



EUROPE/SPAIN - "There is no mission without missionaries": 14,000 Spanish missionaries in the world

Madrid (Agenzia Fides) - World Mission Day is celebrated on Sunday, October 21 also in the whole of Spain, known under the name of "Domund." The National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS) of Spain, Fr. Anastasio Gil, sent to Fides Agency a copy of the material prepared for the occasion, which was distributed for the preparation and celebration of Domund. Fr. Gil commends the important work carried out by the 69 delegates for the missions in the Spanish dioceses, which allow both direct contact with the 14,000 Spanish missionaries who are devoting their lives to proclaim the Gospel in the world, and with their families. Every summer there are about 10,000 Spanish youth participating in one of the many experiences of mission. Fr. Gil also points out that the missionaries are able to better manage and with success the few possessions they receive: this was the inspiration for the slogan of the campaign this year. The novelty of this campaign is the use of multimedia. The first video, titled "Heroes do not exist," wants to spread through social network a clear message about the real work of the missionary. The second video, "The missionary replies," proposes some fundamental questions about the life of the missionary through a fictional story that could be real. Spain has sent into the world 14,000 missionaries who work in America (70.8%), Africa (13.8%), Europe (8.9%), Asia (6.2%) and Oceania (0.2%) . (CE) (Agenzia Fides 19/10/2012)