

A stained glass illustration of St. Vincent Pallotti, a man with a beard and brown hair, wearing a green robe with gold and red trim. He is holding a large, woven basket. The background consists of blue and white rectangular panes.

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*Send forth, O Lord,
laborers
into your vineyard
and spare
your people.*

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Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

When I think of all the Pallottines around the world in large cities, small towns, and sometimes in areas so remote that one begins to wonder how people got there in the first place, it is then that I begin to understand what is meant by the words, "Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people."

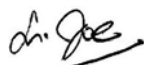
In this issue of our newsletter we offer a few thoughts for you to reflect upon about what it means to "be sent into the vineyard."

We will also highlight several ministries and places around the world in which the Pallottines are working.

There are so many people who need to know they are loved and that there are dedicated men and women who want to help them in their need.

In future issues we will expand our coverage of the global nature of our Pallottine activities so that you, our readers, can come to know us and the work we do better.

I hope you enjoy this issue of our newsletter. Peace,



Fr. Joe Koyickal



Send Forth, O Lord, Laborers into Your Vineyard...

St. Vincent Pallotti often spoke of his life in relation to the “Infinite Love of God.” For him God is the Infinite, the Immense and the Incomprehensible. His love for us and all creation is so vast and all-encompassing that compared to Him, St. Vincent viewed himself as “nothing and sin.”

At first glance this expression may seem to convey a very negative outlook about human beings, but in reality it is not so much a description of the human condition as an attempt by Pallotti and other mystics to express what is inexpressible: God is Infinite Love. God goes beyond all that we can imagine or comprehend. What words, then, can we use to adequately describe or understand Him? Therefore, if we would dare to be so bold as to speak about God and ourselves in the same breath, His infinite greatness and love would so dwarf us that we would truly appear to be “the absolute least” or as the mystics like Pallotti would say “nothing and sin.”

Not surprisingly, because St. Vincent looked upon God “The Infinite Love” in this way, he developed a great love for the missions. The whole world needs to be made aware of this wonderful God, and hopefully beyond awareness develop an ever-deepening relationship with Him.

Hence, for Pallotti, all Christians: clergy, religious and laity, are called to be apostles, bearers and examples of the Good News. “Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.”

For Pallotti, this expression took on a special urgency. The times in which he lived witnessed the rise of the Italian Revolution and the end of the Papal States. The Church, religion, and people's faith suffered greatly during this period of history. St. Vincent fought against this growing anti-religious trend and called for a re-igniting of faith and charity among all Catholics.

To achieve that goal we must first renew our personal faith in God, for only then will we be strong and dedicated enough to go out into the vineyard and spread the message of God's love to the world through the missions.

So, for us today we are faced with questions that we must examine carefully and answer honestly: How is MY faith doing? and "How do I live out that faith for others to see and desire?"

Asking: "How is my faith doing?" suggests other questions for us to ponder: "What is my personal relationship with God? How is my prayer life? Am I living out the commandments and the gospel message of Christ?"

Unless Catholics live out the gospels and re-ignite charity among themselves and be strong in their faith and trust in God, there will be no ambassadors to spread or share God's love with those who have heard little or nothing about Him. In other words, there will be no missionaries or apostles for God.

St. Vincent Pallotti says we are all called to be apostles. May we be in fact what we proclaim to be in word.

Pallottines International

Pallottine Mission Secretaries Gather in Rwanda

Fr. Greg Serwa (2nd from left) with some of the other mission secretaries in Kilgali, Rwanda in Africa



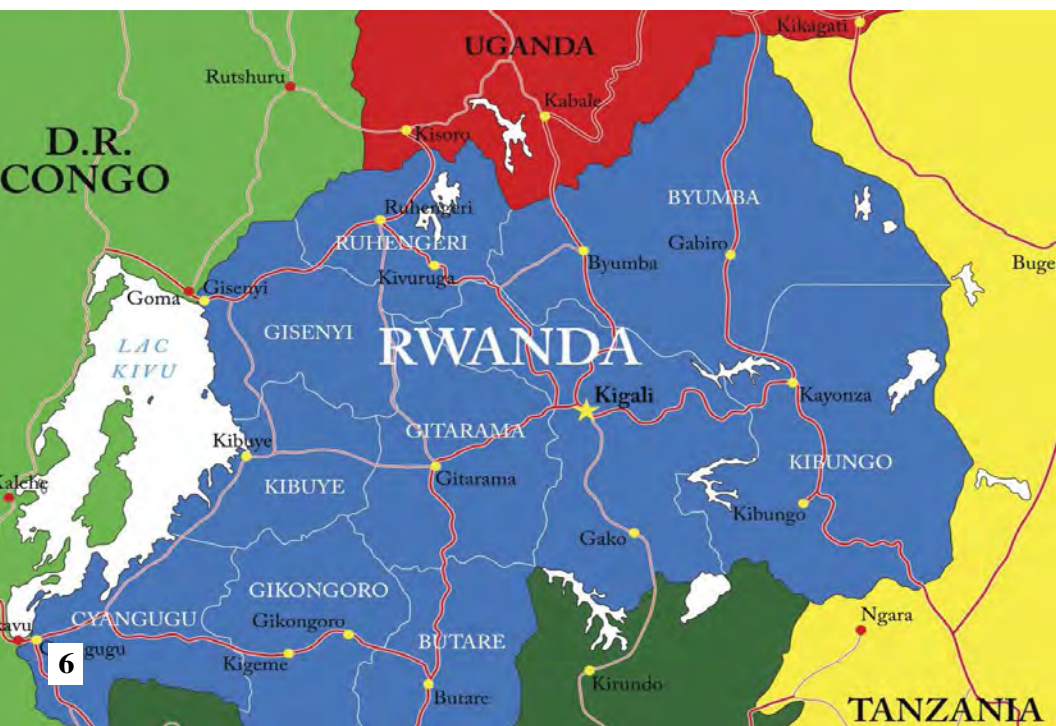
Pallotti Center in Kilgali where delegates met.



Every six years Pallottine Mission Secretaries of our Society meet to discuss issues related to our missionary efforts around the world.

Last time they met in India. This Feb.-Mar. members from Brazil, Poland, India, USA, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Cameroon, Rwanda and other countries gathered in Kilgali, Rwanda, Africa to discuss the Church in Africa.

The African Church, especially for the younger generations of Catholics, faces many difficulties: Tribal rivalries, Muslim vs. Christianity tensions, and the ever present issues of poverty and sickness. Our Mission Congress may not be able to resolve these issues, but is working to bring the message of God's love to the people through the care and concern the Pallottines show them at our missions.

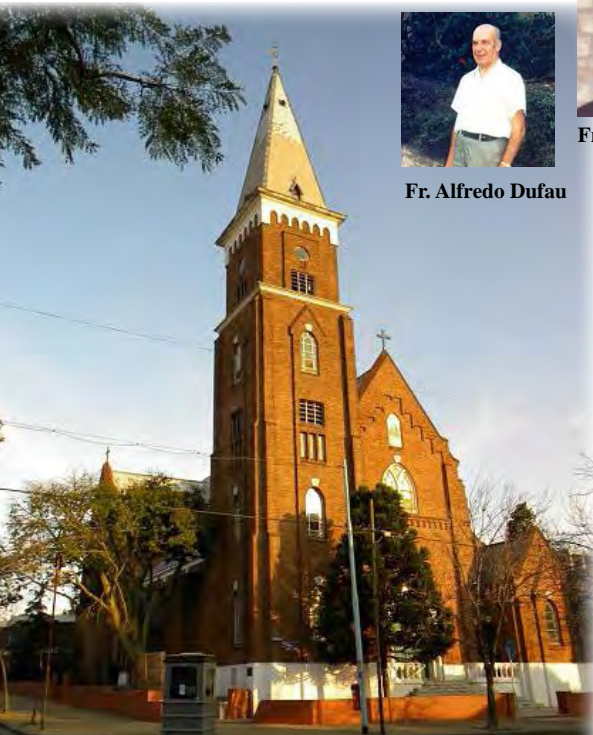


Argentina

Pope Francis Recommends Five for Sainthood.

In 1976 three Pallottine priests, Frs. Alfredo Kelly (43), Alfredo Leaden (57) and Alfredo Dufau (67), along with two seminarians, Emilio Barletti and Salvador Barberto, were murdered as they slept by the police who stormed the up-scale church of St. Patrick in Buenos Aires three months after the military took over the government of Argentina.

Recently Pope Francis reaffirmed his approval of the process already underway for the canonization of these men.



St. Patrick's Church Buenos Aires



Fr. Alfredo Dufau



Fr. Alfredo Leaden



Fr. Alfredo Kelly



Emilio Barletti



Salvador Barberto

As Fr. Pablo Bocca, the current priest at St. Patrick's says, "I have a lot of hope in this process because now the Pope is someone who knows the cause, who lived in this country and who shared the commitment of the Church."

South Korea:

*Preparing Lay People to be
Apostles of Divine Mercy*

Started about 25 years ago, the Pallottine communities in South Korea belong to the Delegation of the Polish Province of the Annunciation of the Lord.

In an effort to meet the needs of the Church in Korea, these dedicated men have concentrated on the spiritual formation of groups of lay people preparing them to be “Apostles of Divine Mercy” in the modern world.

Frs. Paul Zawadzki, Zbigniew Wasinski, Joseph Ji Hak Kim, Jaroslaw Kamienski and Francis An Gongok



Each month they send out over 6000 copies of the bulletin “Apostles of Divine Mercy” to Korean families, and are presently translating more and more of the important documents concerning St. Vincent Pallotti’s Vision into the Korean language for the people they serve.

Zambia: Building a Future with Bread and Bricks!

Children are the future, but unless they are fed and receive a proper education there will be little or no future for them or the people of Zambia. The Pallottines at our mission near Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, have taken up the challenge to help the local orphaned, poor and underprivileged children by feeding them and building a school to educate them.



As mission secretary for our province, Fr. Greg Serwa, SAC recently visited the mission to better understand its needs, and to witness first hand the progress occurring there to make the mission more self-sufficient and helpful to all who come.



Now you can be a part of our efforts to help the children at our mission through your financial sup-



port. Your help will enable us to feed them and to make bricks, buy mortar, windows, roofing materials, and all those other things needed to build a school in Zambia. With your gift there is so much more we can do for these children. Please help! **9**

Local News

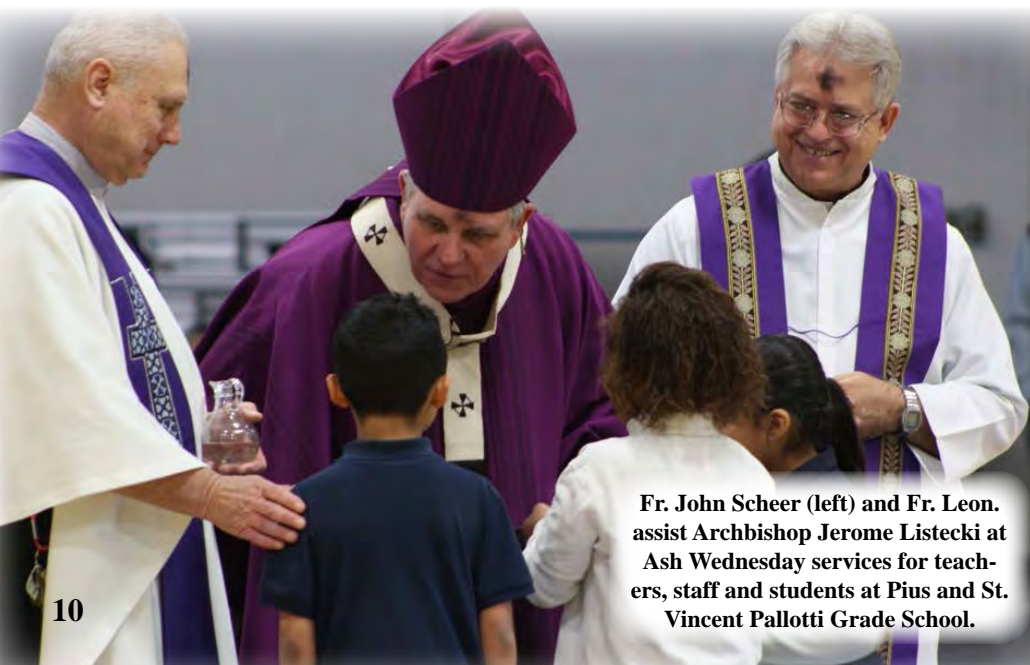
Fr. Leon Martin Takes on New Roles as Chaplain at Pius XI High School and Vocation Director for our Province



After serving our province as Provincial for over nine years and representing the Pallottines on the Pius XI High School Board, Fr. Leon has taken on a new role at the school as chaplain working with the staff, teachers and students.

He often officiates at liturgical celebrations, makes hospital visits and generally acts as a “spiritual presence” in the school. He envisions an expansion of his role as a Pallottine at the school over the coming years.

Fr. Leon has also been reenergizing our province’s vocation recruitment efforts, by making more contacts with young men interested in the religious life and inviting them to spend some time visiting our community and getting to know our members better. May God bless your new ministries, Fr. Leon!



Fr. John Scheer (left) and Fr. Leon, assist Archbishop Jerome Listecki at Ash Wednesday services for teachers, staff and students at Pius and St. Vincent Pallotti Grade School.

Local News

Volunteer from Germany Working at Aurora Walker's Point Community Clinic

Continuing our cooperation with the Pallottine volunteer program near Vallendar, Germany, our province is happy to welcome Stefan Rudel to our Pallotti House community in Milwaukee, WI.

Stefan, 22, comes from Naumburg, Germany which lies about 139 miles southwest of Berlin. He is the oldest of three brothers and is not new to volunteering in the United States. In 2013 he spent the year living and working at a homeless shelter in El Paso, Texas. This proved to be a blessing for him as he was able to hear first hand what people experience across the US-Mexican border and to use and improve his Spanish.



This year he is working at the Walker's Point Community Clinic. Since many of the patients who come there speak little or no English, his Spanish skills have come in handy as he helps set up appointments for them and checks them in when they come to see the doctors and other medical staff.

Walker's Point Community Clinic on 2nd & Bruce St.



Stefan says he enjoys working at the clinic because the doctors and staff are so welcoming and friendly. He likes their dedication to the idea of providing health care for every one.

He will be staying with us until the end of June when he will head back to family and friends in Germany.

We hope you enjoy your time with us in Milwaukee, Stefan.

Message from Fr. Joe

We Are Sent to Make a Difference

by Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC, Provincial



Greetings of peace and joy in this Holy Season of Easter! I think the theme of “being sent” is so apt at this time of year as we look forward to the Feast of Pentecost, that moment when the apostles filled with the Holy Spirit went out boldly proclaiming Jesus who suffered, died and rose from the dead. Their preaching made a difference, bringing many to the faith.

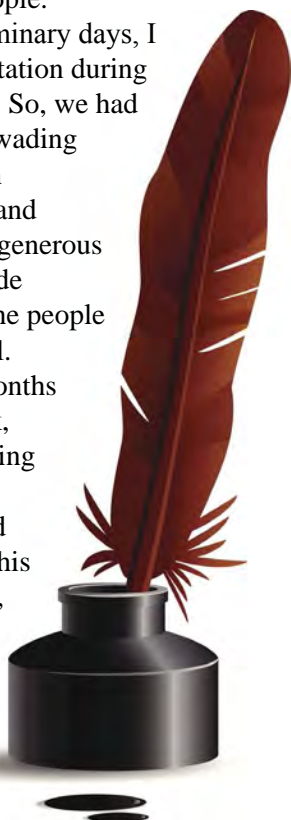
Our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, likewise had such a great sense of “being sent” that he called everyone to be apostles after the example of Jesus the Apostle of the eternal Father. For St. Vincent it didn’t matter where we lived or what we did. We can be apostles when we do the ordinary things of our daily life with love and a sense of mission. This can make all the difference for our lives and that of others.

Often when I recall my own experiences of “being sent” my heart is filled once again with gratitude for the blessings I received as I ministered in various contexts. What a difference it made for me and for the people.

One such experience I will never forget: Back in my seminary days, I and a few others visited a very remote Pallottine mission station during our summer vacation. There were no roads to the mission. So, we had to walk over 25 miles through hills, valleys, forests, even wading through rivers to get there. We started our journey early in the morning and reached the mission in the evening, tired and exhausted. The villagers, though poor, welcomed us with generous hearts. There was no electricity, or running water, no outside communication, no school or medical facilities. At times the people had to carry the seriously sick over 25 miles to the hospital.

We lived with them in their huts, spending about two months there, sharing their lives and hospitality, caring for the sick, organizing various programs for children and adults, teaching them and praying with them. This was one of my best experiences in the missions. The people were so happy and grateful, and we came back inspired and enriched. Today this place has grown greatly, having roads, electricity, a school, housing, a church and even a clinic. The Pallottines are still active there today leading a vibrant faith community.

May we all experience this sense of “being sent to make a difference!” Happy Pentecost! Blessings! Fr. Joe.



The Cooks Corner

Three Milks Cake (Torta de Tres Leches)

by The Pallotti House Chef

Go to Mexico or fly to Spain! Our recipe this time is a wonderfully moist cake with a Spanish background.

I heard of this type of cake before, but never had the opportunity to taste one until my sister served it at a family gathering.

It's simple to make and tastes great. You can also be very creative with this cake by garnishing it with strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, etc. Enjoy!

Here's What You Will Need:

- 2 cups Whole milk
- 1 (14 oz) Can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 (12 oz) Can evaporated milk
- 1½ cups Heavy whipping cream
(or 8 oz. cool whip)
- 1 cup Powdered sugar

For the Cake:

The easy method:

Buy a yellow cake mix (with pudding in it) and follow box instructions for baking in 9 x 13 inch pan.

The "From scratch" method:

- 1½ cups All-purpose Flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup Granulated sugar
- 5 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Here's What You Do:

For Scratch Cake:

Pre-heat oven to 350 F.

Grease and flour 9 x 13 inch pan.

Sift together flour, & baking powder. Set aside.

In a large bowl, cream butter. Mix in granulated sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time, mixing well each time. Stir in vanilla. Mix in flour until well-blended.

Pour batter in pan. Bake 25-30 minutes until toothpick placed in center of cake comes out clean. Cool completely.

After "Either Method" Cake Is Cool:

Poke holes all over the top of cake with a fork.

Combine whole milk, sweetened condensed milk and evaporated milk, and pour over top of cake. Let cake absorb mix completely in refrigerator. 1-2 hrs.

Whip whipping cream. Add powdered sugar to taste. Spread it (or the cool whip) over the top of the cake. Garnish with fruit, coconut, sprinkles, etc. as desired.



A Look at the World

Worldliness - Rejecting the Word of God.

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC



After I heard that Pope Francis said in a homily earlier this year that a misunderstood sense of “normality” can lead us to forget the Word of God, that thought took on greater meaning for me as I pondered the day’s scriptural readings.

The passage read at the Mass that day was from the book of Samuel. The Israelites were demanding that Samuel appoint a king so they could be like other nations.

This was the temptation to be “normal” and forget all about the business of being the children of God. The people not only did not listen to the word of God, but they rejected it and thereby rejected the Lord of Love. They looked for the path of worldliness, causing them to live as if God did not exist.

Francis said in his homily that this temptation of uniform worldliness exists now when many reject the Word of God for whatever is in style. There is a comparison to apostasy (a refusal to accept religious beliefs) but this situation is more subtle.

A Christian should be a “normal,” but there are values that a Christian cannot develop on his or her own. To resist the temptation of being “normal” in the worldly sense is to resist the temptation of “considering oneself as a victim of an inferiority complex.”

The Pope’s closing ideas dealt with asking for the grace of spiritual docility so that our hearts are open to the word of God

I was attracted to this idea and its importance, though I admit that often I have a hard time living up to the word of God if that challenges my life of being normal. As the Presider-preacher at Mass I may find opposition to this idea of going against what people hold as normal.

From Pope Francis comes this final blessing:

“May the Lord give us the grace of an open heart to receive the Word of God and to always meditate on it.

14 And from there to take the true road.”



Let Your Legacy Live On!

No one wants to think about it. No one wants to talk about it. Still, one day we will all pass on. Now is the time to plan for the legacy you wish to leave behind after you are gone.

Creating a valid Will today will make it easier later on for others to know and carry out your final wishes and better provide for your loved ones as intended.

Including a charitable organization such as the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers in your Will can also be a great way to ensure your legacy lives on long term, as the mission and works of our religious community will continue for many decades through our members. Leave a long-lasting legacy in your name!

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Vigil Lights During the Summer

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