

We are all obliged to help one another get to heaven

St. Vincent Pallotti



People of God

PALLOTTINES
Spring/Summer
2023

Pallottine Retreat Center is Open Now !!!



To book your Retreat, Call us at: **1-262-723-2108**

Or visit our website www.pallottines.org

Jesus Calls you..



Answer 'YES'

*Join your hands with
Pallottine Fathers and
Brothers to change the
World*

The Pallottine Fathers and Brothers work in schools, parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, retreat centers, foreign missions, adult education programs, and more.

For more information about the Pallottine lifestyle, visit our vocation website at: www.pallottines.org

In This Issue:

- 3 Greetings
- 4 *Pligrims of Hope: Dreaming with St. Vincent Pallotti*
- 6 *St. Patrick's Day Celebrations*
- 7 *Earth Ministry 2023*
- 8 *Good bye & Welcome*
- 9 *An Acknowledgement to our staff*
- 10 *Holy Childhood day in Zambia*
- 11 *Pallottines has a new Bishop*
- 12 *Pallotti Bread: Together with Hungry*
- 14 *Chef's Corner*
- 15 *Did you know???*
- 15 *Vigil Lights during Summer*



People of God newsletter
is published three times a year
by the Mother of God Province,
Pallottine Fathers and Brothers
© 2022

Articles, photos, and suggestions are
always welcome.

Photos herein are owned by
the Pallottines or are licensed,
by subscription,
to Thinkstock and iStock,
divisions of Getty Images.

Editorial offices are located at:
The Pallottines
5424 W. Bluemound Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53208
Fr. Davies Edassery, SAC, editor.
Visit our website at

www. pallottines.org

for past and present issues.

Greetings!

Dear Co-apostles,

Summer is finally here even though a few March snowfalls remind us that Mother Nature is still in control of the seasons. For many of us, it is a time of year to enjoy the outdoors, commune with Nature, and give thanks that the past winter wasn't so harsh after all. In this issue of People of God, we will look at some of the local events and activities in the Mother of God Province. In addition, we have news from our Pallottines in India and Zambia.

In Zambia, Holy Childhood Day began with a celebration of the Eucharist. It was a day when hundreds of children in Lusaka, Zambia experienced a "fullness of the day" in hands, hearts, and stomachs.

In India, the Pallotti Bread project continued to reach out to over 500 families each month in Nagpur, India. The Pallottines continue to make an impact in 57 countries around the world.

We hope you will enjoy reading about us and what we are doing these days here in the Mother of God Province and also around the world.
Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Fr Joseph Dominic

Fr. Joseph Dominic, SAC. 3

PILGRIMS OF HOPE:

Dreaming with St. Vincent Pallotti

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19). We are always left with the option to choose life or death. As Christians, we will always choose life. We are an Easter people.

With the lack of vocations to religious life and priesthood, and with the advancing age of many of our Pallottine confreres, the choice in favor of life, by no means, is an easy one. The growing secularism, individualism, and anti-Church mentality for a variety of reasons, make our choices and actions even harder. Regardless of all these shadows of death, the Christians are called to be a people of hope, trusting in the promises of God. The journey to the unknown Promised Land is the hallmark of a genuine faith in God.

Relentless search for vocations, international collaboration with other Pallottine entities, closing down of houses and apostolic works, opening new missions and apostolic works, etc. were some of the solutions sought after by various Provinces and Regions. At the diocesan level, the bishops created pastoral units for lack of priests. There have been many stories of success and failures. Looking at the current situation of the Church and the world, we do not see clearly the end of the tunnel. Yet God is the Master of our history and destiny. At the same time, the more than 2000 years of the history of the Church assures us that we can continue our journey to the promised land without undue fear. God continues to walk with us.

Addressing the participants on the occasion of a seminar organized by Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life on 16th February 2023, Pope Francis uttered these significant words:



“This means recovering an “integral ecclesiology”, like that of the first centuries, when everything was unified by membership in Christ and by supernatural communion with him and with our brothers and sisters. It means leaving behind a sociological vision that distinguishes classes and social rank, and is ultimately based on the “power” assigned to each category. The emphasis needs to be placed on unity, not on separation or distinction. The lay person is more than a “non-cleric” or a “non-religious”; he or she must be considered as a baptized person, a member of the holy People of God, for that is the sacrament which opens all doors. In the New Testament, the word “lay-person” does not appear; we hear of “believers”, “disciples”, “brethren” and “saints”, terms applied to everyone: lay faithful and ordained ministers alike, the People of God journeying together”.

Pope Francis, during his General Audience on 15 March 2023 uttered these words regarding the Christian vocation and the common dignity shared by all the members in the Church: “It is a call that concerns both those who have received the sacrament of Orders, consecrated persons, and all lay faithful, man or woman: it is a call to all. You, the treasure you have received with your Christian vocation, are obliged to give it: it is the dynamic nature of the vocation, the dynamic nature of life. It is a call that empowers them to actively and creatively perform their apostolic task, within a Church in which “there is a diversity of ministry but a oneness of mission. Christ conferred on the Apostles and their successors the duty of teaching, sanctifying, and ruling in His name and power. But the laity too: all of you, the majority of you are lay people. The laity likewise share in the priestly, prophetic, and royal office of Christ and therefore have their own share in the mission of the whole people of God in the Church and in the world” (*Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity, Apostolicam Actuositatem* n.2).

This is the spiritual and apostolic patrimony that the Pallottines have inherited. The Church needs holy priests. So also, we need holy consecrated persons and lay men and women. . While the pastors have an immense role to play in the Church, they are not alone. We are the Church and we walk together. This is also one of the reasons why Pope Francis chose “Pilgrims of Hope” as the motto for the Holy Year 2025.

Courtesy to Fr. Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC, the President of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC)

The Mother of God Province

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations, Bluemound Rd

Fr. Leon Martin with parade Banner



As members of the Pallottine community on 5424 W. Bluemound Road for over 100 years, we have watched the St. Patrick's Day Parade go by many times over the years. Last year as the Covid threat began to decrease, we decided that we would celebrate our presence in this area and join the parade. So the plans began.

Lenny Schaefer, our groundskeeper and handy man, used his trailer and his van to become part of the parade celebration. He had some banners made especially for the trailer. Bro. Jim Scarpace SAC brought the candles and candy for the kids and the adults. Linda Barikmo helped to give out the candies.

Pallottine Parade Group

Along the way, we had many comments and questions:

Do you still have Holy Cross Parish? No, it's St. Vincent Pallotti now.

I went to Pius High School in the 60's. Good for you.

What is the church near the freeway? Oh, that's St. Therese Parish.



And St. Anthony of Padua? Oh, that's also part of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish.

Well for a few moments, I thought that I saw St. Patrick himself running off in the distance wearing clerical garments. Hmmm, that got me thinking ... *Next year 2024.*

SAD DEMISE

Rest in Peace



Fr. Davies Edassery SAC

Provincial, Mother of God Province, Milwaukee, WI

Fr. Davies Edassery SAC, the Provincial Rector of Mother of God Province, Milwaukee, WI has passed away on 1st May 2023. The Funeral service held in Pallottigiri, Kerala, India on 3rd April 2023, Thursday morning 9.00 am (Indian Time). Last 17 years he served the Catholic Church in Milwaukee. On October 2022 he was elected as the Provincial of Mother of God Province Milwaukee. Kindly do remember the departed soul of Fr. Davies Edassery SAC in your prayers.



Shopping Guide for “Dirty” and “Clean” produce. The USDA and FDA annually test 35,200 samples for traces of toxic residue, taken from the 47 most popular fruits and vegetables. In 2022 they found that 70% of the non-organic, conventionally-produced samples sold in the US contain residue from potentially harmful chemicals and pesticides. The worst of these comprise the “Dirty Dozen,” whereas the best comprise the “Clean 15”.

The Dirty Dozen (listed from most residue to least) were found to be: 1 Strawberries; 2 Spinach; 3 Kale, and collard and mustard greens; 4 Nectarines; 5 Apples; 6 Grapes; 7 Bell and hot peppers; 8 Cherries; 9 Peaches; 10 Pears; 11 Celery; 12 Tomatoes

The Clean Fifteen (listed from none or minimal residue to only a little) are: 1 Avocados; 2 Sweet Corn; 3 Pineapple; 4 Onions; 5 Papaya; 6 Sweet Peas (Frozen); 7 Asparagus; 8; Honeydew Melon; 9 Kiwi; 10 Cabbage; 11 Mushrooms; 12 Cantaloupe; 13 Mangoes; 14 Watermelon; 15 Sweet Potatoes

Our Earth Ministry encourages you to take these lists with you while grocery shopping, and to buy organic whenever you can. Regardless, be sure to wash ALL produce when you come home from the store!

Courtesy: Earth Ministry, St. Therese Congregation, Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee

Good bye...Arrivederci....Adiós

Fr. Thomas Manjaly, SAC, born in India, joined the Pallottines in 1972. After his studies in Rome, Italy, he worked for 30 years in India. He was appointed administrator of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish on September 17, 2018 by Archbishop ListECKI of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His five-year appointment ended in March of 2023. Fr. Tom was well-loved by all of us at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish. We would like to thank him for his inspired service the past five years and want to wish him well as he returns to India and begins his new journey there.



Pallottines Welcomes New Staff

Nayana Abraham



Nayana Abraham, born in India, holds a Bachelor's degree in Engineering and has worked as a Lecturer at Jyothi Engineering College before moving to the United States with her husband Bejoy Sunny. Their daughter Richa is in middle school. In addition to her family life, Nayana is an active member of her church, where she teaches catechism and holds the voluntary position of Treasurer. Her commitment to education and community involvement is evident in her roles and her passion for fitness is inspiring. We are grateful to have Nayana as a member of the Development Office team and are inspired by her dedication and passion for making a difference in the lives of others.

Without them, We are not complete:

An acknowledgement to our Staff

Richard Martin



Richard Martin (Rich), the Pallotti House cook, was born and raised in Milwaukee. He took an apprenticeship at the Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee in order to become a chef. From there he went to the Chicago 4 Seasons Hotel and then traveled the world for a time. Now that he is back in the midwestern town he calls home (Milwaukee), he is glad to be the house chef for the Pallottine Fathers. We wish Rich the best in all his culinary endeavors in the future.

Lenny



After he retired from the Milwaukee Fire Department with 30+ years of service in 2004, Lenny was hired by the Pallottines as a grounds keeper and general handy man in 2007. He is a long-time member of (Holy Cross) St. Vincent Pallotti Parish. He is a trustee of the parish and belongs to the pastoral council, the finance committee, and chairs the parish picnic and much more. He is married to his wonderful and understanding wife Therese who he met through their work with the school and parish. They have five children together and eight grandchildren (ages 8 to 31).

They keep Lenny and his wife very busy and on the road a lot with their activities. It's a good thing they like to travel. He has become a trusted member of the Pallottine family and a good friend to them. We wish Lenny continued success in his future endeavors.

Pallottines International

Holy Childhood Day in ZAMBIA

“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them”(Lk. 18:16). The words of Jesus continued to resound in the hearts of the faithful of Holy Family Parish, Mandevu, as we celebrated the Holy Childhood Day on the 8th January 2023. The day began with the Holy Eucharistic celebration and continued with the variety of singing, dancing and above all, the sumptuous lunch. As the planned programs could not be completed by evening, the awarding of prizes and gifts were pushed to the following Sunday. Nearly one thousand kids were fortunate enough to be part of this unique celebration.

Holy Mass at Holy Family Parish



The preparations for the event began in the month of December as it was the time of the annual vacation for schools. Children had practically spent all their afternoons in the church learning hymns and practicing a wide variety of programs. It was heartening to see little children coming for Holy Eucharist during the season of Advent. Of course, one motivating factor were the gifts promised for those who were present for the Holy Mass throughout the Advent season without fail. While above, three hundred children received coffee drinking mugs as gifts for celebrating Holy Mass during the Advent season, another three hundred received a lollipop as a motivational gift for their occasional attendance for the Holy Eucharist.

In the Archdiocese of Lusaka, the umbrella of the Pious Society of Missions (PMS) provides a variety of opportunities for children for their faith formation and holistic development. It consists of the ‘Stella Girls’ who dance like the little angels at the liturgical celebrations, the ‘Holy Childhood’ exclusively for the kids and ‘Teens on the Move’ (TOM), and for the adolescent boys and girls moving on to the ‘Youth Council’. Interestingly, even at this young age, they are guided into leadership roles by having their own executive under the guidance of Animators, Patrons and Matrons.

Christmas party mugs



Prizes were also given to the students who had secured better positions in the Sunday Catechism class for the academic year 2022. Indeed it was a day when the children had experienced a ‘fullness of the day’ in hands, hearts and stomach

Parish ladies cooking
the Christmas party meal



We recall the famous quotation of Russian novelist and short story writer, Fyodor Dostoevsky: “The beautiful and sacred memory, preserved since childhood, is perhaps the best education of all”. Indeed the joyful and pleasant memories of childhood will linger in the minds and continue to provide food for the rest of our life.

We too hope and pray that the beautiful memories of our little kids may continue to provide light to their path, grace to their faith and strength to their life. Above all, may the words of Jesus continue to resonate in our hearts “Let the little children come to me....”.

Further information concerning the work of the Pallottine’s Zambia Mission can be found on their website at: <https://www.pallottinemissionzambia.com/>

PALLOTTINE HAS A NEW BISHOP



Pope Francis appointed **Fr. Denilson Gerald** as the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Brasilia on Wednesday 25th January 2023. He was ordained a priest in 1997. After having worked in Brazil for many years in various apostolates, he was elected as the General Consultor of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate from 2016-2022.

Pallottines International

PALLOTTI BREAD - Together with the Hungry

Pallotti Bread project was started on 1 September 2019. Most Rev Elias Gonsalves, the Arch Bishop of Nagpur inaugurated this project. This project is reaching out to the hungry of over 500 families in Nagpur every month. Our aim is to bring solace to these families by providing them a ration kit for four persons in a family for a month.

Fr. Ferdinand Franco distributes Pallotti Bread



Fr. Joseph Koovely, the Vice Provincial, distributes Pallotti Bread



Waiting for Pallotti Bread



These families are homeless, poor and living on the footpaths of Nagpur city. During the Covid 19 pandemic we stepped out to support many more needy families in different places like Arunachal, Nagaland, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi and Kerala. At present we distribute the ration kit regularly every month to Rui Village, Dongergaon, Vela and Pipla Gram-panchayat in Besa, TV Tower in Seminary Hills, Governor's Palace Road, Pallotti Nagar and Gorewada in Nagpur.

It is our small endeavour to reach out to the needy and the under privileged responding to the call of Jesus to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, visit the sick and those who are in the prison. (Mt 25:36-40). We welcome you to join with us. Let us be together to reach out the needy.

CONGRATULATIONS FR. JOE KOYICKAL, SAC.



Very. Rev. Fr. Zenon Hanas, SAC, the Rector General of the Pallottines appointed Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC as the Member of the General Secretariat for the Apostolate, Rome. Currently Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC works as the Pastor of SS.Mary and Joseph, Carlinville, SS.Simon and Jude, Gillespie and St. Joseph Church, Benold in Springfield Diocese, Illinois. We wish him all the very best for his new responsibility and pray for all success.

The Chef's Corner

Beef Taco Skillet - Three Ways!



One evening a friend of mine invited me over for a quick supper and served this wonderful casserole type dish.

Immediately I thought of my cooking column and asked her for the recipe, which she admitted she had found on the Campbell's Soup website. In appreciation and fairness to them I will give you their website here:

CampbellsKitchen.com

For those of you who don't have a computer or just don't want to take the time to look the recipe up, here it is:

What You Will Need:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can (10 3/4 oz.) Campbell's Tomato Soup (regular or less sodium)
- 1/2 cup salsa
- 1/2 cup water
- 6 flour tortillas (6"), cut into 1" pieces
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Here's What You Do:

Cook beef in a 10" skillet, stirring to break up the meat.

Pour off the fat.

Stir in soup, salsa, water and tortillas. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low and cook for 5 minutes. Stir.

Top with cheese.

Makes 4 servings.

FOR TWO OTHER VARIATIONS:

1) Creamy Mexican Fiesta:

Stir in 1/2 cup of sour cream with the soup.

2) Ranchero Style: Use corn tortillas instead of flour tortillas (a great idea for you gluten free people!) and then substitute shredded Mexican cheese blend for the Cheddar cheese.

Did You Know???



Blessed Richard Henkes was born on May 26, 1900 in Ruppach-Goldhausen in Germany. He wanted to be a priest and a missionary; and thus joined the Pallottine minor seminary in 1912. He studied Philosophy and Theology and was ordained a priest on June 6, 1925. From 1931, he was a teacher and a preacher as he clearly exalted the Christian image of a man in the face of the ideology of the National Socialist movement in Germany.

On April 8, 1943, during a sermon in Branitz, he openly took a stand against the deportation of disabled patients from the hospital and was immediately arrested.

He was sent to prison and finally the Dachau concentration camp. At the end of 1944, a major epidemic broke out in Dachau. This affected Block 17 where Father Henkes worked as a secret pastor. When the block was quarantined because of the risk of infection, Father Henkes volunteered to stay in the Block and assisted the sick in a human and spiritual way. After about 10 weeks, Father Henkes was infected with typhoid. He died on February 22, 1945. Blessed Richard Henkes was called to be a true beacon of faith; a fearless spokesman against injustice and persecution, and a martyr of love of neighbor as he offered up his life while caring for the sick and dying imprisoned with him.

For more information, visit the website of the Catholic Apostolate Center at <https://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/bl-richard-henkes.html>

Vigil Lights During the Summer Months

Much of our time during the summer is spent outdoors with family and friends. Fishing trips, vacations, gardening and even picnics in the park make the summer months seem to fly by so quickly. Why not ask God to watch over and protect you and your loved ones while you are traveling or visiting this summer?

Let us light a 7-day vigil light for you and your intentions at the statue of St. Joseph in our community chapel. Simply fill out your intentions and send it to us at the address on the back cover of the News letter. We will light a 7-day candle for you, starting on the Monday you circle.

(Circle a month and Monday to light the 7-day candle)

Jun.	05	12	19	26	
July	03	10	17	24	31
Aug.	07	14	21	28	
Sept.	04	11	18	25	

Please light a 7- day vigil light for my intention:

I would like of make an offering of :

\$3 5 7 10 Other \$ _____



The Pallottine Fathers

5424 W. Bluemound Rd.
Milwaukee, WI 53208-3097

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Milwaukee, WI
Permit No. 660

