

A stained glass illustration of St. Vincent Pallotti, a man with a grey beard and hair, wearing an orange robe, with his hands raised in prayer. The background is dark with purple and red accents, and several yellow stars are scattered throughout. The title "People of God" is written in a large, white, serif font, with a small cross icon integrated into the letter 'P'.

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Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

In this issue we turn our attention to the notion of service to others.

Over the next few months we will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary on March 19th, Our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection during the Easter holidays, Mary, Queen of Apostles, and the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st.

Just as Jesus, Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints dedicated their lives to the will and service of God and His people, this seems like an appropriate time for us to reflect upon the service we give to others out of love for God.

St. Vincent Pallotti says that we are all called to be Apostles, be we priests, brothers, sisters or lay people. God wants all of us to work for his kingdom by using the gifts and talents He has given to each of us for the service of others.


To love and be of service to others is to show our love for God..



Fr. Joe Koyickal

UAC

Vision & Reality



St. Vincent Pallotti had a special vision of the Church. For him, leading people to God and working for the salvation of all souls was not simply the task of the priests, bishops and Pope. All the faithful: clergy, religious and lay people, have a calling from God to be co-responsible for reviving faith and rekindling charity in the Church and in the world. In other words, we are all called to be apostles.

Fr. Leon Martin
congratulates new
members of the UAC
at St. Vincent Pallotti
Parish West.

Just as Jesus is the Apostle of the Eternal Father, we too are called to imitate Him in every aspect of our lives. This vision led Pallotti to form the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) in an effort to bring together people from all walks of life and help them not only to see their role in bringing all to unity in Christ, but also to exercise that role in the real world in which they find themselves.

As our Father General, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, SAC said in a recent article: "Pallotti's vision emerged as a response to the need to 'revive faith and rekindle charity' in a strongly anticlerical, secular world of his time. We are facing almost exactly the same type of situation in the world today..."

"...On the one hand, there is the great need to proclaim the Gospel to the millions who did not have the opportunity to listen to the Good News especially in the continents of Africa and Asia; on the other hand, there is the urgent need to re-evangelize the strongly secular, individualistic Western World which boasts of a Christian culture. There is also the perennial need to reawaken the spirit of charity so that the earthly blessing are shared with the millions of poor and the under-privileged in the world. The situations and needs of the countries, continents and local churches are so totally different and hence the first step should be to discern the signs of the time and respond adequately to them by interpreting and

implementing our charism with creativity and courage.”

“The apostles never remained enclosed in the Cenacle. Transformed from within, they went forth to the ends of the world to proclaim the Good News. The Cenacle experience has a strong missionary dynamism; it impels one from within. In fact, charity by its very nature urges one to go out of oneself towards God and others. Hence our motto: ‘The love of God urges us on.’

“If the UAC is to become attractive and relevant as a means of formation for authentic Christian discipleship, it has to be followed up with concrete missionary commitments. Otherwise it will never be more than pious thinking. Christian commitment is measured by concrete actions of charity....These conditions relate to the most ordinary and bare necessities of life. It is this realization that prompted Pallotti to become all things to all. His prayer is also equally concrete. ‘I would like to become food to feed the hungry, clothing to cover up the naked, drink to quench the thirst of the thirsty...’ ”

“There are so many needs in the world. There are cries for help all over. The nature of the needs might differ slightly from place to place, but the human condition as a whole remains the same. There is so much spiritual poverty in the developed world; there is so much human brokenness and material need in the developed and developing world; there is terrible material poverty in many of the poor countries. Perennial wars only add to the misery. A spirituality that does not care for the human person created in God’s own image and likeness cannot be authentic. Therefore every member of the union, if he or she wants to be an authentic apostle of Jesus, will have to do what the Master himself did. There is no mission other than the mission of Jesus... This means a constant awareness of being sent, living for the other. Hence let us remember that, without the spirit of mission we are destined to stagnate and die.”

Indeed we are ALL called to be apostles of Jesus to the world and must be the messengers of the Good News in both word and deed. That is the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti. We are called to be the reality and the embodiment of that vision.

Fr. Mark Payne and Bro. Jim Scarpace (in back) with
“The Sons & Daughters of St. Vincent”. A new UAC
group at St. Veronica’s Parish, Milwaukee.



Pallottines around

Pallottine Sisters Celebrate 100 Years in Belize



One of the stamps in a series of three commemorative stamps issued to mark the 100th anniversary.

excerpts from an article published by the Belize postal staff Oct. 9, 2013

The Pallottine Sisters came to Belize in 1913 and have left their mark on the Belizean landscape, particularly in education. To mark the centennial of their arrival, the General Post Office of Belize introduced a set of Commemorative stamps. The event was held at Pallotti High School in Belize City.



A grateful Sister Steven Franco, the chair of the Planning committee for the anniversary, is quoted, “I feel that this is great; it just blows my mind! Particularly because so many times we say, everything that comes to Belize breaks down. But anybody who has planted something... and it has survived one hundred years, it must be something special... it must be something from God. And so, today I am elated...”



Sr. Josefina Alamilla 50 yrs.
as a Pallottine Sister.

the World . . .

Pallottines in Zambia Aid in the Education of Orphans & Destitute Children

The life blood of any nation is the education of its citizens. For a country to prosper and thrive, it must continue to deepen its pool of highly-educated men and women to lead the country, strengthen and expand its work force, care for its sick and elderly and improve the standard of living for all its citizens.



School supplies for a needy student.

The Pallottines near Lusaka, Zambia are helping many orphaned and destitute children to get and continue their education by providing them with school supplies, tuition grants, food and uniforms. A goal for 2014 is to begin the construction of a school for these children in the local area.



A class of students helped by the Pallottines



Remembering Fr. Gene Jarosch, SAC



After failing to recover from a fall in
November 2013 that required in some
major surgery to repair the damage,
Fr. Eugene Jarosch, S.A.C. died,
Wednesday night, Dec. 11, 2013
at the age of 88.

Fr. Gene was a member of the
Mother of God Province of the
Pallottines and served in a number
of ministries in his 62 years as a
Pallottine Priest. As a teacher,
parish priest and chaplain, he

often brought a smile to people as he told
his stories to those who listened.

He knew his classical music and
used his artistic talents to decorate
our community houses. He brought
the Eucharist to many Sisters
communities celebrating Mass
for them.

Now we thank the Lord for
taking him home to Himself.
We are grateful for his priestly
service in Milwaukee,
Madison and North Dakota.





Local News

Pallottine Prayer Network Celebrates 20th Anniversary

What started back in 1994 in an effort to promote a part of St. Vincent Pallotti's vision - that all Christians are called to be apostles - has blossomed into a thriving network of people, young, old, healthy, sick, in prisons, in nursing homes, employed, and retired, who are willing to set aside a few minutes each day to pray for the needs of people, the world and the Church.

For the past 10 of those 20 years it has seen a steady enrollment of over 600 active members. Enrollment is **free**, and over the course of a year each member receives a membership certificate, 12 prayer cards and a list of prayer intentions sent in by the members or any person who requests our prayers for their needs.

If interested in becoming part of this great network, please write to us at:

Pallottine Prayer Network

5424 W. Bluemound Rd.

Milwaukee, WI 53208

or call:

(414) 259-0688 ext 143

20th Anniversary

Local News

New Roles and Ministries

Fr. Florent

In a spirit of serving the people of God, six of our Pallottine priests have recently taken on new roles and ministries in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Fr. Florent Kanga, from Cameroon, Africa is taking courses to become a certified hospital chaplain and is helping out saying Masses and hearing confession in the Milwaukee area.

Fr. Tom Kuttiyanickal has moved back to Wisconsin after serving as a hospital Chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL and is now the new pro-temp administrator at St. Gabriel Church in Hurbertus, WI.

Fr. Davies Edassery has taken over as Pastor at St. Lawrence/Resurrection Church in St. Lawrence, WI, while Fr. Joe Dominic, the former Pastor, has been appointed Pastor of Our Risen Savior/Presentation of the BVM in North Fond du Lac, WI.

Fr. Steve Varghese has moved from South Milwaukee to accept a new appointment as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Racine, WI.

Fr. James Palakudy, who is Pastor at St. Peter's Church in Petersberg, IL has been officially appointed by Bishop Thomas John Paprocki to serve a four year term on the Presbyteral Council of the Springfield, IL Diocese as the representative for the international and religious priests in the diocese.

All of these Pallottines ask you to remember them in your prayers as they begin their new ministries for God and His people.



Fr. Tom



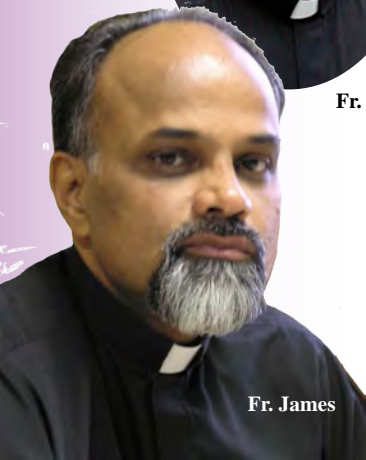
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Fr. Steve



Fr. James

Surprise Appreciation Cards Were A Great Success!

Many, many thanks to our friends and benefactors who sent in the special appreciation cards for Fr. Gene and Fr. Jerry.

“YOU MADE THEIR DAY.”

Both men were overjoyed by the warm wishes and expressions of love and friendship that you wrote to them. Sadly we must say that since receiving your cards, Fr. Gene died on December 11, 2013. We especially thank all of you who wrote to him.

Fr. Jerry wants all of you to know that he will continue to pray for your intentions. God bless you for making this “surprise” such a timely success!



Message from Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe Koyickal, Provincial

The Joy of Service



When I think of service, my thoughts go back to one of my unique experiences in my novitiate days in India. I had the opportunity to serve in a leprosy center with over two hundred patients: men, women and children of all ages and religious affiliations. I spent three months serving them, dressing their wounds, talking to them, listening to their stories, teaching them and leading them in prayer. I must admit that it was a huge challenge at the beginning seeing their wide open wounds and the stench. I even passed out the first day cleaning their wounds. But the joy I derived serving them I will never

forget. It taught me what I offered them was nothing compared to what they taught and offered me. The joy and gratitude they radiated were so amazing and inspiring.

I considered it “a moment of inspiration” to continue pursuing my vocation to priesthood. I am happy to say that my life as a priest, as a chaplain and my ministry as a whole has been an affirmation of this unique experience. I am sure you who are involved in various areas of service too can say the same. I believe this is the reason why people involved in service are often more open and willing to do more. This joy needs to be experienced not described.

I think this is also the joy that Pope Francis talks about in his apostolic exhortation, “The Joy of the Gospel”. He speaks of the joy that comes out of an encounter with the person of Christ and his love that frees us to move beyond ourselves and our self-seeking and reach out to others in loving service. He invites us “to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus, or at least openness to letting him encounter us.” According to him it is such an encounter which gives meaning to our lives and makes us fully human. Touched by this love we are prompted to share it.

This is what St. Vincent Pallotti also said, “The love of Christ urges us on” and calls everyone to be apostles of the love and mercy of God. No matter what we are or where we are or what we do, we can be apostles and this joy can be ours provided we have this spirit and sense of mission. Our service is our response to God’s love for us.

My prayer and wish for me and for every one of us is that this joy of the Gospel, this joy of service be ours; that we seek and long for a renewed desire to encounter the person of Christ and be transformed by his love to be apostles of his love and mercy in our life of service to God and one another in the reality of

our lives. Blessings of peace and joy.

Fr. Joe.



The Cooks Corner

Mandarin Orange & Pineapple Cake

by The Pallotti House Chef

This recipe is a combination of two similar recipes for Mandarin Orange Cake. I like the bits of orange in the cake, and the addition of pineapple in the topping adds that little something extra to the overall taste of the dessert.

See what you think. A nice surprise to serve your family or guests.

Here's What You Will Need:

For the Cake:

2 cups Flour
2 cups Sugar
1 tsp. Salt
2 tsp. Vanilla
4 Eggs
1½ tsp. Baking Powder
½ tsp. Baking Soda
2 (11 oz.) cans Mandarin Oranges
drained (reserve ½ cup juice)
Save some slices for garnish on cake
¼ cup Milk
1 cup Butter

For Topping:

1 - 3.2 oz pkg. Instant Vanilla Pudding
1 - 20 oz. can Crushed Pineapple
drained (save all the juice)
½ cup Powdered Sugar
4 oz. Cool Whip

Here's What You Do:

Pre-heat oven to 350 F.
Grease and flour 9 x 13
inch pan. Sift together flour,
baking soda and salt. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream the butter and mix in the sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time mixing in well each time. Stir in vanilla, reserved orange juice and milk. Beat in flour until just combined.

Add drained orange slices and beat until broken up into small pieces. Pour batter in pan and bake 25 to 30 min. until golden brown and toothpick placed in center of cake comes out clean. Cool completely.

When cake is cool, blend the juice of the drained pineapple with the vanilla pudding. Add the powdered sugar and mix.

Fold in Whipped Topping and crushed pineapple. Mix and spread on top of cake. Refrigerate a few hours before serving. Garnish with orange slices.





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This year 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 this form and send it to us at the address below. We will light a 7-day candle for you, starting on the Monday you circle.

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