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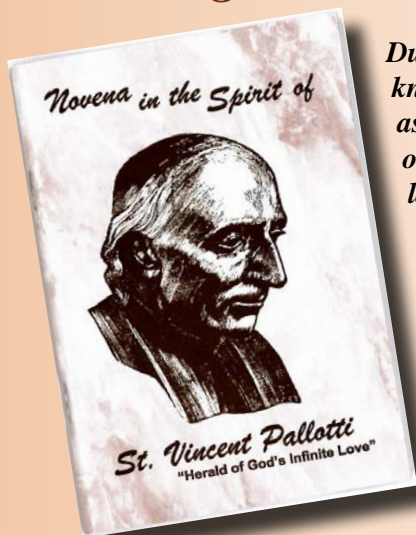
# People of God

*Let our life be always at the  
foot of the Cross of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. In him we always  
find greater happiness.*

*St. Vincent Pallotti*

**Spring 2017**  
**The Pallottines**

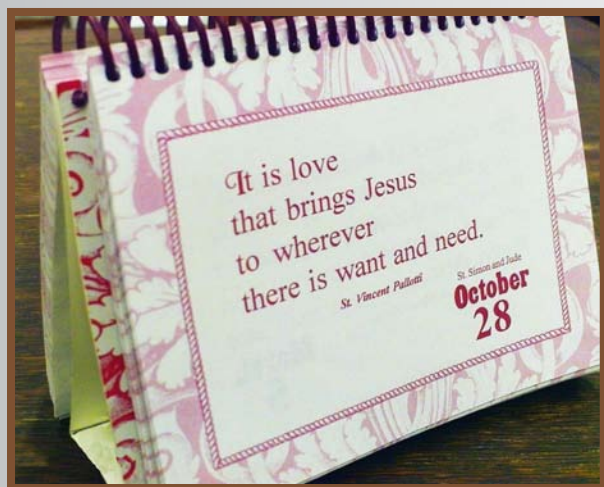
# Touching Base with St. Vincent Pallotti



*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.*

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## Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Although we're still in the grip of winter, it's always good to keep a positive attitude and start thinking about the upcoming Spring.

Spring brings with it the bright promise of rejuvenation and change. All that was dormant can't wait to burst forth and renew itself once again.

For the Pallottines many new things have happened since I last wrote to you: We have elected a new General Administration in Rome and look forward to their direction and guidance over the next six years.

We have great plans for the expansion and improvement of our Retreat Center in Elkhorn WI.

We have been blessed with a new Pallottine bishop in India and we have seen a growing congregation in our mission in Zambia.

Yes, Spring is a time for growth and change. Look inside for more details on all that is happening with the Pallottines.

Fr. Joe Koyickal **3**



# THE MIRACLES OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI

Having received the good news that on September 17, 2016 Elizabeth Sanna, the first lay women member of St. Vincent Pallotti's Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC), had been declared "Blessed" by Pope Francis, I began reflecting on the life on Vincent Pallotti himself and his journey to sainthood. I would like to share that journey with you.

In 1852, just two years after his death the process of beatification for Vincent Pallotti was begun. With testimonies and examinations of his writings completed in 1879 and all objections refuted, Vincent was declared "Venerable" in 1887. In 1906 (and again in 1949) his tomb was opened and his body was found incorrupt. After years of investigation of his virtues, on January 24, 1932 Pope Pius XI declared that Pallotti had practiced the divine and moral virtues in an heroic degree.

As the canonization process continued, many events of a miraculous nature that have been attributed to Pallotti's intercession before and after his death have also been recorded and investigated by the Vatican:

had terrible attacks of epilepsy and was declared incurable by every doctor. Her father, who had been miraculously cured by Vincent during his life, believed confidently that Vincent would work a similar miracle for his child. He procured a small piece of linen use by Pallotti, together with his picture; the latter he placed on the wall of the sick girl's room and fastened the relic around her neck. The child went to sleep, something she hadn't done for some time, and had a dream that her mother took her up to a priest dressed in a cassock with a wide collar and said to him, "Father this little girl of mine is very ill. Please pray that she may get well." The priest said to the girl, "Have great confidence in God." Then he disappeared. When the girl awoke, she told her mother of the dream. The mother, full of hope, asked her how she felt. The girl answered that she was quite well and directly got up to dress herself. She had not been able to walk across the room for two months and was covered with wounds from the efforts she made to escape from those who held her during her convulsions. But now, when she arose, her face had re-

*Agnes Carravacci*, 13 years old,

excerpts from the book: The Story of Vincent Pallotti by Rev. Nicholas M. Wilwers, SAC

covered its former brightness, and the wounds had disappeared. The doctor, who had been in constant attendance on her, coming to see her, exclaimed, “We are blind and fools! The saints alone can work such miracles.” The girl enjoyed perfect health afterwards.

***In a different case***, on June 6, 1850 a London shoemaker’s wife named Anna White was seized with a violent spitting of blood, accompanied with high fever. Four doctors tried in vain to stop it, but at last gave up the case as hopeless. Her husband, in despair, went to call Fr. Raphael Melia, to give her the last sacraments. The priest seeing the distress of her husband and the number of their little children, advised him to invoke Fr. Vincent Pallotti, and to give his wife a few threads of Vincent’s clothing in a glass of water, saying three Our Father’s, Hail Mary’s and Glory be to the Father’s in honor of the Blessed Trinity. The poor man did it gladly, and from that moment the bleeding ceased, and his wife was completely cured. The same remedy was tried on one of her daughters who suffered from constant vomiting and she also was instantaneously restored to health.



***Then there is the case*** of ten year old, Alexander Lutri, who fell down a flight of stairs in 1898. At the Santo Spirito hospital he was anointed because it was feared that he would die. As he lay motionless on his bed, blood came from his mouth. The diagnosis of the attending physicians was: severe concussion of the brain and a fractured skull. One of them said only a miracle could save the boy. Another said that Alexander had no more than a few hours to live. In this emergency, a certain Signor Blasi, himself a physician, gave the boy's mother a little picture of Pallotti and told her to place it under the boy's pillow and commend her cause to the intercession of Venerable Pallotti. The next morning the boy's condition was considerably worse, but the mother did not despair. With the little picture she made the sign of the Cross over the dying Alexander, then put it back under his pillow and continued to pray, despite the physician's statement that death was near. In the evening the little boy was able to move and speak, and to the amazement of all, he was well again the following morning. He told how, during the night, he had seen a man in a religious garb standing at his bedside. When he was shown the picture which had been under his pillow, he declared positively

that it was the picture of the man he saw by his bedside during the night. Alexander Lutri was later present at the beatification of Pallotti on January 22, 1950.

***There is also the case of S. R.***, a lady who suffered terribly from a diseased leg. As she lay in bed at the hospital in Ems, she could not move without help from a nurse. When she stood up, she had to use crutches to walk. The physicians, having treated her for ten months, pronounced her incurable and said that she would remain lame for the rest of her life.

A few weeks later, someone gave her a relic of Venerable Vincent Pallotti. She at once began a novena in his honor, seeking restoration of health through his intercession. On the first day of the novena she felt that the diseased leg, formerly cold and without sensation, had become warm. On the sixth day it straightened, and on the last day of the novena it was completely healed.

***In 1947, a Mrs. Margaret Sanders*** of Nabburg, Bavaria, had been confined to her bed or wheelchair for 17 years, unable, without help, to move her feet or sit up in bed. Intermittently she suffered from fear, trembling and asthma. The doctors declared her condition incurable. She was a member of the Apostolate of the Sick. Its director asked the

members to offer up their prayers and sufferings that a certain girl would be cured through the intercession of Vincent Pallotti. Mrs. Sander felt urged to start a novena to Pallotti for her recovery. Several novenas failed to produced the desired result. Discouraged, she was ready to give up, but at the urging of neighbors and friends she tried it again. This novena was coming to a close on the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, September 12, 1947.

On this day, and the preceding one, she felt much worse. She was seized by an unusual fear, because it seemed that an inner voice told her again and again, "Get up. You can walk!" Afraid she was losing her mind, she finally told a neighbor about it, adding, "Should I try it? But I know I can't walk!" The visitor urged her to try it. She was put in her wheelchair. She prayed, "Vincent Pallotti, help me, with Mary, my Mother, not to fall. In God's name." Whereupon she got up and was able to stand on her feet, the first time in 17 years, and to walk across the room several times. She also attended the beatification of Pallotti.

Over the years more miracles were forthcoming through the intercession of Blessed Vincent Pallotti and

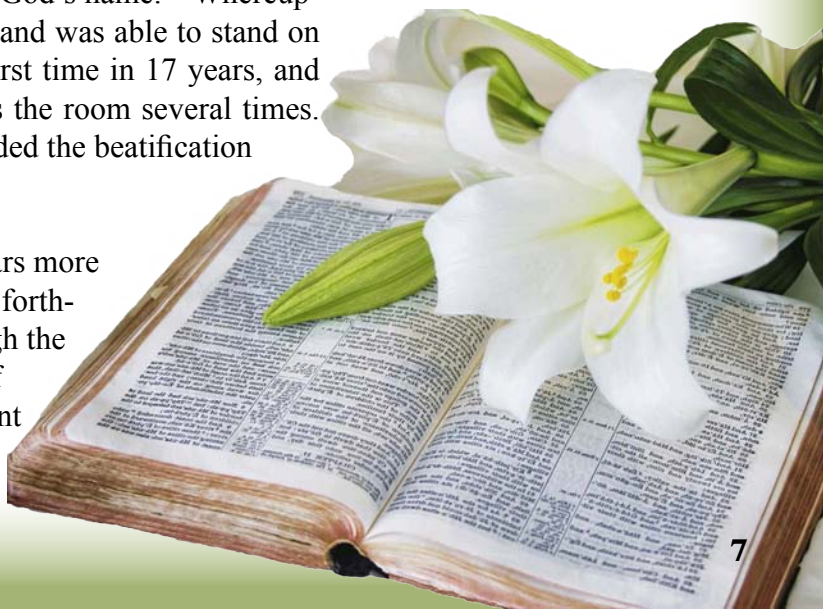
on January 20, 1963 he was declared a saint by Pope John XXIII in Rome. We celebrate his feast day on January 22nd.

Now you know a more detailed story about St. Vincent Pallotti's journey to sainthood.

If you would like to receive a **FREE** holy card of St. Vincent Pallotti with a small piece of cloth relic attached, please write to us at:

**Pallottine Development Office**  
**5424 W. Bluemound Rd.**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53208-3097**  
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used the enclosed envelope

AND mention that you would like to receive the holy card.





# Local News

## *St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center Plans to Improve the Retreat Experience*

The retreat ministry is an important part of who we are and what we do as Pallottines to provide a quiet, warm and friendly place for youth and adult groups to come for a time of reflection, relaxation, and renewal.



We have been blessed with increasing numbers of youth and adult retreat groups coming to our Vincent

Pallotti Retreat Center in Elkhorn, WI. So, the time has come for us to make our facility even more welcoming than it already is.

We have ample sleeping accommodations for up to 50 people, however, our dining area can only seat about 30 comfortably, which results in having to use part of a lounge area adjacent to the dining room for any “overflow” crowd. Therefore, our goal is to expand our dining and kitchen areas.

Having consulted with an architect, contractors and sub-contractors, we have in mind wonderful ideas for remodeling which will allow us to keep the friendly, warm and homey atmosphere of our Center intact while providing a more comfortable space for our guests in the dining room.

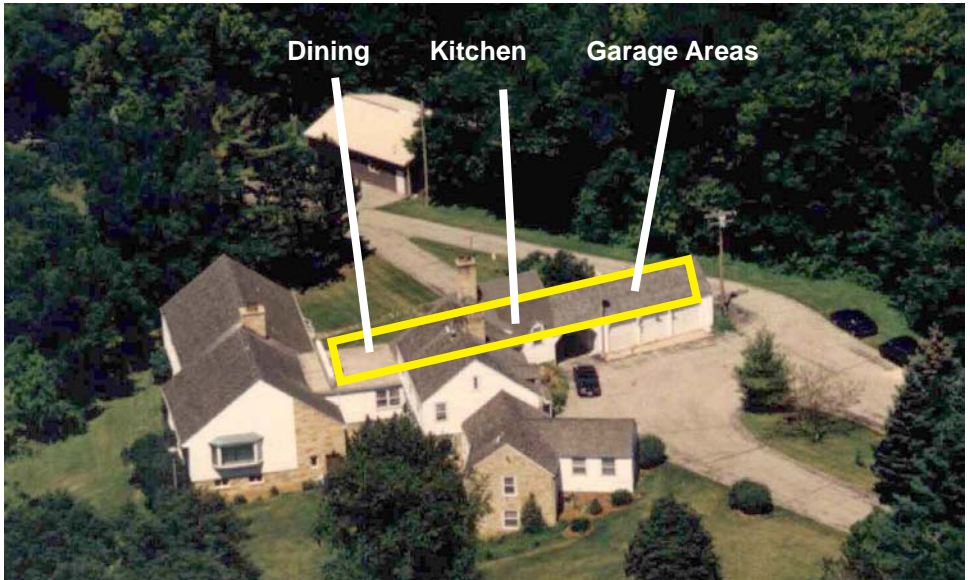
We are looking at renovating a large section of the center as you can see in the picture on the right.

As you can imagine we will need assistance in completing this project. We are inviting you and others to help us make our Center





# Local News



more beautiful and comfortable for those who come to us. Any and all donations to help us complete this undertaking will be most gratefully appreciated.

Our goal is to help young and old ex-

perience the value of a quiet place to be with their thoughts and with God.

With your prayers and support God will surely bless our retreat ministry.



# International News

## *21st General Assembly Elects New Administration.*



On October 1, 2016 the 21st General Assembly re-elected Very Rev. Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, SAC as the Rector General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate. Fr. Jacob assumed his office in a ceremony held in the Chapel of the “Divine Master”



Rev. Gerald Dwyer  
General Bursor  
Ireland



Rev. Adam Golec  
General Procurator  
Poland



Rev. Ernesto Vaarela  
Secretary General  
Uruguay

Very Rev. Jacob Nampudakan  
Rector General of the Society of the  
Catholic Apostolate (SAC)  
India

Center in Ariccia (Rome). In his address to the Assembly he said that he would continue to work towards the development of the Society and of the Pallottine family in the spirit of the charism of the founder, St. Vincent Pallotti. His new term will last until 2022.



Rev. Josef Lasak  
First General Consultor  
Poland



Rev. Martin Manus  
General Consultor  
Germany



Rev. Denilson Geraldo  
General Consultor  
Brazil



Rev. Jean Betand Etoundi  
General Consultor  
Cameroon



# International News

## ***While in Rome Fr. Joe Koyickal Meets Pope Francis***

After the business and voting of the 21st General Assembly of the Pallottines in Rome were completed, those attending the assembly were treated to some sightseeing around the Eternal City and were granted an audience with Pope Francis. Fr. Joe Koyickal, our Provincial, felt honored for the opportunity to shake hands with the Pope.



## ***Pope Francis Appoints New Pallottine Bishop***

On Tuesday October 18, 2016 Pope Francis appointed Fr. Thomas Thennatt, SAC a Pallottine priest of the Nagpur Province in India, as the new bishop of the Diocese of Gwalior in India. He has taken over his new role from the now retired Bishop Joseph Kaithathara.

Bishop Thomas first came in contact with the Pallottines during his high school studies at St. Mary's High School at Kidangoor in the 1960's. He was ordained a Pallottine priest on October 21, 1978.

As a priest he served as an assistant parish priest in several parishes from 1979 to 1981. From 1981 through 1983 he spent his time earning his Masters Degree in Pastoral Theology at the Papal Seminary in Pune.

Having completed his studies he returned to the pastoral ministry as the  
**10** pastor of St. Anthony Church in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad from

1984-1987 whereupon he became the Director of the Youth Commission and YCS/YSM, Families and Laity. In 1991 he moved to the Diocese of Indore and served there in many capacities until 1998.

In 1998 he was appointed as the Rector of Khrist Premalaya Regional Theologate, Ashta and Director of Regional Commission for Formation, a position in which he continued until 2008.

He was also a consultor of the Prabhu Prahash Province of the Pallottines at Nagpur from 2002 - 2008. In 2008 he became the Pastor of St. Joseph Church of Ishgarh in the Diocese of Jhabua and was President of the CRI Unit Jhabua and a member of the Council of Priests and that of the College of Consultors of the Diocese of Jhabua.

Since 2012 he has been the Pastor of St. Pius X Church in Mankapur in the Archdiocese of Nagpur and President of the Pastoral Commission of the Pallottine Prabhu Prakas Province.

The Pallottines here in Milwaukee wish him many blessings and graces in his new position as a Bishop.

Bishop Thomas Thennatt greets the congregation and well-wishers who attended his episcopal ordination in January 2017 as the new bishop of Gwalior in India.



# The Cook's Corner

## *An Old Time Favorite: Monkey Bread*

by The Pallotti House Chef

When three people come up with the same idea at the same time, I think that this is an idea that needs to be pursued.

Recently I was given three recipes for Monkey Bread: my own, Betty Mulloy's and Anita Alexander's. Since all are similar, I closed my eyes and picked one. Betty won. So here is her recipe. (Thanks Anita for sending in yours. It is appreciated! Keep sending in those recipes!)



### **What You Will Need:**

2 Tblsp. of Ground Cinnamon.  
1 cup granulated sugar  
3 tubes refrigerator biscuits  
(small ones, not the "Grands")  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1/2 cup of powdered sugar  
2½ Tblsp. milk  
1 bundt or tube pan

### **Here's What You Do:**

Pre-heat oven to 350° F  
Grease a bundt or tube pan.  
Mix 2 tablespoons of cinnamon  
and 1/3 cup of sugar in a small  
bowl that has a lid.

and place in the bowl a few at a time.  
Cover with lid and shake until biscuit  
quarters are dusted with the sugar/cin-  
namon mixture. Place in bundt pan.

Melt butter and add 2/3 cup of sugar to  
the butter. Spread this mixture evenly  
over the quarters in the pan.

Bake at 350° F for 30 to 40 minutes.

Turn out of pan onto a serving dish  
immediately.

Mix ½ cup powdered sugar and 2 ½ ta-  
blespoons of milk. Drizzle over bread  
while still hot. Drizzle will melt a little.

Serve warm, pulling bread apart by the  
"bubbles" of dough. Very tasty!

**14** Cut biscuits into quarters



# THE FUTURE STANDS BEFORE YOU!

**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, men and women, can be apostles. We invite you to use your gifts and talents with us for God's Kingdom.

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Or write to us at:

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## 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. 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. 06 13 20 27**

**Mar. 06 13 20 27**

**Apr. 03 10 17 24**

**May 01 08 15 23 29**

Please light a 7 day vigil light for my intention:

Please accept my offering of :

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