



## **EUROPE/POLAND - The new evangelization of Europe entrusted to the intercession of Saints Cyril and Methodius**

Czestochowa (Agenzia Fides) - "Europe needs our prayer, it needs our missionary spirit and our missionary work of evangelization. As Christians and disciples of Christ, we are called to bring the Gospel back to Europe and give a true testimony of our fidelity to Christian roots. Europe has become in our time a mission land": these are some thoughts taken from the Fr Mariusz Frukacz's homily, editor of the Polish Catholic Weekly "Niedziela" and member of the Pontifical Missionary Union, during the Mass that was celebrated this morning for the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Patrons of Europe. The editors of the Weekly, which is based in Czestochowa, in fact, gathered in the chapel dedicated to Mary Mater Verbi, on the premises of the editorial office, where they prayed for the New Evangelization in Europe by entrusting it to the intercession of the Apostles of the Slavs. After Mass, the editors recited the Holy Rosary for Europe.

Constantine, better known under the monastic name of Cyril (Thessalonica 826-14 February 869), evangelized Pannonia and Moravia in the ninth century and invented the Glagolitic alphabet. he is revered as a saint by the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church together with his brother Methodius (Thessalonica 815 - Velehrad April 6 885) he also evangelized the Slavs. Proclaimed Patrons of Europe by the blessed Pope John Paul II in 1980. (MF/SL) (Agenzia Fides 14/2/2012)