



**"Everything happens through God's adorable dispositions; therefore let us love him with all our heart and place all our trust in him."
St. Daniel Comboni, Writings #1112**



**Taste of Mission
5-9 p.m. | Saturday, October 12
Cincinnati Mission Center**

Join the Comboni Missionaries for our 10th annual Taste of Mission. This family-friendly event includes authentic food from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Live entertainment all night—including an African fashion show! Enjoy international beers and wines, shop at Mission Market, tour the Mission Museum, learn about our work in 41 countries, and let the kids play games. Parking and admission are free. Learn more at www.combonimissionaries.org/event.



A Year of Extraordinary Mission

A Milestone Anniversary to Inspire the Evangelizing Call of All Christians

For a hundred years the Church has marked October as Mission Month. This year it takes on even greater significance as Pope Francis has named it "The Extraordinary Month of Mission" (EMM) in observance of the anniversary of a papal document emphasizing the importance of mission. Pope Benedict XV wrote *Maximum Illud* in 1919

as a break with a Eurocentric model of evangelization that underscored the profound importance of mission. As is customary, the Latin title comes from the text's opening words, translated as "the great and sublime mission."

For those living in established Catholic faith communities, mission may be something that comes to mind only on World Mission Sunday. That one day late in October might mean a five-minute talk from a visiting missionary or a second encounter with the collection basket, but it should mean much more. The Church is essentially missionary in character. It does not engage in mission for one Sunday, or even one month, out of the year and do "regular" stuff every other day. Mission is the regular stuff. Christ did not found his Church so we could have fish fries, potluck suppers, and bingo. He commissioned his first followers to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Mission was their job, and it is our job too.

Read more about the [Extraordinary Month of Mission](#) which takes place this month.



Comboni Missionary among 13 new Cardinals

On Saturday, October 5, Comboni Missionary Bishop Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot was one of thirteen new cardinals created by Pope Francis.

Miguel Ayuso was born in Seville, Spain, in 1952. In 1980, he made his perpetual vows as a member of the Comboni Missionaries and was ordained as a priest on September 20, 1982. He was a missionary in Egypt and Sudan from 1982 to 2002.

Most recently he served as the Vatican's principal representative with Grand Imam

Ahmed el-Tayeb of Cairo's Al-Azhar mosque. His work culminated in the joint statement, *The Declaration on Human Fraternity*, issued by the Grand Imam and Pope Francis in February 2019 in Abu Dhabi.

In 2019, Pope Francis appointed him President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and a member of the Congregation for Oriental Churches.

The 13 priests and prelates were elevated in the consistory on October 5, which took place during the Pope Francis' Extraordinary Month of Mission and on the eve of the pan-Amazon Synod.

At the consistory Guixot said the "missionary church" Francis so often calls for "opens to encounter and dialogue with the men and women of our times." "It is a church," he said, "which wants to bear witness to the mercy of God toward all those who are suffering due to violence and injustice."

Five of the ten voting-age cardinals belong to religious orders.

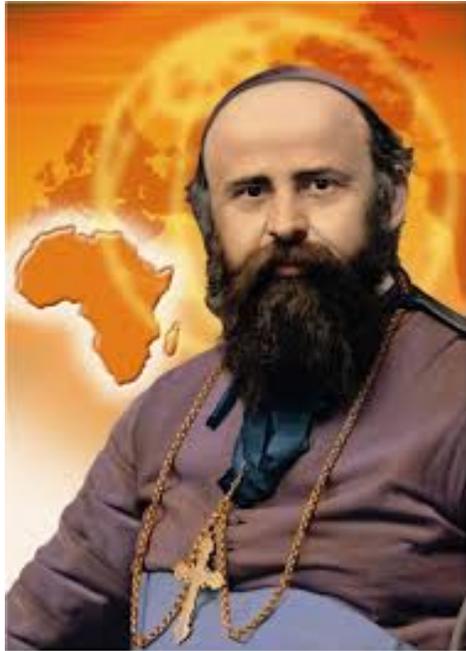
Read more about Guixot and the newly elevated cardinals [here](#).

Let us pray for you

All Souls Day is a day to honor, remember, and pray for those who have died. Families everywhere cherish their ancestors and the traditions they leave behind. To commemorate and respect these souls, priests celebrate extra Masses and families pray for their departed loved ones.

Let us pray for you and your loved ones this November. Fill out the information online and your loved ones will be commemorated in a special way by our worldwide community.

Learn more [here](#).



St. Daniel Comboni Feast Day October 10

Daniel Comboni, born in Limone, Italy, in 1831, knew at an early age that he would be a priest and missionary. His love was Africa, and in 1854, when God called him there, Daniel answered with all his heart and soul.

Serious setbacks should have worn him down, but they only deepened his determination. “The thought that one sweats and dies for the love of Jesus Christ and the salvation of the most abandoned souls in the world is far too sweet for us to desist from this great enterprise,” he wrote.

St. Daniel devised a Plan not just to bring the Gospel to people who never heard it but also to prepare Africans to evangelize their own people—a revolutionary idea for his time. His motto,

Save Africa with Africa, captures the essence of the trust he had in the African peoples.

Named the first Bishop of Central Africa in 1877, St. Daniel continued his faithful ministry until, at the age of 50, worn out and plagued by fever, he died, but not before founding the Comboni Missionaries and Missionary Sisters who today carry out their founder’s charism across Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas. St. Daniel Comboni was canonized in 2003 and remains an inspiration to all who have a heart for mission.

**Every year on October 10 we celebrate St. Daniel Comboni's Feast day.
St. Daniel, pray for us!**

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