There are two answers in that document to a multitude of questions about the meaning of maintaining the AP:

¹⁰ A gem from the old treasure chest. Recreating the Apostleship of Prayer. September 2010. <https://aprenderly.com/doc/3316606/una-joya-del-antiguo-cofre-del-tesoro>. Date of access; August 19, 2021.

¹¹ PWPN. Popesprayer.va. Documents https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2012-Propuesta_de_recreacion_del_Apostolado_de_la-Oracion_P._Claudio_Barriga_S.J..pdf. Document title: A way of the heart at the service of the world. The Apostleship of Prayer. Date accessed: March 27, 2021.

- The first is that it has the potential to reach the general population with a simple and profound proposal of spirituality. But at the same time, it points to the need for its theological and methodological renewal to attract younger members since it is attractive almost only to older people. And this also explains "the almost null interest of the Jesuits in the AP, as it was then practiced."¹²
- And the second is that it is a service of spirituality for the Church and for the whole Church entrusted to the Society of Jesus by the Pope. It makes sense, then, to maintain and strengthen this means of collaboration with the local and universal Church, since it is in line with the current orientations of the Society of Jesus and what the Holy Father had asked of them then.

New ways of working, new languages and new national and international structures are also indicated, as a recreation, as a result of the detailed work of six dimensions:

- Diagnosis: Social, cultural and religious; theological-ecclesial; and historical-pastoral.
- Adaptation and inculturation to the local reality; with special care for a meaningful language for today's world, avoiding an exclusively ecclesial language.
- Tracks for a training itinerary in the AP.
- The needs and hopes of humanity and the Church (the Pope's monthly intentions),
- AP operating structures (global structure and operating models): facilitate a true global network; grow in the awareness of being a spiritual network of people; evaluate the current structure of the AP / EYM; favor a collegiate structure rather than pyramidal; facilitate sharing between the different members and levels of the network.
- Evaluation instruments.

After the presentation in June 2012 of a second document for the re-creation of the Apostleship of Prayer and after two more years of work, in May 2014 a final document on the re-creation process of the AP was presented to Pope Francis entitled "A path with Jesus, in apostolic availability"¹³, which was approved by himself¹⁴. Several annexed documents were also included detailing the proposals for the specific work that the National Team of each country should develop at the local level.

¹² Fr. Claudio Barriga SJ (n 10)

¹³ PWPN. www.oraciondelapapa.va. Documents AP recreation proposal. https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/2014_DOC1_Recreacion_Apostolado_ENG-1.pdf - published in December 2014. Date of access: March 27, 2021.

¹⁴ Letter N. 400.627, of April 10, 2018, from the substitute for general affairs of the Vatican Secretariat of State. <https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/ESTATUTOS-DE-LA-RED-MUNDIAL-DE-ORACION-DEL-PAPA-MAYO-2018-VATICANO.pdf>. Access date: March 12, 2021.

A new Deputy Director General of the AP

The Superior General appointed in August 2013 Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ, from the province of France and a member of the AP World Council, as the new Deputy Director General of the AP, replacing Fr. Claudio Barriga. SJ. He arrived in Rome early February 2014 and officially began his mission in March. During the previous five years, Fr. Fornos SJ had worked in the recreation of the AP of France as a pilot country, where he had been National Director since 2008. In addition, he was the European Coordinator of the AP since 2009.

Recreation Guidance

For the national directors, a key question arose: How to start the recreation process? Three entry doors and guidelines were proposed to them in a document:

- digital world: it aimed to reach people through email, digital networks, interactive websites or applications for their mobile phones.
- mission at the service of the local Church: for which actions would be programmed by creating, developing and making available various materials to launch the AP recreated at the local level.
- the youth of the EYM, whose centenary was scheduled to celebrate in Rome in August 2015¹⁵

It was about recreating the AP in these three spaces, following the "Way of the Heart" as a compass, which was the general orientation to facilitate the process. Each national director, according to their local reality, had to initiate one or the other, adapting the recreation document to their reality.

In reality, even though the process was documented, the teams were understanding and entering the new paradigm of the new mission over time. It was like a seed that little by little, over the years, they were discovering in its growth, while the perceptions were confirmed. And like the disciples of Emmaus, recognizing in their hearts that it was the Risen Jesus who was leading them.¹⁶

The organizational structure

The organizational structure has not changed much, but the way of living it has. At the beginning of the recreation of this work, entrusted to the Society of Jesus, the local groups of the AP had an ecclesial movement structure, composed of diocesan parish groups and where the Bishop appointed a priest as diocesan director. There were also an international council, national secretariats appointed by the World Director (then the Superior of the Society of Jesus) and Continental Coordinators appointed by the

¹⁵ Frédéric Fornos SJ (n 7) See: <https://www.popesprayer.va/2014-3-directives-for-national-teams/>

¹⁶ Frédéric Fornos SJ (n 7)

president of the Conference of Jesuit Provincials. The geographical presence of the AP included 83 countries and 52 in the case of the EYM.

In many countries there was no coordination and continuity between the EYM and the AP. Sometimes there was only the EYM and in others only the AP. In certain countries both existed, but they functioned completely separately. In other cases, the EYM was integrated as a youth section. It should not be forgotten that the EYM was born as a Eucharistic Crusade within the Apostleship of Prayer. The objective of the recreated AP was to allow, more naturally, the EYM members to continue living this path in their adulthood, which at the same time would be a source of renewal and dynamism for the AP. In the first years of the recreation process (2009-2014), Fr. Barriga SJ, reorganized the entire EYM, putting in contact the national teams of all the countries since many teams did not know that others existed. There was a lot of fragmentation.

The AP / EYM recreation proposal emphasized a single structure at the local level that reinforced networking at the national and international level.

At the beginning of the recreation process, the following stood out in the national structure:

- Strengthen communication links (sharing ideas, news and resources) between countries.
- Local collegiate structure: the General Director of the AP appoints the National Secretary in each country or region, who is the local director of the AP and often also of the EYM.
- The National Secretary forms the national team, which must be a true apostolic team that discerns, prays and celebrates in common.
- The national team must be active and creative in generating local resources for AP and EYM activities, with the aspiration that each local AP / EYM office be self-sustaining for its current expenses.

And at the international level, guidelines were given to reinforce aspects of the definition of the recreated AP, its coordination and its financing:

- The national team must develop a strategic plan to advance the AP / EYM recreation process in that country or region, maintaining a permanent recreation process.
- Logically, it is up to the National Team to explain and promote the AP / EYM spiritual path proposals.
- Provide minimum human and material resources to the national office:
 - o national secretary / director (appointed by DG) of the PWPN and / or EYM
 - o lay team of members
 - o office, employees, PC, Wi-Fi access, travel budget and operating expenses
 - o local website

- In addition, for extraordinary projects of no more than € 2,500 a fund was provided in the International Office to help finance up to 60%.

The new network governance

In parallel, network governance mechanisms and decision-making were proposed that included

- World Director General: General Superior of the SJ
- International Office: responsible for establishing the operating strategy
- Continental coordinators (endowed with resources and officially recognized) - responsible for monitoring the implementation of local plans
- Annual budget: result of the dialogue between the international office and the Conference of Provincials
- Commitment by national teams to submit an annual report to the world office.

Several of these points could not finally be realized, in particular on financial resources. The experience gave rise to other ways of networking, which were not foreseen, such as common projects, linguistic coordination and regional coordination between countries.

Communication in the recreated AP

But the highest priority was to create a new dynamism, enthusiasm and confidence in the mission, a new look, a new image. Logically, in parallel, they worked with insistence on the formation of national teams, on meditating and praying the recreation documents and networking. However, the priority was to establish better communication towards the exterior and interior about the new paradigm of our mission. Well, although there was a common spiritual foundation, the AP presented very different realities, with little relationship between the different national offices. As a consequence, in 2015 the new brand manual was launched and the logos of the old AP began to be changed to the new one of the PWPN all over the world, since until then each country had its own, which created a fragmentation of identity and common mission. It was necessary to find a common logo that at the same time could recognize the diversity according to the continents and cultures. In less than a year, half the countries had changed it, but it took four years for almost all offices to use it. It was a slow and delicate process for national offices with a stronger local structure, as it affected history and tradition.

The recreation proposal had to bear in mind the realities of the AP / EYM in each country/region, which had been operating for many years. It was not possible to propose to the existing groups that they totally change their way of being and acting, but they were asked to live the AP as far as possible within the spirit of recreation, as a way to understand their mission in greater depth, and open new forms of participation for today. In order to favor this progressive impregnation, pilot countries were promoted to embody the recreation process in each continent, and as of 2017 various modalities of participation in the PWPN were presented.

5. The Apostolic Planning Process from 2015

The process was articulated through four fundamental pillars that emphasized the profile of the people, a structure that facilitated communication, follow-up mechanisms that would ensure an adequate evaluation of the new lines of action and a network work that would supply eventual deficiencies to local level.

People

The election of the people who would occupy the position of National Director (where possible, both from the PWPN and the EYM), instead of "National Secretaries", had to meet certain requirements such as

- ability to innovate,
- to enter the process of permanent recreation of the AP,
- to make use of digital technology and social networks,
- to work based on strategic planning,
- to team up with lay people, with other National Directors and with the international office

Delving into the concept of a network, it was pointed out, in the case of not finding the right person, "to have others in the team and strengthen supranational structures" to make up for this lack of competencies.

In addition, the International Office had to make the new PWPN a reality and strengthen the EYM identity and global unity. Special emphasis was placed on the incorporation of lay people and young people in their work teams. In addition, it was also in charge of operational tasks such as convening international meetings, communication between offices and periodic visits to the various countries of the network.

Networking

The new structure of the PWPN was designed as a network whose usual way of proceeding was communication:¹⁷

- in international coordination, on the one hand, following the strategies established by the international office and reporting to it.
- But also favoring horizontal communication at different levels, especially through common languages, sharing experiences, materials and resources at the local, regional and world levels.

At the same time, the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the lines of action that were being promoted and for measuring the level of compliance with the objectives set were defined. Ultimately, it was about making the recreation of the AP effective and maintaining the "state of permanent recreation."

¹⁷ AP recreation proposal (n 12)

6. Phase 2: The announcement of the Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis, in his search for how to make more evident the Church's mission to be a witness to mercy, decides to call an extraordinary Jubilee that has God's mercy at its center, in the light of the Word: "Be merciful as the Father" (Lk 6:36). It was March 13, 2015, less than nine months before its start on December 8, 2015 (ending on November 20, 2016).¹⁸

The unexpected announcement posed a dilemma for the PWPN management team. They had been working for many years in the re-creation of the mission, in the planning of its launch and in the alignment with the different communities in many countries of the world.¹⁹ In addition, the celebration of the centenary of the EYM in August 2015, just five months later, was also part of that plan.

Did it make sense, to support and stimulate the recreation process, to continue with the plan at the service of the local churches in order to enter into the new intelligence of the mission, through diverse missionary proposals as they had planned? Or should they focus on the main reason for being of the PWPN, the prayer intentions of the Pope on the occasion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy?

7. Impact of the "Year of Mercy" on the PWPN

Although the international office had not anticipated such an announcement, the perception was that it occurred at the ideal moment: for the pilgrims to receive the plenary indulgence they would have to pray for the Pope's prayer intentions. A great opportunity was opening up to publicize the mission of the AP in its recreation process as PWPN. However, they had to think and decide what kind of projects they needed to put themselves at the service of the Pope's prayer intentions.

The team then consisted of a Director, a secretary and an international assistant from the EYM who worked from Canada, and from the continental coordinators. In addition, Fr. Fornos SJ, upon his arrival in Rome, had formed an advisory council of lay people who assisted in the recreation process through regular meetings during the first two years and also participated in the discernment of the decision on the announcement of the year of the Jubilee.

They decided to change the plans and launch projects that would make visible the main mission of the PWPN: the prayer intentions of the Pope - instead of projects at the service of the mission of the local Church that sought to stimulate the recreation process.

¹⁸ Jubilee of Mercy. Announcement. <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/annuncio.html>. Date accessed: March 13, 2021.

¹⁹ Frédéric Fornos SJ (n 7)

A few months before the celebration of the EYM centenary (five) and the beginning of the Jubilee of Mercy (nine), the team had almost nothing ready. They just had the idea of a prayer app and make a video about prayer intentions. In Portugal, one of the pilot countries for recreation, the public launch of the *Click To Pray* App was being prepared, to help young people to pray. And in France, another of the pilot countries, they had entered the digital world with a digital magazine (webzine) in the new social communications.²⁰

Since the beginning of his arrival in Rome, Fr. Fornos SJ was looking for a communication agency that would provide a professional job and that would have professionals with Catholic experience and spiritual life. This agency arrived at the headquarters in Rome thanks to the national office of Portugal, which was preparing the *Click To Pray* app. In the words of Fr. Fornos SJ: “It was for me like the finger of God”. It became clear that *Click To Pray* had to become an international project, as a platform for the prayer of the Pope's intentions for the Jubilee of Mercy.

This is how The Pope Video was also born. The agency helped the team think big about the prayer intentions video project, even giving the idea of proposing it to the Pope. At the beginning it had been thought to promote the process of recreation of the PWPN for a few months. Then it was extended to a year, the time of the Jubilee of Mercy. But finally, the Holy Father asked to continue the project and became the engine of the recreation process giving a new dynamism to the mission and, with the impulse also of *Click To Pray*, the Apostleship of Prayer was established by the Pope as a Pontifical Society in 2018.²¹

It should not be forgotten that when launching these projects there was also a financial risk since the International Office did not have a budget to deal with these projects. In reality, having to face the celebration of the centenary of the EYM in August of that same year (cost of lodging and food for 1,400 young people for a week in Rome), they had already used up the entire budget for the following year (2016).

The decision to change plans and focus on the Pope's prayer intentions, with a prayer app and videos, before the announcement of the Jubilee meant making financial commitments at a time when the International Office could not do so. The following weeks were difficult, with much prayer and work, until they achieved: an unexpected financial contribution, a renegotiation of the anticipated expenses of the centenary of the EYM and a delay in the payments planned for the projects of the Jubilee year.

Project launches

The launching of the Pope Video in January 2016 was conceived as a project that went beyond the Catholic world, with a universal language and a new style that allowed the

²⁰ La Civiltà Cattolica. La Rete Mondiale di Preghiera del Papa. Frédéric Fornos SJ. June 2019. <https://www.laciviltacattolica.it/articolo/la-rete-mondiale-di-preghiera-del-papa/>. Date accessed: May 15, 2021.

²¹ Frédéric Fornos SJ (n 7)

Pope to speak to the heart and help to concretely see his prayer intentions as challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church.

In a few years it became the most watched video in the Vatican, with millions of views per month²² in addition to the impact on other networks such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, with 155 million accumulated views since 2016 on their own networks. The Pope Video currently also comes out every month on the Pope's official Twitter (@Pontifex) and Instagram (@Franciscus) accounts.

In March 2016, *Click To Pray* was launched, to pray for the Pope's intentions (App, website, blog, social networks). The project was originally intended to help Catholics pray for the pope's prayer intentions, and particularly young people. It was not just about communicating the same idea through a digital medium, but about incorporating a new understanding, new languages and new ways of relating to people, and especially young people.

The digital world was a great challenge, and the recreation of the AP had to start with it. In addition to the Pope's prayer intentions, the pedagogical proposal of praying for three times a day was integrated; a space was created to pray for each other; and started in five languages, to which German was added, and three years later other languages such as traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, and Japanese. As of 2019, by integrating the Pope's prayer profile, *Click To Pray* officially becomes his prayer platform.

It is important to mention that the projects that drove the entire re-creation process of this work were not fully in the minds of the international team a year earlier. Apostolic planning, following the document on recreation of 2014, had three orientations: the digital world with an app to pray; the youth of the EYM; and the service of the local Church with mission proposals. It was intended to give a positive dynamism to the recreation process with the latter. It was an unforeseen event, not scheduled by the AP team, the Jubilee of Mercy, which forced us to focus on the essentials of the mission: helping to pray for the Pope's prayer intentions. The team's ability to abandon its plans to open up to the unforeseen comes from its ability to listen and discern inner processes.

²² In the year 2021 it is available in 23 languages

8. Phase 3: Recreation continues (January 2018)

In January 2018, after two years of development of the *Click To Pray* and the Pope Video projects, it was thought that it was time to launch the third recreation phase, to promote a new dynamic to the recreation process and work more in depth the paradigm shift for mission. The risk was to reduce the recreation process to good communication, but it was necessary to go deeper, and for that it was decided to launch new projects: a school of prayer and once again the projects for the mission that had stopped in 2015 before the announcement of the jubilee year. After several months of work, an apostolic plan for the following years was presented to the national teams in January 2018.

However, three months later, the PWPN international team decided to stop them after realizing that the time was not right.

Objectively it could be thought that it was a favorable moment, in light of

- the impact of the various projects,
- the development of the Prayer Network and its youth branch in many countries,
- the impulse given by Pope Francis to this work in 2017 by inviting the Angelus to participate in his prayer network.
- In addition, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN) was going to have new statutes and to be recognized as a pontifical work (March 2018).

Why, then, stop the new projects planned to give a new impetus to recreation and national teams? The diagnosis of the situation indicated that few national teams went in depth in the spiritual dynamics proposed by recreation and in the new paradigm for mission. Therefore, the proposal for the new projects did not provide an adequate response to this challenge.

The international office team begins to receive feedback from the national directors, between 20 and 25% of them, questioning the rhythm of recreation - since in parallel they already had other projects underway that required their attention (the integration of *Click To Pray* and *El Video del Papa* in their respective countries). In addition, the new projects of the 3rd Phase required new financial resources. They highlighted some national offices that were already advanced in recreation, but others had not yet started. In the words of Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ: "it is a minority that speaks, but it is indicative that something is not clear in the new phase of recreation".

The international team realizes that the proposed pace of recreation was too fast and that it was necessary, previously, to deepen the sense of the mission. This meant delving into *The Way of the Heart*, the new training itinerary of the PWPN, essential to understand the recreation process because it renews the devotion to the Heart of Jesus and the spiritual treasure of the AP. However, few national teams had thought about it and deepened it. The team understands that, without a path of personal and community conversion towards the new spiritual intelligence of the mission, the recreation process would end up stopping. It was essential to deepen the foundation of the PWPN mission, a mission of compassion for the world.

The refocusing was the fruit of a time of prayer in common, deepening and discernment to listen and recognize the affective impact of the new projects proposed in the national teams. This refocusing was essential for the PWPN. Since 2018, The Way of the Heart has continued to deepen, with various digital materials, books, audios, videos, and spiritual training proposals. The fruits of this spiritual process, three years later, both at the level of individuals and communities, confirmed that if the international team had wanted at all costs to push the planned apostolic plan, today the recreation process would not have taken root, since it would have taken root. reduced to communication projects, reorganization and pastoral proposals. But it would not have changed the way of living the mission.

The 175th anniversary of the PWPN

In June 2019, the 175th anniversary of the PWPN was celebrated together with Pope Francis and thousands of people, some 6,000 approximately, from more than 50 national delegations. The event also had a large following through a digital live video platform (about 7,500 followers through Facebook Live). The meeting thus had a great impact and was a sign that the recreation process was beginning to create enthusiasm and fruit.

It was a special moment to reread the recreation process that, although it is still under way in many places, is practically completed. However, it remains fragile because it depends, above all, on a process of personal conversion.²³

In the same year, after the Pope's personal announcement in January 2019 of the creation of his personal prayer profile on his new *Click To Pray* prayer platform, in a few days tens of thousands of young people were already using it - reaching more than 420,000 downloads and more than 4 million prayers. That same month *Click To Pray* was the official prayer platform for World Youth Day (WYD) in Panama. During 2019, it went from 650,000 users to 2,400,000, almost quadrupling the number of new users. It is difficult to measure the fruitfulness of prayer, which is always invisible, but the impact was evident. *Click To Pray*, with the Pope's official prayer profile, has become his third official Social Network.

It was also confirmed then that The Way of the Heart, the PWPN training itinerary, helped people to participate in a mission of compassion for the world that excited many. This, then, is the deepest and most delicate phase of the recreation process. It is the invisible part of the iceberg and the essence to consolidate the re-foundation and help the national teams in this mission.

²³ PWPN. "He renews all things. The path of conversion that has led us to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network." Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ and the international team of the PWPN. <https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/IGNATIUS-500-He-renews-all-things-ENG.pdf>. Access date: March 27, 2012.

9. The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (PWPN)

The entire re-creation process also led to a new legal form as a Pontifical Work and to a new name: Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Both were ratified by Pope Francis on March 27, 2018, to signify his universal mission. A subsequent chirograph of the Holy Father, dated November 17, 2020²⁴, constitutes this work as the Canonical and Vatican Foundation, with legal headquarters in the State of Vatican City.²⁵ To clarify the relationship of this pontifical work, entrusted to the care of the Society of Jesus, with the Episcopal Conferences, since 2018 the international director is a Jesuit appointed by the Holy Father and no longer the Superior General of the Society of Jesus.

The PWPN is today a pontifical work whose mission is to pray and live the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church that concern the Holy Father, expressed in his monthly intentions. This mission is carried out by promoting the spirituality of the Heart of Jesus, which offers the disciple of Jesus a way to ensure that his feelings and actions are identified with the heart of Christ, in a mission of compassion for the world. This spiritual path called "The Way of the Heart" is the foundation of its mission.²⁶

The youth branch of the PWPN is the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM), an international movement of Christian formation for children and young people from 5 to 25 years old. The EYM invites the young people of the world to live in the style of Jesus, in a relationship of friendship, from heart to heart, based on a Eucharistic spirituality for mission. Its foundation is the pedagogy of the Emmaus disciples: Gospel, Eucharist and Mission. Find its spiritual source in the Way of the Heart and prayer for the Pope's monthly intentions.

As detailed on the PWPN website (<https://www.popesprayer.va/>), it offers two forms of participation: an "open" form and a "membership and commitment" one. They are "degrees of participation" that were at the beginning of the AP, but that were lost when it became an ecclesial movement. Returning to his initial intuition, understanding himself as the Pope's ecclesial prayer service, today he offers groups and movements, Shrines and parishes, an active participation without them losing their own identity, since the PWPN is a service of coordination and communion for prayer for the mission of the Church.

²⁴ The Holy See. Letters from Pope Francis. 2020.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20201117_chirografo-retepregghiera-delpapa.html. Access date: March 28, 2021.

²⁵ Letter N. 400.627, of April 10, 2018, from the substitute for general affairs of the Vatican Secretariat of State. <https://www.popesprayer.va/en/press/>. Access date: March 12, 2021.

²⁶ PWPN Identity, mission and vision. <https://www.popesprayer.va/what-is-the-popes-worldwide-prayer-network/>. Date accessed: March 29, 2021.

Currently, the geographical presence of the PWPN / EYM includes 86 countries from all continents / regions:

| | PWPN presence | % Catholics in the world ²⁷ |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| - Europe | 24 (28%) | 21% |
| - Africa | 23 (27%) | 19% |
| - America | 20 (23%) | 48% |
| - Asia | 13 (15%) | 11% |
| - Oceania | 3 (3.5%) | 1% |
| - Middle East | 3 (3.5%) | not available |

The enunciation of the prayer themes proposed by the Pope year after year has evolved to this day, where we note that a good part of the prayer intentions manifest the concern of the universal Church for peace and justice in the world. Praying for them poses great challenges and needs for humanity every month, for which they are invited to commit their lives in prayer and service.

By way of example, for the year 2021, the Pope's intentions include among others fraternity, gender violence, reconciliation, fundamental rights, marriage, social justice, the Church in its reform process, care for creation and catechists.²⁸

With the Audience of June 28, 2019 with the Pope in the Vatican, after 10 years of re-creation process, it can be affirmed that the re-foundation is finished, although the consolidation process continues at the pastoral, legal and financial levels. During this meeting of the Pope with the delegations of the PWPN and its EYM youth branch, he confirmed his mission of compassion for the world, with The Way of the Heart, and his prayer service: "the heart of the Church's mission is the sentence."

10. A look to the future

The third phase of the recreation process began in 2018 with the documentation of the PWPN training program: The Way of the Heart. This itinerary is an update of the devotion to the Heart of Christ, a coherent presentation of the spiritual treasure of the AP in the light of the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He leads our hearts as close as possible to the Heart of Christ, making us available to his mission, a mission of compassion for the world.²⁹ The Way of the Heart proposal is developed in nine stages and has a personal and community perspective.

²⁷ National Catholic Reporter. Vatican statistics show continued growth in number of Catholics worldwide. Year 2019. <https://www.ncronline.org/news/vatican/vatican-statistics-show-continued-growth-number-catholics-worldwide>. Access date: June 6, 2021.

²⁸ PWPN. The Pope's prayer intentions. <https://www.popesprayer.va/the-challenges-facing-humanity-and-assists-the-mission-of-the-church/>. Date accessed: March 29, 2021.

²⁹ The Jesuits and the devotion to the Heart of Jesus. PWPN. Frédéric Fornos SJ. June 5, 2021. <https://www.popesprayer.va/the-jesuits-and-devotion-to-the-heart-of-jesus/>

In May 2020 its digital platform was published www.caminodelcorazon.church with 86 videos, 86 audios and 350 presentations. Since then, with the international team, we have promoted training sessions and spiritual retreats (online), published 11 books in digital format and created a support structure with the international coordinator of our training program.

Until 2023, the PWPN International Office team plans to continue developing pedagogical materials in various languages for The Way of the Heart, with the aim of consolidating the foundation of the mission. The work of translation and cultural adaptation in different languages is laborious and expensive since it is necessary to adapt not only the languages but also expressions and even quotes that adapt to the different local realities. In addition, training courses for trainers of the Way of the Heart are also being started.

The beginning of a new phase is anticipated in 2023, based on the school of prayer and missionary proposals - which had been implemented in 2016 first and then in 2018 through an apostolic plan. On both occasions, listening and discerning what arose, and that it was not programmed, caused the projects to be postponed. But at the moment it is only a possibility.

The current plan is to continue listening to reality in the key of prayer and discernment and the inner processes that echo it. This is how the PWPN team allows itself to be led to eventually confirm these intuitions or open up to other new realities.

Closing as a rereading of the International Director

In the framework of leadership training in our Prayer Network, this material can help to work on decision-making, collaboration processes, conflict resolution, way of proceeding when faced with problems, the ability to adapt, tolerance for frustration, temperance, confidence in the face of risks, openness to dialogue, listening, the construction of plural decisions. And there are other topics that are included in the formation of leaders that are clearly reflected in the story.

What this story reveals is that leadership is not defined by "opportunities or grand achievements or epic endeavours." True leaders are shaped by the quality of their responses, rather than the magnitude of the opportunities. The story highlights the importance of responding to seemingly invisible or small opportunities, going beyond mere planning. The international team recognized certain events as opportunities and responded accordingly. That has been the cornerstone of this leadership process. Their ability to respond was possible because they remained open to "reality" rather than being solely focused on planning. While planning helps provide structure, it does not dictate the path. The path is shaped by the inner process that is the fruit of prayer, both individually and as a community, as well as discernment while listening to the Holy Spirit.

It is crucial to understand the value of planning within its proper context, as a means of organization rather than a rigid rule. The true value of leadership lies in the processes of reflection, prayer, community, listening, and discernment in the light of the Holy Spirit.

These elements should be separated from personal attributes and strict planning, which can be helpful but are not decisive. When Saint Ignatius contemplates the formation of his followers, he envisions leaders who engage with the reality of the mission, utilizing their abilities and acknowledging their limitations. They strive to provide quality responses, offering their best efforts and utilizing all available resources when presented with any opportunity that arises within the mission. In essence, nothing is too small—it all depends on the response of those who have the vision to see and the willingness to listen. This story emphasizes how leadership is ultimately defined by the quality of responses to the opportunities presented by reality.

The story clearly reveals the spiritual process behind it, prayer and discernment. However, in order to be useful to a wider audience, an attempt has been made to remove any overly explicit religious reference. The secret of this process of institutional recreation, which is for us a spiritual process, is that this whole process was led by Christ. It is He who leads the mission, that is why we must listen, to allow ourselves to be led by Him. It is this attitude of listening, of discernment, that I value in the international team. In other words, the heart of this whole process is a spiritual experience.

The apostolic plan and its qualities are elements that order the mission, but the determining factor for a leader is the work on his personal process: prayer, community, openness, listening to the Holy Spirit. Your own personal process and not so much your qualities or planning. There are no leaders if there is no personal work. The secret is to let the Lord be the protagonist.

*Fr. Frederic Fornos SJ - International Director
with Bettina Raed - International Assistant*

Annexes

Annex 1: The Apostleship of Prayer

The Apostleship of Prayer (AP) was approved for the first time at the universal level by the decree of July 27, 1866, of the Congregation for Bishops and Regulars, during the Papacy of Pius IX. Later, in 1879, it was approved by Pope Leo XIII and in the same decree he sanctioned its Statutes.

Around the year 1870, Pope Leo XIII became interested in making the network of spiritual support for the mission of the Church his own. He assumed it as a work proper to the Pope and entrusted it to the Society of Jesus in the person of Father General. In addition, from that date he began to entrust the AP with a monthly prayer intention that expressed his concern for which he asked all Catholics for prayers. Starting in 1928, during the Papacy of Pius XI, a second prayer intention was added, so that the AP would receive from the Pope two prayer intentions for each month: one General and the other Missionary.

Successively, new Statutes were approved in 1896, by Pope Leo XIII; in 1951, by Pope Pius XII; and in 1968, by Pope Paul VI.

“Pope John Paul II, in 1986 confirmed the Society of Jesus in the mission that it received from Christ himself, to spread devotion to his Divine Heart, and also in the privileged environment that she chose to carry out this mission, that is, the Apostleship of Prayer. He asked the Society of Jesus to find the most adapted means and to make every possible effort to spread the cult of the Heart of Jesus better and better.

The Superiors General of the Society of Jesus responded to the call. In the first place, Fr. Peter Hans Kolvenbach SJ (1983-2008), as shown by a book that groups together some of his speeches and homilies on the Heart of Christ: "A pleasant mission" (1988). He writes that the Society of Jesus, since 1915, has solemnly wanted to support the promotion of devotion to the Sacred Heart to the Apostleship of Prayer (p.37). Father Adolfo Nicolás SJ, Superior General from 2008 to 2016, promoted the recreation of the Apostleship of Prayer, with the support of Pope Francis, and therefore updated its spiritual foundation, devotion to the Heart of Christ. This was the last General Director of the Apostleship of Prayer, the first was Fr. Luis Martín in 1896. Since 2016, following the process of recreating the Apostleship of Prayer as the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, with its Constitution as a pontifical work, the Holy Father, with prior consultation with the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, appoints a Jesuit as international director".³⁰

³⁰ PWPN. Documents Article "The Jesuits and the devotion to the Heart of Jesus." <https://www.popesprayer.va/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/1-The-Jesuits-and-Devotion-to-the-Heart-of-Jesus-ENG-DEF.pdf> Date accessed: August 19, 2021.

Annex 2: The Eucharistic Youth Movement

When in 1865 Pope Pius IX asked Catholics, adults and young people, to come to his aid, Father Cross, in Bordeaux (France), based on the idea that led Father Gautrelet SJ to start the AP, called young people to support the Pope with their prayers, hours of silence, sacrifices and communions. They form a kind of "Pope's army." Quickly, thanks to the dynamism of Fr. Henri Ramière SJ, the AP will have one hundred thousand children in the world.

The first International Congress of the Apostleship of Prayer was held in Lille (France). By then, 100,000 members had already been reached throughout the world, among which was Teresa of Lisieux (canonized and later recognized as the patroness of the missions, with Saint Francis Xavier SJ), who was part of it since she was 12 years old.³¹

As of 1910, motivated by the new decrees of Pope Pius X, the AP wishes to promote the communion of children and invites them to intercede for peace in this period of the European and later world war. In 1914 the International Eucharistic Congress in Lourdes (France) called for "a great Eucharistic league of little ones that would arouse from childhood a general movement towards the Host."

Encouraged by the Eucharistic Congress, some groups organize themselves. There is talk of "Eucharistic Leagues" and of "children's prayer crusades". Some among them are linked to the Apostleship of Prayer. It is within the Bordeaux Crusade (France), created on November 13, 1915 by Father Albert Bessières SJ and Geneviève Boselli, that the "Eucharistic Crusade" originated as such.

In June 1933, Pope Pius XI recognized the "Crusade" as "the primary school of Catholic Action and its first pedagogy." The Crusade then has 1 million children around the world.

Pope Saint John XXIII receives the Eucharistic Crusade from France on pilgrimage, but uses only the new term "French Eucharistic Movement." It was April 1960. Two years later, the French Bishops approved the change of appeal of the "Eucharistic Crusade" in the Eucharistic Youth Movement (EYM) and a pedagogical recreation began.

Starting in 2009, a reorganization of the EYM began to better articulate the youth network to the Apostleship of Prayer. With the Centenary of the EYM in 2015, the International Manual of the EYM, a dynamic of impulse of the recreation of the Apostleship of Prayer begins from the young. In 2018, with the new Statutes approved by the Pope, the EYM is legally part of the Pope's World Prayer Network, the result of the recreation of the AP, and a work of pedagogical deepening of articulation to the Way of the Heart begins.

³¹ PWPN. History of the Eucharistic Youth Movement. <https://www.popesprayer.va/history-of-the-eucharistic-youth-movement/>. Access date: May 1, 2021.

Annex 3: Milestones Timeline

1844: The Apostleship of Prayer is founded by Fr. François-Xavier Gautrelet, SJ, with the Jesuit scholastics, in Vals-près-le-Puy, France.

1849: Pius IX approves the first statutes of the **diocesan association** with the letter "Apostolicas Ad augendum".

1861: Fr. Henri Ramière launches the publication "The Messenger of the Heart of Jesus" in Toulouse - France. This publication helps to establish the Apostleship of Prayer in the dynamics of the Heart of Jesus, while distancing it from ideological and political approaches to the devotion to the Sacred Heart. The members of the Apostleship of Prayer pray for the intentions of the Heart of Jesus.

1866: The Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, Card. Innocenzo Ferrieri, approves the first statutes on July 27, 1866. They detail that the Apostleship of Prayer is an **organization at the service of the Pope**.

1879: In the statutes of May 28, 1879, Leo XIII broadens the mission of the Apostleship of Prayer to include a **monthly intention** for the members of the AP during the morning offering.

1896: The Sacred Congregation changes the statutes, making **the Father General of the Society of Jesus the Director General of the Apostleship of Prayer**, a role to which he should appoint a delegate. The latter will reside in Toulouse. It is not until 1926 that this position moves to Rome. These statutes remain in force until 1951.

1928: Pius XI proposes a **second prayer intention**, a missionary intention, and alternates between general intentions and missionary intentions.

1914: Not to be overlooked, in connection with the Apostleship of Prayer, **the Eucharistic Crusade (today the Eucharistic Youth Movement - EYM)** comes into being in November 1915, following Pope Pius X's request to pray for peace at the Eucharistic Congress in Lourdes, in 1914. Pope Pius X believed in the power of the prayer of children and young people, and at the Eucharistic Congress of Lourdes in 1914, he asked them to receive communion at Mass every day and to pray for peace.

1951: The Statutes are updated.

1961: On February 26, 1961, the Statutes are confirmed: "Its members, among the many exercises of piety and charity to which they are accustomed, pray above all for the universal Church and especially for the Roman Pontiff".

1968 - The Statutes are updated in the light of the Second Vatican Council (March 27, 1968). They remain in force until 2018. The Superior General of the Society of Jesus remains the Director General and can appoint a delegate to this mission, as is the case until 2016.

1972 - On June 9th, **Fr. Pedro Arrupe SJ**, Superior General of the Society of Jesus (1907-1991), one hundred years after Fr. Beckx SJ, consecrated the Society to the Heart of Christ.

2009 - **Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ**, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, asks his delegate, Fr. Claudio Barriga SJ, to initiate the recreation of the Apostleship of Prayer. He creates an international team.

2014 - Fr. Adolfo Nicolás SJ, nominates his new delegate, Fr. Frederic Fornos SJ, who was one of the first members of this team.

2014 - **Pope Francis approves the process of recreating the Apostleship of Prayer**, with the letter from the Substitute of the Secretary of State, dated July 11, 2014, as described in the document entitled " A Pathway with Jesus in Apostolic readiness " (officially published in December 2014). **This document states that the Apostleship of Prayer is the Pope's worldwide prayer network.** His prayer intentions are presented as challenges for humanity and the mission of the Church, while prayers of offering are a way to make oneself available for mission.

2015 - January - The **Pope's prayer intentions** (general intentions and missionary intentions) are renamed: universal intentions and intentions for evangelization. This means, as *Evangelii Gaudium* indicates, that everything refers to the mission of the Church. For the first time, the Apostleship of Prayer presents itself as the **Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**, with a common logo, adapted according to continents and countries (Brand Manual).

2015 - August 4-10 - **Centenary of the Eucharistic Youth Movement.** An international meeting is held in Rome with 1400 young people from 39 countries. An audience with Pope Francis takes place.

2016 - **The Pope Video** (January) and **Click To Pray** (March), the Pope's prayer platform, are launched as projects of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network to accompany prayer intentions during the Jubilee of Mercy.

2016 - July 7 - **Pope Francis appoints an International Director for the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**, Fr. Frederic Fornos SJ, as proposed by the Superior General of the Society of Jesus, and calls for new Statutes in accordance with the recreation process. This comes as a significant change, given that since 1986 the Superior General of the Society of Jesus was in charge of this work, through a delegate. This appointment and the request for new Statutes are intended to clarify the links between this ecclesial service, the Holy See and the Society of Jesus.

2017: January 8 - **Angelus - Francis calls for participation in the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer).** With the recreation of this ecclesial service, Pope Francis returns to proposing just one intention per month, to offer a clearer monthly orientation for life and mission. Universal and missionary prayer intentions are alternated throughout the year.

2018 - February - Publication of the **first International Manual of the Eucharistic Youth Movement**.

2018 - March 27 - **Pope Francis approves the new Statutes** (which include the EYM) and **establishes the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network as a pontifical work** " to emphasize the universal character of this mission and to mobilize Catholics through prayer and action, in the face of the challenges confronting humanity and the mission of the Church (the Pope's monthly prayer intentions)."

2018 - November - Creation of the new official website with domain [.VA]
www.popesprayer.va

The Pope Video appears for the first time on Pope Francis' personal profiles Pontifex (Twitter) and Franciscus (Instagram).

2019 - January - **Pope Francis opens his prayer profile on Click To Pray**, which becomes his third social media network, and the **Pope's official prayer platform**. For the first time ever, Click To Pray is the official prayer platform for WYD.

2019 - February - The Vatican Secretariat of State approves the official logo of the PWPN which displays the keys of St. Peter (February 18).

2019 - June 28-29 - **The celebration of the 175th anniversary and 10 years of the re-creation process of the Apostleship of Prayer**. An International Meeting is held in Rome including an audience with Pope Francis, with about 13,000 people (almost 6,000 coming from 32 countries in the Paul VI Hall and 7,500 via Facebook Live), a Mass at St. John Lateran with **Fr. Arturo Sosa SJ**, Superior General of the Society of Jesus, a worldwide meeting of directors and coordinators and an EYM meeting.

2019 - The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network participates in the launch of Extraordinary Missionary Month, together with the Pontifical Mission Societies.

The **Click To Pray eRosary** is launched, an evangelization project for young people connected to the digital and technological world, with the Dicastery for Communication, the Pontifical Missionary Works and the youth office of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life.

2020 - May - **Launch of the training platform "The Way of the Heart"** (86 videos, 86 audios, 350 infographics, 11 digital books). This is the foundation of our mission of compassion for the world; the devotion to the Heart of Christ for today's times.

2020 - November 17 - **With new Statutes, Pope Francis establishes the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network as a Pontifical Foundation, entrusted to the Society of Jesus, as a canonical and Vatican juridical person**.

2021 - January - The website of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network is inserted into the Vatican's homepage: www.vatican.va

2021 - September - Presentation to the **Discerning Leadership program**, in conjunction with the Gregorian University and the Jesuit General Curia, of the process of

institutional re-creation of the Apostleship of Prayer as the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (2009-2019): "Discerning Leadership - Case of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network" (ESADE)

2021 - October 19 - Launch, in the Holy See press room, of the **new Pope's prayer platform, Click To Pray 2.0**, at the service of a synodal Church. We launch also the prayer website for the Synod, with the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops and International Union of Superiors General (UISG).

Annex 4: Results



12 causas por año
12 grandes desafíos elegidos por el Papa para movilizar a la humanidad.



Audiencia mundial
Publicación en 22 idiomas. Más de 155 millones de visitas y 17.000 artículos publicados en 117 países y en 28 idiomas.



1 video por mes
Cada mes un video creativo, viral, breve, difundido en la red, con un lenguaje informal.



Con el Papa
Papa Francisco participa en persona, hablando ante la cámara y compartiendo sus intenciones de oración.



1 campaña internacional
Una campaña internacional en 23 idiomas, a través de Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, blog, página web y boletín informativo.



Comunidad
Crea un sentido de pertenencia ante los desafíos globales, acompaña espiritualmente a cada uno en los momentos difíciles y en las peticiones de oración por los seres queridos.



Sin fronteras
El sitio web y la aplicación en 7 idiomas se dirigen a 2.485.000 personas, incluyendo los que interactúan en las redes sociales (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, boletín diario, Instagram, YouTube, boletín diario).



Todos los días
Promueve un ritmo cotidiano de oración, a través de citas regulares y de la posibilidad de publicar todos los días las propias intenciones.



Con El Papa
El Papa Francisco tiene su propio perfil oficial en la aplicación, en el cual comparte sus intenciones personales de oración. Click To Pray es la tercera Red Social oficial del Santo Padre.

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Vida Interior
Es un itinerario que conduce nuestro corazón al **Corazón de Cristo**, para hacernos disponibles para su misión, una misión de compasión para el mundo.



Etapas
Un camino en **9 etapas** para formar y renovar la vida espiritual, destinado a laicos. El tesoro espiritual del **Apostolado de la Oración** se inspira en los **Ejercicios Espirituales** de San Ignacio.



Multimedia
86 podcast, 86 video, 350 hojas de presentación, 11 libros: muchas ideas para alimentar la vida de oración, y entrar en la misión de la Red de Oración del Papa



Con el Papa
El Camino del Corazón forma parte de la dinámica de *Evangelii Gaudium*, **La alegría del Evangelio**, que renueva la misión de la Iglesia.

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Annex 5: Biography of Fr. Frédéric Fornos SJ

During the five years prior to his appointment as the new Deputy Director General of the AP, in April 2014, Fr. Fornos SJ had worked in the recreation of the AP of France as a pilot country, where he had been National Director since 2008. In addition, he was the European Coordinator of the AP since 2009.

Previously, and for several years Fr. Fornos SJ worked in a Jesuit Spiritual Center, at Les Coteaux-Païs (Toulouse, France), at the service of various spiritual proposals and in spiritual accompaniment. He also led many proposals for young people in various colleges and schools of engineering in France.

His concern has always been to find words, images, and paths that help to enter deeply into the spiritual life and to live a personal encounter with Christ. This is what also led him to the roads, to meet those who live and think differently, and to serve in the parishes, in apostolic itinerancy.

His path is marked by his stay for two years in San Ignacio de Moxos in the Bolivian Amazon, taking care of an educational center and teaching a local language, Véchéjiruwa. In his university training stage, he studied Spanish language and Latin American literature. In addition to studying the Spanish language and Latin American literature. He has also dedicated part of his life to the social apostolate, accompanying many young people in difficulty, in particular through various associations and a social center where he worked.

Annex 6: The Way of the Heart

"The Way of the Heart" is the formation itinerary of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - Apostleship of Prayer. It is an itinerary that invites our hearts to be closer to the Heart of Jesus, to configure it with his feelings, wishes and desires. He invites us to join the mission he received from the Father. Being friends of Jesus, deeply united to him, perceiving his joys and sufferings for the world, leads us to commit ourselves to him for the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church. It is these challenges that the Pope entrusts to us every month, and that make us know where the mission of the Father entrusted to Jesus is made concrete. "The Way of the Heart" thus helps us to perceive the challenges of the world with the eyes of Jesus, to mobilize each month, docile to the Holy Spirit, through prayer and service.³²

The Way of the Heart is an update of the devotion to the Heart of Christ for today. It is a coherent presentation of the spiritual treasure of the Apostleship of Prayer in the light of the Spiritual Exercises. He leads our hearts as close as possible to the Heart of Christ, making us available to his mission, a mission of compassion for the world.

Since 1861, Fr. Henri Ramière SJ, director of the AP, had initiated the publication of the "Messenger of the Heart of Jesus" and animated a network of more than 13 million members. This Apostolate, initiated by the Jesuits, today known as the Pope's World Prayer Network, inscribes its mission in the dynamics of the Heart of Jesus, in a perspective of apostolic availability. Father Adolfo Nicolás SJ promoted the recreation process of this ecclesial service in 2009, which led to a deepening of the spiritual tradition of the Apostleship of Prayer and an update of the devotion to the Heart of Jesus for today.

As Pope Francis said on the occasion of his 175 years, it is the foundation of his mission, a mission of compassion for the world.³³

³² PWPN. The Way of the Heart. Father Frédéric Fornos SJ. <https://www.popesprayer.va/way-of-the-heart/>. Date accessed: July 28, 2021.

³³ PWPN. Father Frédéric Fornos SJ. International Director. Devotion to the Heart of Jesus in history. 160 years of the Messenger of the Heart of Jesus. June 29, 2020.

Annex 7: Modalities of participation in the PWPN

As detailed on the PWPN website³⁴, it offers two forms of participation: an "open" form and another of "belonging and commitment":

The "open" form of participation, accessible to all baptized persons, consists of assuming God as part of their daily prayer, being able to do so when celebrating the Eucharist and praying for the Pope's Prayer Intentions. Those who assume this modality, in a special way, are asked to join the PWPN on the first Friday of each month with the intentions of the Holy Father particularly in mind. That day will be considered "Monthly day of prayer for the intentions of the Pope." This modality can be assumed spontaneously by people, groups or movements.

The "membership and commitment" modality requires a more active intervention, being necessary to establish a link with the center responsible for the PWPN in the country, or in the region, usually called the National Office. This link can be achieved by participating in the activities proposed by the National Office (training bodies, national meetings, prayer days, etc.) and staying informed through social networks. This belonging and commitment can be lived on a personal level or, also, at a group or community level.

At the group or community level, the modality of belonging and commitment can be specified through any of these possible options:

- Parishes, Christian communities and various other groups can show their commitment to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network by coming together specifically to pray for the Pope's intentions and, in particular, to dedicate the first Friday of the month to this purpose.
- The communities of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network constituted for this purpose in parishes, schools and other spaces, in order to mobilize for the challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church, and to support the Eucharistic Youth Movement.
- The groups of the Apostleship of Prayer.
- Eucharist Youth Movement teams or centers.
- Personal consecration, or "alliance" with Jesus, is for those who experience a call to live in close union with the Heart of Jesus and wish to formalize their personal devotion, commitment and service in this sense.

³⁴ <https://www.popesprayer.va/i-want-to-join-the-network/>