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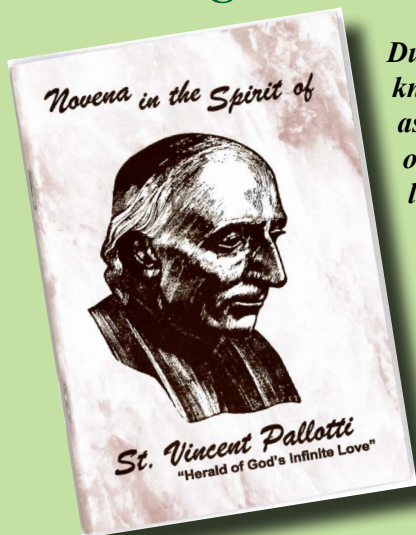
A stained glass illustration of St. Vincent Pallotti, shown from the waist up in profile, facing right. He has a halo and is wearing a green cassock with a gold and black patterned stole. He holds a small white object with a cross on it in his right hand. The background is a light green with leaf patterns.

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ANNIVERSARY OF
ST. VINCENT
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ORDINATION
TO THE
PRIESTHOOD
MAY 16, 1818

Spring 2018

Touching Base with St. Vincent Pallotti



During the Middle Ages a form of prayer commonly known as "Devotional Novenas" came into practice as a way of offering prayers and petitions to Mary or the Saints for oneself and for others, particularly in times of urgent need.

Believers fervently placed their important requests before God and put their hope and full trust in Him to grant them strength to endure their difficulties in faith and await salvation. In our novena to St. Vincent Pallotti we ask this great saint to intercede for us and help us grow closer to God who is Infinite, worthy of our love and merciful toward us.

This 4 x 6 inch, 52 page booklet contains 9 days of prayers and reflections in the spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti. For a copy of this booklet send \$4.25 (this includes shipping and handling). For your convenience you can use the postage paid envelope enclosed in this newsletter to order.

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Come live it with the Pallottines!

See what we have to offer you.

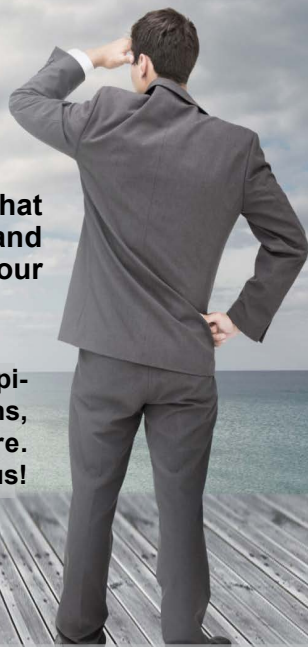
Our Founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, believed that ALL people, both young and old, women and men, can be apostles. We invite you to use your gifts and talents with us for God's Kingdom.

We Pallottines work in schools, parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, retreat centers, missions, adult education programs, and much more. Embark on a new adventure in your life with us!

For more information about the Pallottine life-style, visit our vocation website at:
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Or write to us at:

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Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

2018 is shaping up to be a very
eventful time for the Pallottines.

This year we are celebrating the
200th anniversary of the ordination
of our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti.

We will soon break ground for the
construction of our new kitchen and
dining room facilities at our St. Vin-
cent Pallotti Retreat Center in Elk-
horn, WI.

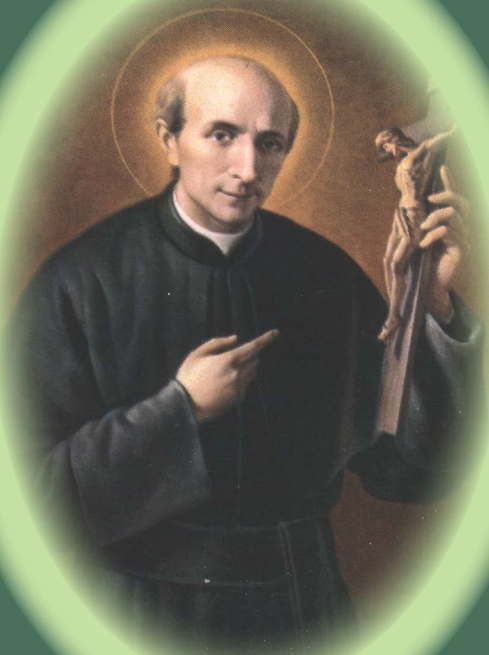
Our missionary priests in Zambia
continue their building of a new
school for the orphaned children at
their mission near Lusaka.

Recently one of our Pallottine priests
from India has begun working at a
parish in Illinois.

God has indeed blessed us in so
many ways, and the new year has
barely started.

Please continue reading the rest of
this newsletter to find out more de-
tails of the events mentioned and to
see some wonderful and encourag-
ing pictures. May God bless you
and your loved ones in 2018.

Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC

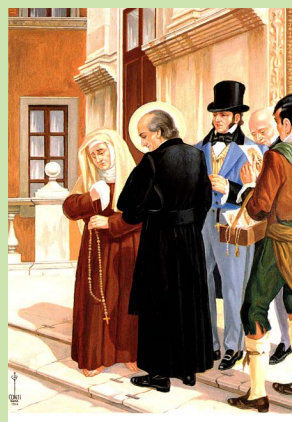


Celebrating 200 years

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Pallotti cares for the sick during the Cholera plague of 1837



Pallotti with Elizabeth Sanna, one of the first members of the UAC



Pallotti offers his First Mass at the Church of Jesus in Frascati - 1818

Two hundred years ago, our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, was ordained a priest in Rome. From the start he dedicated his ministry to God's people with great fervor and zeal. He was often seen visiting the sick, administering the sacraments to wounded soldiers in the military hospitals, distributing food and money to the poor and needy. One of his special concerns was for the education of young men and women who were often left to fend for themselves on the streets. He started trade schools for them so that they could rise above poverty by acquiring the skills necessary to become carpenters, seamstresses, secretaries and knowledgeable craftsmen. He welcomed anyone and everyone who sought him out for material and spiritual help. Still he knew that no matter how much he gave of himself to others, he could not do all he wanted to do for them by himself.

And so... Pallotti had a vision -- a vision that quickly developed into his Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC), an association of men and women, young and old, clergy, religious and lay people. So often he promoted his idea that ALL Catholics are called to be apostles within their abilities and circumstances in life. He said, "Some are called to be missionaries in the field directly ministering to the needs of God's people. Others are called to be supporters and promoters of the Apostolate through their material and financial contributions. Finally, there are those who because of age, disability or other difficulties can only render their service to God's people through their prayers." For Pallotti, all three groups are essential for the success of the Apostolate to all peoples of the world.

It was often said of St. Vincent Pallotti that the one thing he could not bear was idleness. If he wasn't directly ministering to people, he was spending time praying for them. As Pallottines we are proud of the legacy that he has passed on to us as we continue to find new and better ways to serve God's people today. Like our founder, we are willing to serve wherever there is a need. And so, we have men who minister in parishes in dioceses in Wisconsin and Illinois. As a province we, along with many of our friends and benefactors, are material and financial supporters of our Pallottine missionaries in Zambia, India and Cameroon. We offer our services to the sick and elderly in nursing house and senior living centers in areas in which our members are stationed. We have priests who are chaplains in hospitals. We have men who spent their days teaching and caring for orphans. We open our doors to all who wish to spend some time with God at our Retreat Center in Elkhorn WI. We strive to follow closely in the footsteps of St. Vincent Pallotti.

Local News

Pallottines Return to St. Therese Parish



An historic moment for the Pallottines! St. Therese Parish can trace its origins back to 1926 when the Pallottines first opened a small mission church on 94th and Adler known as “Little Flower Mission” after St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower.

For decades it remained a small crowded building which could hold about 80 people. As the city of Milwaukee expanded to the West along Bluemound Road, the congregation began to grow and by the early 1950’s, plans were under way with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee for the building of a new and proper church and school, and for the elevation of the mission to the status of a parish. However, as the construction of the I-94 expressway was also on the drawing boards at that time, the site of the new parish had to be relocated to its present location on 95th and Bluemound Road just east of the present Milwaukee County Zoo.

In 1956 the mission finally became a full-fledged parish and Pallottine Father Nicholas Wilwers, SAC became its first pastor with Fr. Jerry Hapka, SAC as his assistant. These two men oversaw the construction of the church and school which began to face many cost overruns, resulting in the half finished steeple still visible today. In 1962, the Pallottines returned the
6 parish to the care of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. ([go to next page](#))

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In 2017, with the growing shortage of priests in the Archdiocese, the Pallottines were approached by the Archbishop and asked if we would be willing to take on the role of temporary administrators of the Parish once again.

Fr. Joe Koyickal, our provincial, agreed to the request and has personally taken on this new ministry. And so -- as God would have it, the Pallottines have returned to a dear old friend.

We wish Fr. Joe God's blessings and offer our support for his ministry among the parishioners of St. Therese Parish.



Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC

Welcome to Our Province Father Chris!

After months of dealing with U.S. immigration rules and regulations we are happy to welcome to our province Fr. Christudasan Kurisadima, SAC, one of our Pallottine priests from India.



Fr. Chris, as his friends call him, stayed with us in Milwaukee for several months so that he could acclimate himself to the food and customs of the Midwest. This time had also proven to be a great opportunity for him to “brush up” on his English, get a social security card, and take care of other odds and ends. As of December 2017 he is ministering at St. Mary's Parish in Taylorville, IL.

Fr. Chris is 53 years old and has 3 sisters and 2 brothers. He is originally from Kerala, the southernmost State in India. He joined the Pallottines in 1980 and was ordained on May 1, 1991. After ordination he worked as an associate pastor, pastor, formator in seminaries, teacher, director of centers of the apostolate and a director of an orphanage. We ask God to bless you, Fr. Chris, and your ministry at St. Mary's.

Local News

St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center - A Place To Connect or Reconnect with God

Amid the peaceful and serene setting of rural southeastern Wisconsin our Retreat Center offers both old and young a place for reflection, prayer and rest from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Over time we opened our doors, first to the students of Pius XI High School and then to other youth and teen groups. The world of the young is filled with iPhones and ear buds, electronic games and loud music. Team sports and extra curricular activities often occupy a major portion of their time to the point that God and their spiritual lives are often put on the “back burner.” We saw a need to offer them a more relaxed time and space.

At our Retreat Center in Elkhorn, WI we have been working diligently to provide a very welcoming and friendly atmosphere for all who come to us in the hope that their time spend with us will help them reacquaint themselves



Local News



with their inner selves, their feelings and their relationship with God.

In recent years we have been looking for ways to improve our facility for the comfort of our guests, and two areas of immediate concern have been found in our kitchen and dining room. Crowding 40 to

50 people in a dining area designed to hold 35 comfortably did not seem like an ideal setting in which people could eat or gather as a group. Therefore we have plans in the hands of contractors to expand this section of our retreat center. While we go about enlarging the dining room, we also decided that an expansion of the cooking and food prep areas was also in order. This will involve putting an additional wing onto the present building. All these things come with a hefty price tag and we are reaching out to others for their financial support for these projects.

Help us continue and improve our ministry to our young people so that they can have a great experience while with us now and perhaps later on at some future time.

There is always a need to connect or reconnect with God. Help us help our youth to keep their minds and hearts open to God.



International News

Work on New School Building in Zambia Progresses

It's always exciting to see progress on a major project. Back in 2015 when our Pallottine missionaries opened the doors of their first school in the living rooms of their farmhouse, there were just two students and one teacher. Today the population of the school has grown to 158 students in six classes, both kindergarten and primary. These are indeed great times for our men and the children in Zambia!

Fr. Tomy, our Mission Secretary in Zambia, wrote to us, "As the [farm] house has no more room for accommodating the students, we look forward to a new proper building for the school." He is hoping that the outer shell of the building will be completed by January 2018 so that the students and teachers can begin their new semester inside the larger building. He says that the finishing touches inside the school to the walls, ceilings and floors will progress as funds continue to flow in and are made available for this

***The new school
construction progresses.***





project. As can be seen from the pictures here, the children are very happy and excited to know that they will soon have a brand new school to call their own.

Fr. Tomy and our Pallottines in Zambia thank us for all the spiritual and financial support and cooperation that our province and our friends here in America have been giving and continue to give in order to provide better educational opportunities for the marginalized children in the area of Westwood, Zambia. **WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!**



International News

Pallottine Sisters from Tanzania

Open New Community House in Zambia.



Sr. Sesilia P Kimario and
Sr. Veronica M. Gjbuliku

At the invitation of Fr. Pullan, the Provincial Superior of the Prabhu Prakash Province, Nagpur, India, in May of 2017 two Pallottine Sisters from the English Tanzanian Province opened a new community house in Zambia to work with the Indian Pallottine priests at their mission about 25 miles outside the capital city of Lusaka.

Upon their arrival in Zambia, Srs. Sesilia and Veronica were welcomed by Fr. Shaji Mathew, SAC and Fr. Jophin, SAC. Shortly after they had settled into their small convent, they were introduced to the parishioners at St. Michael's Parish, where they will be helping out, and to the teachers and students at St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic School at Green House.

Sr. Veronica is teaching English and Social Studies at the school, while Sr. Sesilia, who is a nurse, is being supported by a retired nurse from a Government Hospital in Lusaka. Because the need for good health care is so vital in the area, especially among those suffering from HIV, one of Sr. Sesilia's goals is to do many home visits to the poor and sick. Recently she received government permission to open a small Dispensary to care for the needs of the school and local community.

Even though the official language of Zambia is English, most of the people speak Chinyanja and Bemba, Bantu languages. Facing the task of learning new languages and coping with a different culture and environment, both sisters hope to follow in the footsteps of St. Vincent Pallotti and "carry on with hope and joy in their hearts as they begin their new Apostolate."

Teaching,
working
and playing
with the
staff and
students
at St. Vincent
Pallotti
school



Small
convent
in which
the sisters
live.



Sr. Veronica
and
Sr. Sesilia
are
introduced
to the
teachers
and students
at
St. Vincent
Pallotti
Catholic
School.



The Cook's Corner

Mac and Cheese Pizza by The Pallotti House Chef



Here's a combo of two likable foods: Mac & Cheese and Pizza.

When first asked to try this pizza, I wondered if this was a joke. However, I thought I should at least taste it before passing judgment. It was great!

Easy to make and good on the stomach. Perhaps it will become a hit at your house too (especially with the kids or grandchildren.)

What You Will Need:

- 1 - 12 inch frozen 4 Cheese Pizza
- 1 - 7.5 oz box Kraft Mac & Cheese
- 1 - 14 oz. jar Prego or Ragu traditional spaghetti sauce.
- 1 - 8 oz. bag of shredded Mozzarella Cheese.

Here's What You Do:

Pre-heat your oven to the temperature recommended on pizza box.

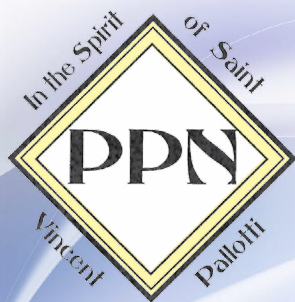
While oven heats, prepare the Mac & Cheese. (Follow directions on box.)

Meanwhile open frozen pizza and cover the top of it with half of the spaghetti sauce.

When Mac & Cheese is done, cover the top of the pizza with it.

Sprinkle some shredded cheese on top (more or less according to your taste) and drizzle a little more of the spaghetti sauce on top of that.

Bake in oven following the time recommended on pizza box. Serve hot! Delicious!



Pallottine Prayer Network

The Pallottine Prayer Network is a group of men and women, young and old, lay and religious, willing to set aside a few minutes each day to pray for the needs of people, the Church, and the world.

Each member receives a wallet-sized membership card, 5x7 certificate of membership, and over the course of a year, 12 prayer cards with a different intention to pray for each month.

Members also receive a list of prayer intentions sent in by people to the Prayer Network, and are requested to include these special petitions in their prayers. If you would like to join us, simply clip off this form and return it to us in the enclosed envelope. **Membership is always FREE!**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Vigil Lights During Lent and Easter

During the Lenten and Easter seasons we often remember our loved ones by lighting vigil lights in their memories.

This year let us light a 7 day vigil light for your intentions at the statue of St. Joseph in our community chapel. Simply fill out this form and send it to us at the address below, or use the enclosed envelope. 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.)

Feb. 05 12 19 26

Mar. 05 12 19 26

Apr. 02 09 16 23 30

May 07 14 21 28

Please light a 7 day vigil light for my intention:

Please accept my offering of :

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