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## COMMUNIQUE

Concerning the opinion poll about a possible initiation of a process  
for the beatification of Cardinal Lavigerie

Dear Confreres

Dear Sisters

Within the framework of the jubilee celebration of the 150th anniversary of our foundation, our two General Councils responded to the request of some of our confreres and sisters to consider the possibility of initiating a process for the beatification of our founder, Cardinal Lavigerie. In order to find out what other confreres and sisters thought about this, we launched an opinion poll to which many of you responded.

Thank you to all those who took the time to share their reflections with us. We have appreciated the quality and the richness of the many opinions expressed with seriousness and with respect for our Founder, just as we also welcomed those expressed a bit hastily and apparently without the slightest consideration of the history of our two institutes.

In view of the outcome of the consultation, we think that the time has not yet come to go any further with the request adressed to us. In spite of this conclusion, we had the joy and the honor to give our *nihil obstat* to the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples which, together with the Pontifical Mission Societies, offered to present Cardinal Lavigerie to the universal Church during the extraordinary missionary month of October 2019 as a worthy witness of the faith :

<http://www.october2019.va/fr/testimoni/i-testimoni/charles-lavigerie-1825-1892-missionary-founder-of-missionary-ins.html>

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