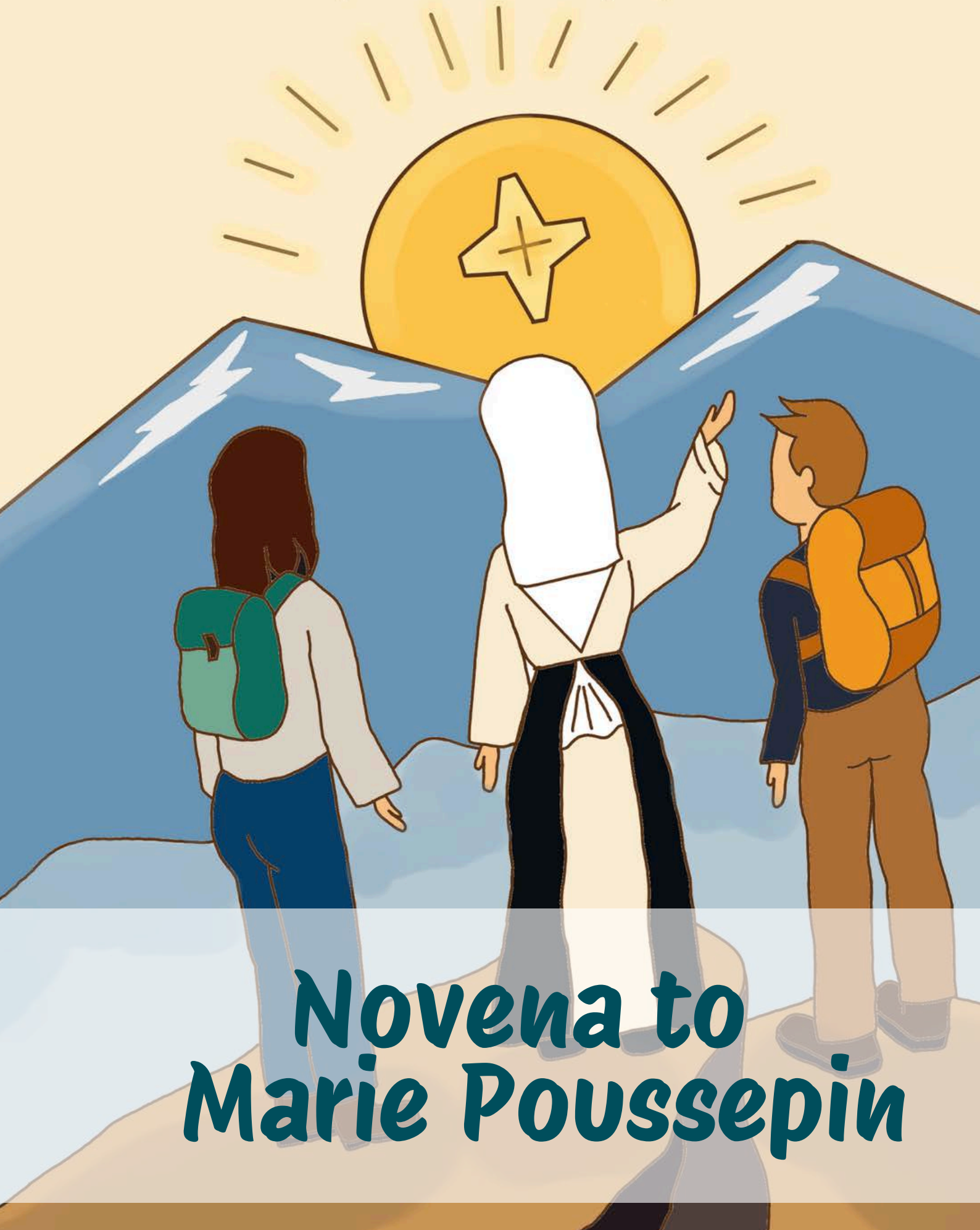


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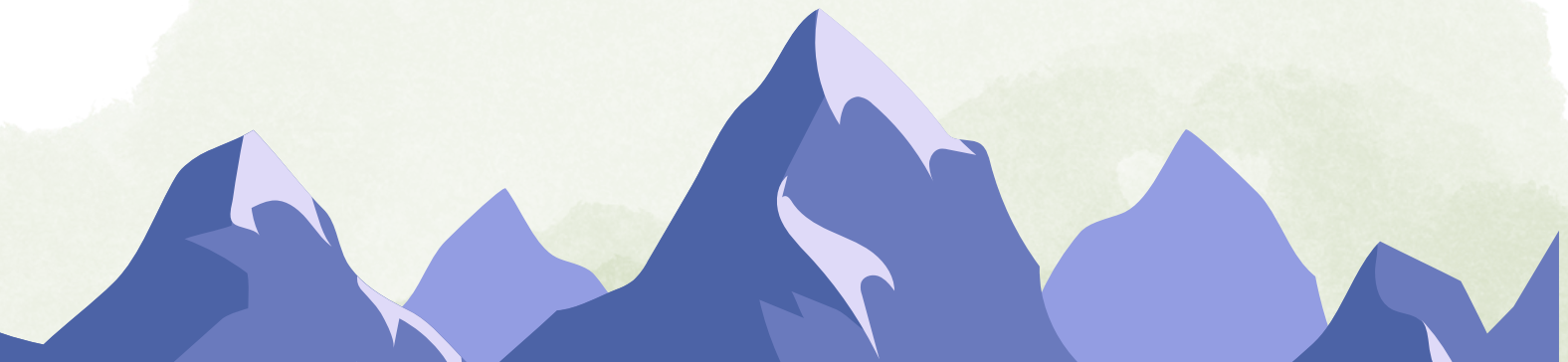


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**“Hope in the Heart of  
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# **Novena in Preparation for the Solemnity of our Mother Marie Poussepin**

## **“Firm in Hope” (M.P.)**



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# Presentation

## Introduction

In the context of the Jubilee Year of Hope convoked by Pope Francis, we propose to live the Novena to Marie Poussepin as a space of encounter with God through the legacy of our Foundress, who knew how to live charity as a path of hope for the poorest and most vulnerable.

In a world marked by pain, violence, and division, we wish to rediscover in her the strength of fraternity, the value of mission, and the joy of serving with simplicity and trust in Divine Providence.

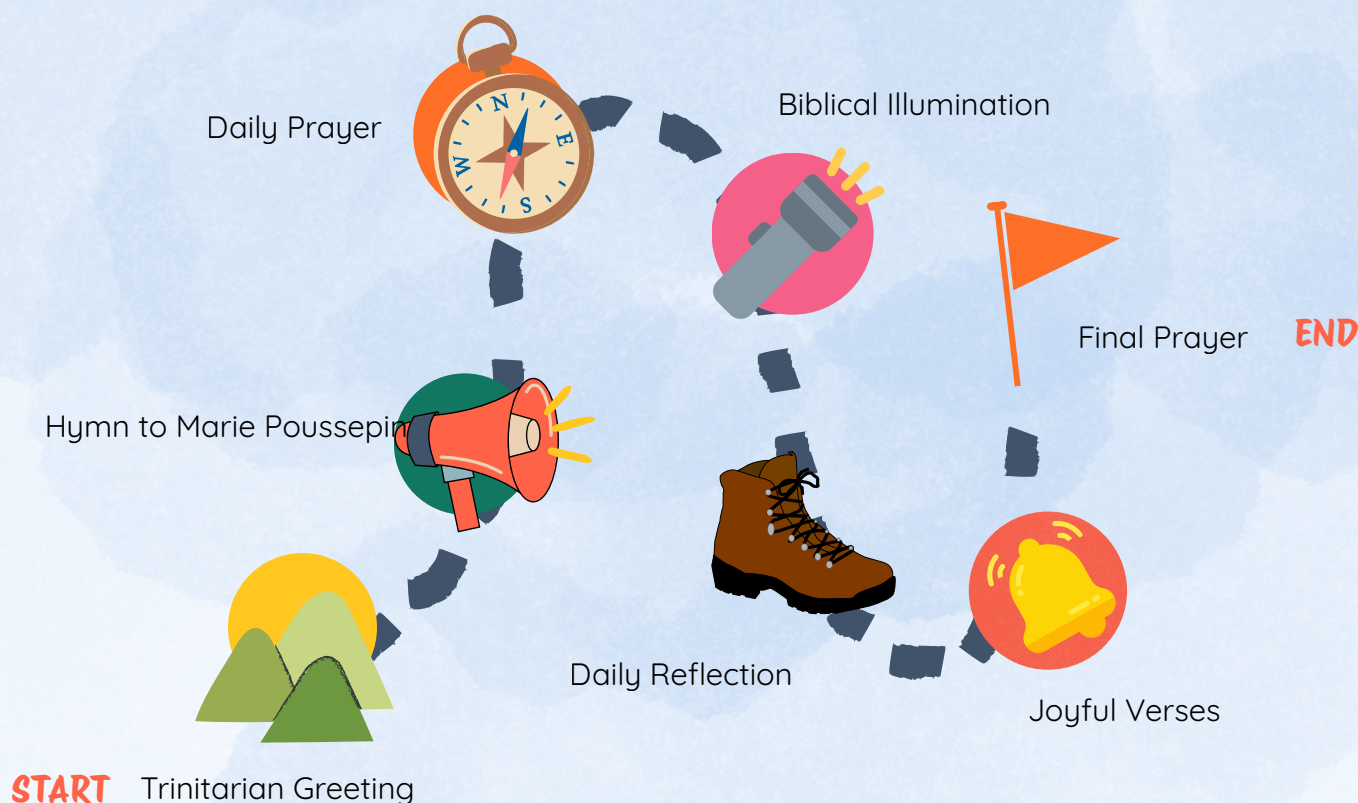
From the Presentation Youth Network, we warmly welcome all who wish to join us in this invitation to seek the intercession of Marie Poussepin for our physical, psychological, emotional, and spiritual needs. We believe in her enduring spiritual significance as a woman of faith, a visionary, and an apostle of charity, whose charism remains alive and continues to inspire young people to be witnesses of hope amid today's realities.

Each day of the novena will be like a tapestry, weaving together the threads of fraternity, commitment to the poor, care for the young, missionary expansion, spirituality, strength in suffering, social courage, rootedness in faith, and Mary's song as a model of hope.

Through this novena, we seek to rekindle in every young heart the conviction that the charism of Marie Poussepin is still a gift for the Church and for the world. Her legacy urges us to be artisans of hope, weavers of peace, and builders of a future where faith, love, and fraternity become the footprints we leave for those who journey with us.



# Steps for Praying the Novena.



## CONSIDERACIÓN DE CADA DÍA

### Structure

#### Daily Themes

- **Day 1** - The Loom of Hope: Fraternity
- **Day 2** - Hope that Walks with the Poor
- **Day 3** - Hope for Children and Youth:
  - A Reflection with St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and St. Carlo Acutis
- **Day 4** - Impacting Paths of Hope: Missionary Expansion
- **Day 5** - Footprints of Hope: A Spirituality of Trust in Providence
- **Day 6** - Hope in Pain and Suffering
- **Day 7** - Courage Wears the Face of Hope
- **Day 8** - Rooted in Faith, Hope, and Love
- **Day 9** - The Hope that Sings with Mary





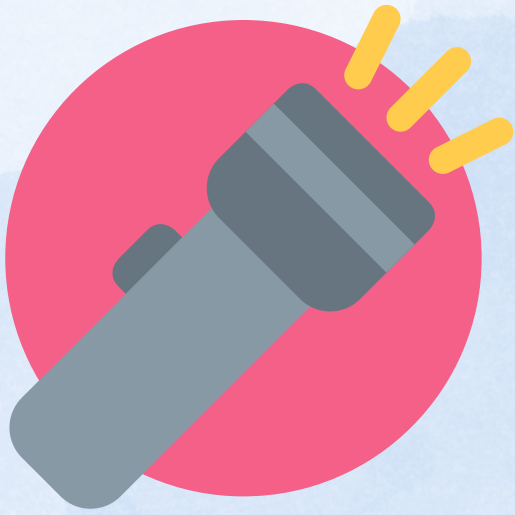
# Daily Prayer

Marie Poussepin, we ask that during these days as we accompany you in celebrating your feast, you may help us remain unwavering in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in charity. United in one charism, may we glorify God, inspired by a fervent and solicitous charity, so that together we may bring to every corner of the world the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His mysteries. Confident in your intercession, we entrust ourselves fully to Divine Providence.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.



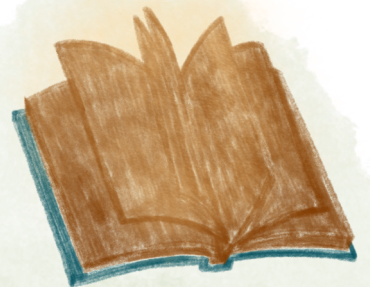




# Biblical Illumination

“Let us hold unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope, for He who made the promise is faithful. We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

**Hebrews 10:23-25**





# The Loom of Hope (FRATERNITY)





# The Loom of Hope (FRATERNITY)

Day 1



**“She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.” Proverbs 31:13**

## THE LOOM

Marie Poussepin wove her project, her community.

She recognized, in the midst of her mission, that the Church is a living loom where each person contributes a unique thread. Walking together, listening, and engaging in dialogue is weaving hope in community. Even though the threads differ in color and texture, the Spirit intertwines them into one single fabric: the Kingdom of God, born of fraternity.

Amid different paths, Marie Poussepin chose a simple and common way. On her return to Dourdan, she passed through a small village called Sainville. At that moment, she decided to begin preparing the threads that would lead her to fulfill God's project within her.

## PREPARING THE THREADS

Just as the weaver prepares each strand before beginning, God calls us to prepare our hearts to walk together. Marie Poussepin prepared herself, placing her life in God's hands... Hope in her began with availability.

## THREAD OF AVAILABILITY:

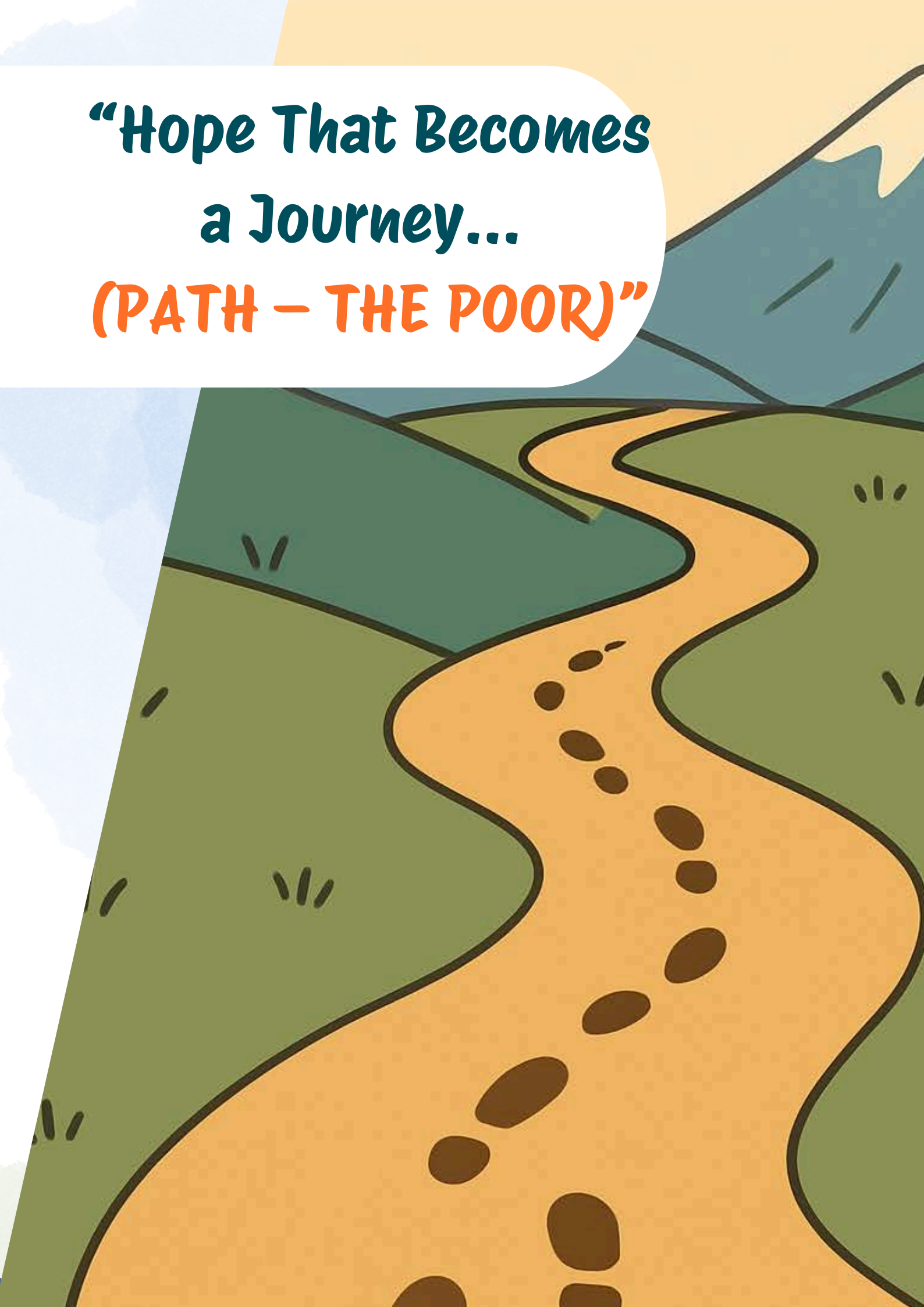
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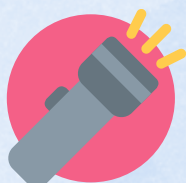
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# “Hope That Becomes a Journey... (PATH – THE POOR)”

## Day 2



**“Listen, my beloved brothers: Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?”**

**James 2:5**

For a fabric not to come apart, the threads of the loom must be well tightened. In the same way, hope is strengthened when we anchor it in the smallest and in the poor. They remind us of what is essential: that life is not sustained by abundance, but by trust and solidarity. To walk synodally means allowing ourselves to be taught by those who, even in their poverty, continue to believe and to hope. Their resilience is a strong thread that holds together the weave of the community. To tighten the loom is to let our hearts be stretched toward them, so that hope may become a shared journey.

This path was already begun by our foundress, Marie Poussepin—from that little girl who carried bread and clothing, who served in her parish, and who offered to care for a sick elderly woman. From the beginning, she fixed her gaze on those in need of her service, recalling her own words: “You will do all that charity can inspire.” That is why today her legacy lives on, still inspiring millions of children, young people, lay persons, and consecrated women and men throughout the world.

### **TIGHTENING THE LOOM**

The threads must be firm; compassion and solidarity keep this community’s loom strong. They are the poor and all those whom Marie desired to serve.

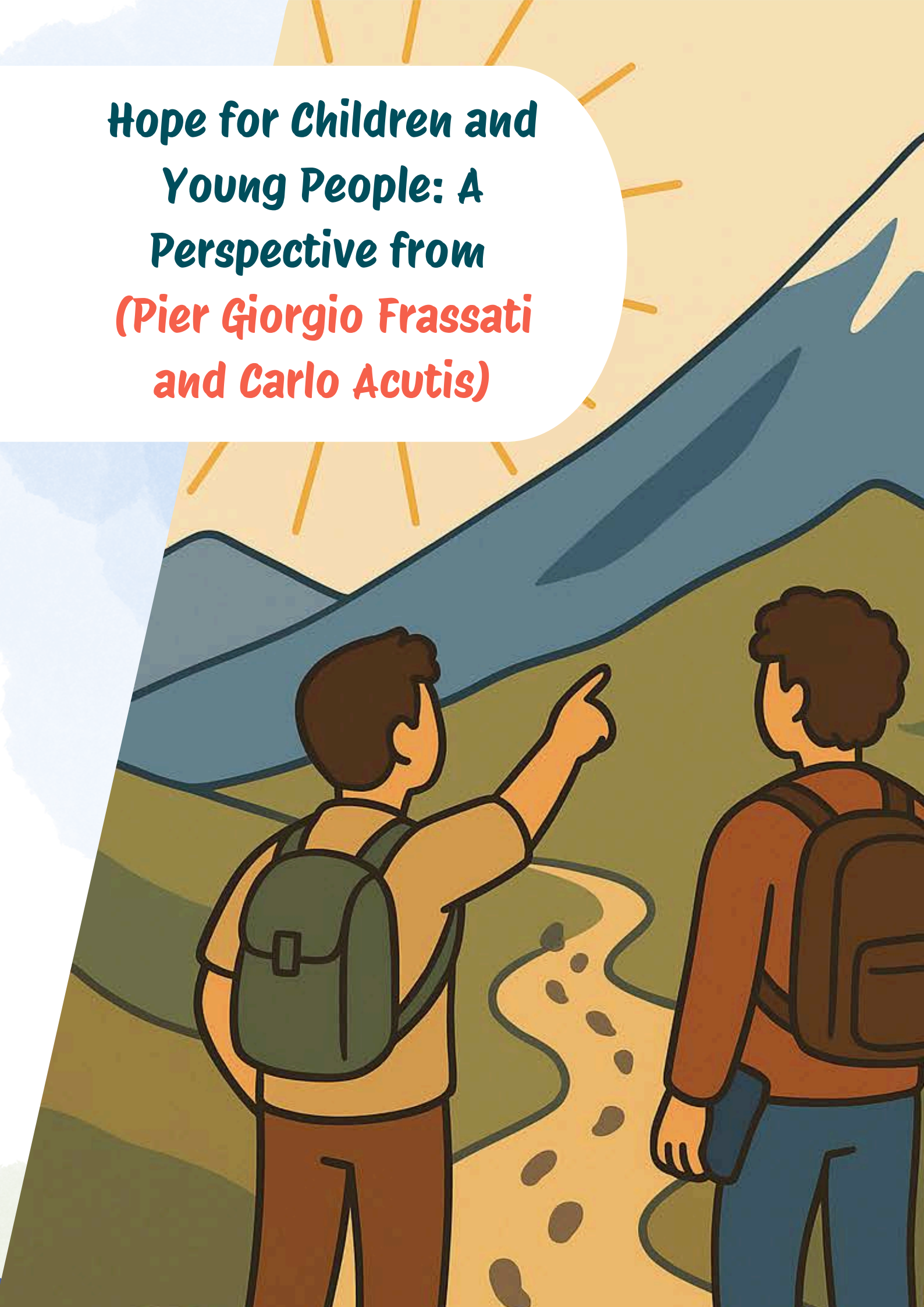
### **THREAD OF SOLIDARITY:**



**“TODAY I RESOLVE TO EXTEND A THREAD OF CONCRETE SOLIDARITY—WHETHER IT BE MY TIME, MY LISTENING, A MEAL, OR A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT.”**

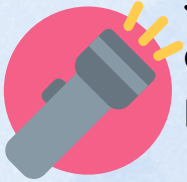


**Hope for Children and  
Young People: A  
Perspective from  
(Pier Giorgio Frassati  
and Carlo Acutis)**



# Hope for Children and Young People: A Perspective from (Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis)

## DAY 3



**“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”**

**Isaiah 40:31**

The lives of the saints are like a fabric of vibrant colors that God continues to weave throughout history. Marie Poussepin dedicated her life to the education and care of the little ones, planting in them hope and a future. Her vision recognized in every child a seed of God and in every young person a call to transform society.

Pier Giorgio Frassati lived his youth with enthusiasm, faith, and joy, reminding us that holiness is not sadness but a path “toward the heights.” Carlo Acutis, through his love for the Eucharist and his creativity in the digital world, showed that it is possible to be holy in everyday life, even using modern tools to evangelize.

All three—Marie, Pier Giorgio, and Carlo—are threads of hope that beautify the fabric of the Church. They invite us to discover our own color and place it at the service of God and others.

### CHOOSING THE COLORS

Every shade is necessary. Marie Poussepin, through her dedication to serving the most vulnerable and those in need, brings the color of charity, made concrete in works.

### THREAD OF GENEROSITY



**I AM CALLED TO BRING MY OWN COLOR—JOY, FAITH, SOLIDARITY—SO THAT THE FABRIC OF HOPE NEVER LOSES ITS BRIGHTNESS.**



# Impacting Paths of Hope (Missionary Expansion)



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## DAY 4



**“Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15**

Marie Poussepin teaches us that mission is not only about reaching new places but about opening the heart to sow faith, service, and fraternity in every concrete reality. From Dourdan and Sainville, she allowed the Gospel to inspire her actions: caring for the sick, educating children, and forming communities capable of living in fraternity. Today, as we look at history, we see how her vision became missionary expansion: her spiritual daughters have spread across many countries, bringing health, education, and evangelization. Wherever they go, the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation continue the work of their foundress, building paths of hope in schools, hospitals, neighborhoods, and forgotten towns.

### **PASSING THE SHUTTLE**

The thread that goes back and forth unites what was once separated and strengthens the fabric. Such is also the mission of Marie Poussepin and her daughters: a constant coming and going that unites cultures, people, and generations under the same love of Christ.

### **THREAD OF UNITY**



**WHAT MARK OF HOPE DO I WANT TO LEAVE ON  
THOSE WHO SHARE LIFE WITH ME? HOW CAN I BE A  
SHUTTLE THAT UNITES AND DOES NOT DIVIDE?**

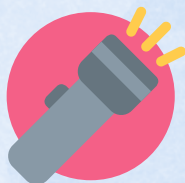


# Traces of Hope: The Spirituality of Her Legacy



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DAY 5



**“My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.” (Job 42:5)**

Marie Poussepin’s spirituality is centered on a profound experience of God and on complete abandonment to Providence. Her encounter with God was not merely intellectual but a transforming and existential relationship that led her to a life of service and charity. This experience of the divine presence in every moment became the starting point of her total surrender to God, trusting that He would provide everything necessary for her mission.

The interweaving of this experience of God and abandonment to Providence can be seen as the fabric of a spiritual legacy. Marie Poussepin passed on to her community this deep conviction, encouraging it to keep alive the presence of God in all its actions, to find holiness in work, and to trust fully in divine guidance.

The challenge today is to keep this spirit of trust and surrender alive, responding faithfully to her vocation and allowing the presence of God to be the guiding thread of our lives and actions.

## **INTERWEAVING THE FABRIC**

Life is built when threads are intertwined. No one is saved alone: hope blossoms in communion.

## **THREAD OF SPIRITUALITY**



**IN WHAT WAYS CAN I KEEP THE PRESENCE OF GOD ALIVE IN MY DAILY ACTIONS, EVEN IN THE SIMPLEST ONES?**



# Hope in Pain and Suffering





# Hope in Pain and Suffering

DAY 6



**“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.” (Ps 23:1)**

In the midst of a world wounded by violence, dispossession, and indifference, the charism of Marie Poussepin rises as a light of hope. Her work of charity, born from her experience of God, reminds us that even in the deepest pain, love can be the balm that heals and transforms. She teaches us that faith is not an escape, but an active response to the tears of the poor and the excluded.

Today, when entire peoples suffer forced exile, when women, children, and the elderly cry out for justice, and when the very earth groans from being exploited without measure, the legacy of Marie Poussepin inspires us not to remain silent in the face of suffering. Her spirit encourages us to build bridges where there are walls, to restore the dignity of every person, and to sow hope where despair seems to prevail.

The charism she left is a force that transcends borders and times, a dynamism that continues to ignite hearts willing to serve. In the face of humanity's desolation, she invites us to be signs of peace, to transform charity into concrete action, and to boldly proclaim that God's providential love is stronger than any pain.

## **MAKING FIRM KNOTS**

Knots hold the fabric together. In the same way, commitments of love and service keep the community alive.

## **THREAD OF JUSTICE**



**WHAT BRIDGES AM I CALLED TO BUILD IN ORDER TO RESTORE DIGNITY AND SOW HOPE IN MY SURROUNDINGS?**



**Courage Has the Face of  
Hope (The Social Context of  
Young People)**



# Courage Has the Face of Hope (The Social Context of Young People)

DAY 7



**“How can a young person keep their way pure?  
By living according to your word.” Psalm 119:9**

In every fabric, there are always mistakes or knots that seem to spoil the weave. Yet the weaver does not get discouraged: with patience, they correct, adjust, and continue. In the same way, in the midst of a world wounded by injustice, violence, and lack of opportunities, young people are courageous because they do not give up. They are capable of transforming the flaws of the social fabric into new possibilities—raising their voices, dreaming of a different future, and acting with creativity. Their courage is the face of hope: they teach us that even in the midst of twisted threads, it is always possible to begin again, to resume the weaving of life with greater strength and more vibrant color. A synodal Church recognizes this youthful protagonism and offers them the space to be artisans of a tomorrow filled with hope.

“Never lose the courage to dream and to live boldly! Embrace the culture of care and spread it; be champions of fraternity; face life’s challenges by allowing yourselves to be guided by God’s faithful creativity and by wise counselors.”

Marie Poussepin insists to the sisters: “Bring young people the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his mysteries, and enkindle every heart, if possible, with his love” (R. XXVII). She chooses to live and communicate especially with the young who need her help, her counsel, and her formation. She knows the importance of forming their consciences, understanding that through this they will come to live out the project of holiness.

## **CORRECTING IMPERFECTIONS**

Every loom has its flaws. Recognizing and forgiving them opens us to a stronger and more authentic fabric.

## **THREAD OF COURAGE**



**TODAY, IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE, I WILL RAISE MY VOICE  
AND DEFEND THOSE WHO HAVE NO VOICE, TAKING AN  
INTEREST IN ISSUES AND SOCIAL CONCERNS THAT, AS A  
CHRISTIAN, I AM CALLED TO LIVE OUT.**



# Connecting with Faith, Hope, and Love





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DAY 8



**“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”**

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

Marie Poussepin was a weaver, not only of wool, but also of life, community, and service. On her loom, the firmest threads were faith, hope, and love.

Faith was the thread that gave her strength to trust in God even in the midst of difficulties.

Hope was the thread that encouraged her to keep weaving, with the certainty that the future could be better.

Love was the thread that gave unity, beauty, and meaning to the fabric of her entire work.

So it is with our own lives: when we live in faith, hope, and love, God weaves together every moment, every struggle, and every act of service until our story becomes a beautiful work that reflects His presence. Today, as young people of Marie Poussepin, we are called to be living fabrics: with faith that sustains, with hope that drives us forward, and with love that unites. For only then will the fabric of our lives show the patience, unity, and beauty of God’s project.

## **ADMIRE THE FABRIC**

The finished work of a fabric reflects patience and unity: every stitch is necessary, every color has its place, every thread is intertwined with another to form a harmonious whole.

## **THREAD OF GRATITUDE**



**“THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE,  
FOR IN IT I CAN WEAVE, WITH FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE,  
A WORK OF BEAUTY AND SERVICE,  
FOLLOWING THE WAY OF MARIE POUSSEPIN.”**



# The Hope that Sings with Mary



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DAY 9



**“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for  
me.” (Luke 1:46–47, 49)**

As we begin this last day of our novena, we start by contemplating the loom of life. Every thread we have woven during these days—each prayer, each gesture, each commitment—was never meant to remain hidden in silence. A fabric fulfills its mission when it is offered, when it serves.

Marie Poussepin, a woman of faith and profound vision, discovered that the Christian life is a song of hope. Like Mary, she was not overcome by the difficulties of her time, but trusted in God’s providence and in the strength that comes from serving others.

Hope is that inner melody that sustains the heart in the midst of uncertainty. Mary sang it in her Magnificat, proclaiming the greatness of a God who casts down the powerful and lifts up the humble. Following that same echo, Marie Poussepin wove a work of mercy and charity that was not kept within her personal loom, but offered as a service to the poorest and most in need.

## **OFFERING THE FABRIC**

A gift becomes service. To offer the fabric is to give the best of ourselves so that others may find life, hope, and consolation.

## **THREAD OF SERVICE**



**“TODAY I OFFER MY LIFE AS A FABRIC OF HOPE AND  
SERVICE, CHOOSING TO SING HOPE, EVEN IN THE  
MIDST OF DIFFICULTY, LIKE MARY.”**





# JOYFUL VERSES

*/Firm in hope, your life teaches us,  
Marie Poussepin./*

1.You were a woman with a serene gaze,  
who in Providence found her true place;  
you sowed hope in each passing day,  
following Christ in a renewed way.

2.“Keep the presence of God,” you would say,  
and in that certainty you gave your way;  
steadfast hope became your guide,  
a sure path leading to the Most High.

3.You hoped for all from the God of life,  
in your sisters you placed your trust with light;  
today you teach us to open to hope,  
even in trials, faith helps us cope.





# JOYFUL VERSES

4. Your eyes gazed with joy and with tenderness,  
at God's footsteps in life made secure;  
you invite us today to believe without fear,  
for His eternal love can do all things..

5. Your blessed heritage guides us as we walk,  
with faith and hope we want to dream;  
your life calls us to follow Jesus,  
the path of glory, of life, and of light.

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# Final Prayer

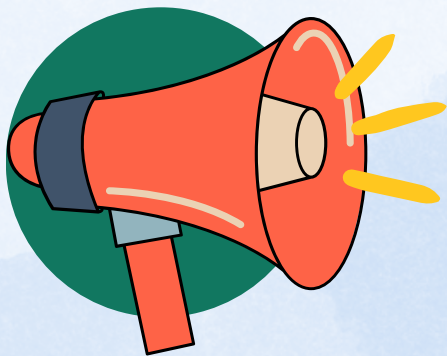


Almighty Lord,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
we praise You, we bless You, we  
adore You. Grant us, following the  
example of the Blessed Marie  
Poussepin, to be unwavering in  
faith, firm in hope, and generous  
in charity.

Through her intercession, grant  
us Your protection and the grace  
we ask for (Pause and make your  
special intention)...

Glory to the Father, to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.





# Songs to Our Mother Marie Poussepin

## 1. HER SEAL IS CHARITY

In a simple village called Sanville, a voice was heard that echoed in a heart full of love.

The response to that call of love came quickly, bringing hope to the fields of the Beauce.

Marie Poussepin teaches us that the Gospel cannot be silenced; charity is its seal, its strength, and its goal. Marie Poussepin teaches us that the Gospel cannot be silenced; her life inspires us—she is Marie Poussepin.

Bold women following in the steps of that woman, embracing hope, opening ourselves to the mission.

There is a world waiting to be embraced by love; guided by her legacy, speak with God and of God.

## 2. LIKE YOU, MARIE POUSSEPIN

We set out on our journey, following the Master's footsteps.

A charism calls us  
and sends us into encounter.  
Hope encourages us  
to build a new world,  
walking side by side  
with open hearts.

Like you, Marie Poussepin,  
Apostle of Charity,  
With missionary boldness  
and living in brotherhood. (Repeat)

The Gospel inspires us,  
Providence guides us,  
Truth makes us strong,  
Service is our guide.

Love is our soul,  
Prayer is our joy,  
We walk without fear  
just as Mary did.



### 3. SONG OF MARIE POUSSEPIN

Marie Poussepin in Sainville, inspired  
by God,  
made her the mission that Christ  
began her own: to bring the good  
news to the poor,  
so they may feel they are children of  
God.  
With a bold heart, she not only left  
Dourdan;  
in total surrender, she gave  
everything.

Mother, I want to follow Christ  
in the total gift of my being,  
to live and die like you,  
in the service of the Church,  
practicing charity. (Repeat)

Gathered in community, the option  
becomes alive for the poor, the  
marginalized, and the youth, who  
today keep giving strength to our  
charism and see in us the face of  
God.

Fraternity and prayer, expressions of  
our union, joyful proclamation of a  
God who is love.

Contemplating reality leads us to  
renew  
our mission in the light of the  
charism,  
to sow hope in a world that cries  
and loudly seeks the face of God.  
The purpose of the community is  
service in charity; centered on Jesus  
Christ, we can achieve it.

### 4. EXAMPLE OF CHARITY

The true path is Christ the Lord!  
Charity and humility, a sweet lesson;  
in the sight of God, she did good to the  
poor.

Following Jesus, works of charity,  
dedicated to the poor with complete  
devotion.

A life, a story, lived in the service of love.  
MARIE POUSSEPIN, EXAMPLE OF  
CHARITY. MARIE POUSSEPIN, TEACH ME  
TO WALK ON THE GOSPEL AND ON A  
FIRM ROCK. We follow You today.  
MARIE POUSSEPIN, SEED THAT  
BLOSSOMS TODAY.  
MARIE POUSSEPIN, THAT TODAY THEY  
MAY KNOW YOU MORE,  
LIKE A SOCIAL APOSTLE OF CHARITY!

Walking in Faith, with trust in God.  
The Trinity dwelling in her heart,  
a life lived from and for the Love of God.  
A lasting mark shaped by love,  
where in all her actions charity  
flourished. In answering the call,  
her work of love spread far and wide.



## 5. WOMAN OF EVERY PATH

You were, Marie Poussepin,  
Woman of every path,  
Sower of the Gospel  
In the Church, for the  
Kingdom.  
You were there in Sanville,  
Teacher, nurse, and  
worker,  
Trusting in Providence,  
In the service of charity.

**Chorus:**  
**The Presentation was  
born  
On a very firm rock,  
A humble woman,  
Example of holiness.  
(Repeat)**

And today, those who  
follow her,  
Want to live her spirit,  
Passion for God and for  
humanity,  
In every corner of the  
world.

## 6. SHE IS MARIE POUSSEPIN

Worker of Providence,  
Kind and humble woman,  
Listening attentively in silence,  
To give God a response.  
She was there,  
Weaving the best future,  
Seeking new solutions,  
Urgent ones in Sanville.

Chorus: She is Marie Poussepin  
(4 times)

Her contemplative gaze  
Leads her to her neighbor,  
To always act with hope  
In the everyday.

Woman of faith and balance,  
Who always found in the poor  
The seed of the Kingdom,  
The face of Jesus Christ.

Chorus

She saw what was right  
Through God's eyes.  
In constant prayer,  
She consecrates the mission.  
It is urgent to look at life,  
Not only in contemplation;  
Activate the Kingdom and  
boldness  
In the service of work.



## 7. FAITH IN PROVIDENCE

Our path is Christ,  
The great truth.  
Marie Poussepin leads us  
To follow Him in charity.  
It is in Dourdan, France,  
Where Marie Poussepin was born,  
In family and in church,  
She learned to love.

Chorus: Marie Poussepin (Repeat)  
Teach us to walk in truth,  
Marie Poussepin (Repeat)

I want to learn charity from you.  
She learned from her father  
The art of organizing,  
Giving work to the poor,  
Teaching with generosity.  
With her mother she visited  
And helped the poor  
In the confraternity of Vincent de  
Paul.

Chorus

Trusting in Providence, she left  
Dourdan,  
Went to Sanville to help others.  
She sought orphaned girls to  
educate,  
Assisting Christians with great  
generosity.

Chorus

She built a house to live  
The Gospel with her community.  
Thus the congregation was born,  
A charitable work following Jesus.

Chorus