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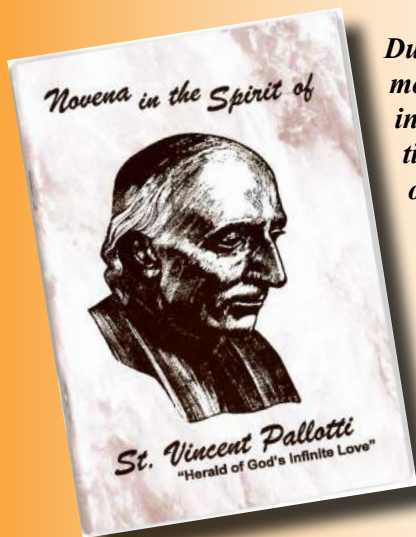
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People of God

***“Remember that the
Christian life is one of
action; not of speeches
and daydreams. Let there
be few words and many deeds,
and let them be done well.” - St. Vincent Pallotti***

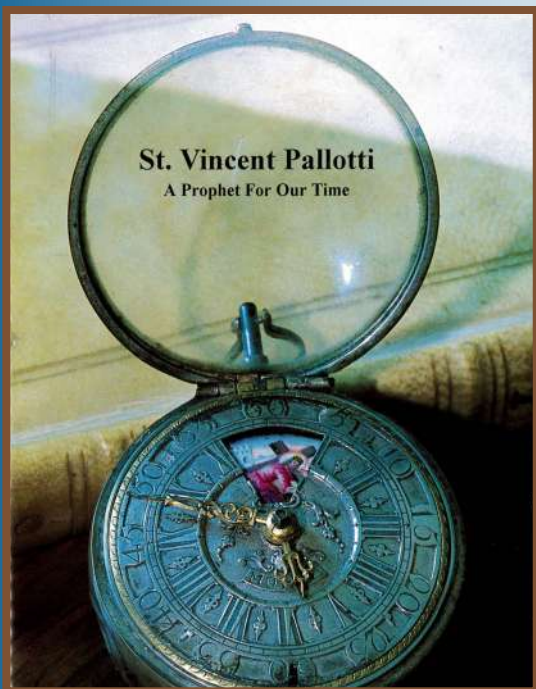
Touching Base with St. Vincent Pallotti



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 \$3.50 (this includes shipping and handling). For your convenience you can use the postage paid envelope enclosed in this newsletter to order.



The Story of St. Vincent Pallotti

If you would like to learn more about the life and charism of our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, we currently have available a limited supply of full color, fully illustrated, 7.5 x 9.5 inch, 40 page booklets that tell his story.

If you would be willing to send a small donation to help us cover the cost of postage and handling (about \$3.00), we will be happy to send you a copy of this informative booklet.

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Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Someone once asked me what my favorite time of the year was and without hesitating I blurted out "Summer!" However, upon further reflection, I would have to say that all the seasons of the year are my favorites - I love the snows of winter, the freshness of the spring, the warmth of summer and the colors of fall. Each season has its attractions because each has wonderful things going on.

The same can be said of us Pallottines. Many noteworthy events take place in our lives in the course of the year as you will read in the articles in this issue: Celebrating feast days, congratulating a member as he becomes a US citizen, opening our retreat center to those seeking quiet and reflection, welcoming young men discerning their vocation to the religious life, seeing our mission in Zambia prosper and grow, and sharing great recipes.

God's blessings are never confined to just one season of the year. He has and continues to bless our community year round. I hope you will enjoy reading about us and what we are doing these days.

Fr. Joe Koyickal 3

Under the Patronage of Mary Queen of Apostles

An Adaptation of a Reflection

by Fr. Vensus George, SAC

Pallotti Institute of Philosophy and Religion

Bardez, Goa India © 2004

The Upper Room scene was uppermost in the mind of St. Vincent Pallotti when he addressed Mary as the Queen of the Apostles. Mary held the apostles together in the Upper Room. She prayed with them and encouraged them as they were disappointed at the loss of Jesus, their Master.

It was under her protection that the Spirit of God descended on them and they were made to face the world as preachers of the message of Jesus. She gave birth to the Mystical Body of Christ - the Church - in the Upper Room. Thus, Mary played a very significant role in accomplishing the plan of God for the redemption of humankind along with Jesus. Although she was not given the dignity of an apostle, Mary committed herself to the mission of universal charity because she worked with great zeal for the salvation of God's people and for the glory of God. Mary, though she did not preach the gospel like the apostles, sustained the courage of the apostles through her prayers and personal presence among them, helping them to be true apostles of Jesus and to prosper in their work for Him. In doing so, she surpassed all the apostles in merit. Therefore, she is given the title "Queen of the Apostles". In this way Mary has shown how a person without the office of priesthood in the Church can participate in the mission of the Church fully and totally. Mary became an example of the mission of every layperson within the Church.

Some questions for all people today to ponder and ask are: "Do I acknowledge the significant role of Mary in God's plan of salvation? Am I ready to serve in simplicity, like Mary, without holding any office or title? Do I support the work of others engaged in ministry by my prayers and personal presence?"



“Wherever I shall be, I shall picture myself as among all in the Upper Room where the Apostles received the Holy Spirit.” - St. Vincent Pallotti

Local News

Fr. Davies Edassery Becomes U.S. Citizen

On February 23, 2017 Father Davies Edassery, one of our Pallottine priests who came from the Nagpur Province in India to help minister in our Mother of God Province here in the Midwest, became a citizen of the United States.

He, along with 62 other men and women, had just completed an 18 week process on their road to becoming naturalized citizens.

Judge William Duffins presided over the ceremony at the U.S. District Court in Milwaukee as these 63 repeated their pledge of allegiance to uphold and live by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

As Fr. Davies told us after receiving his naturalization papers and a small American flag, "I am very happy that everything worked out as planned and expected, and am proud to be a citizen of a great nation of freedom and opportunity. God bless America."

Congratulations, Fr. Davies! The members of the Mother of God Province are proud and honored to have you working side by side with us. We wish you God's blessings and pray that you will have many good and happy years in this country as a U. S. citizen serving God's People.



Local News

Pallottines and Parish Celebrate Feast Day

On Jan. 29, 2017 our Pallottine Community, together with the members of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish and invited guests, celebrated the feast of our founder at St. Vincent Pallotti Church. Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome ListECKi presided at the Liturgy and spoke of the need for all Catholics to be motivated by the motto, "The love of Christ urges us on," words often spoken by St. Vincent himself. At the liturgy the Lay and Religious members of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC) renewed their commitment to St. Vincent's charism.

Following the Mass, the celebration continued in the Parish Center with a luncheon, which proved to be to be a great time for good food and wonderful conversation.



Inside St. Vincent Pallotti Church and Parish Center.



Local News

St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center - A Great Place to Escape with God

Each year our Retreat Center hosts a variety of people - from parish confirmation classes, high school and college youth groups, to adult gatherings of men and women - all who take time out of their busy schedules for rest and reflection. Often they have been gracious enough to share their thoughts about their experience with us. Here is a sample of some of their comments:

Paula from one of our adult groups: *As soon as I drove onto the grounds I felt the tension leave me and the peace and quiet of your retreat house. I had a very restful and relaxing time here.*

Matt from a high school group: *I liked being with my friends at your Center. The gathering rooms and the bedrooms reminded me more of visiting a friend's house than being at some big institution. Good food too!*

One of the gathering areas in our Center





A view of the Center from one of the walking trails.

Cathy from a college group: *I usually don't sleep much at night, but the fresh air, country surroundings and all the activities my group was doing made me so relaxed that I had a great night's sleep.*

Thomas from an adult group: *I enjoyed being able to leave all my business worries at home to spend some quiet time (and relaxing time) at your Retreat Center. I even turned off my phone for the two days I was here! I will be coming back.*

Joey from a confirmation class: *I liked the food and enjoyed all the activities our group leaders planned for us. I thought I would be bored out here, but the woods, the wild animals and trails made me feel closer to Nature and to God. Almost didn't want to go home.*

Our goal has always been and will continue to be to provide all our guests with a warm and inviting atmosphere in which they can relax, pray and set aside many of their day-to-day problems, at least for a short time. We are constantly seeking new and better ways to enhance their stay with us. Our next priorities include an enlargement of our dining room for the eating comfort of our guests along with a new kitchen and food serving area. 9

International News

Bishop Julio Endi Akamine, SAC Appointed New Archbishop of Sorocaba, San Paulo Brazil

On December 28th of last year, the Pallottines received news from Rome that Pope Francis approved the appointment of Bishop Julio Endi Akamine, SAC as the new Archbishop of Sorocaba, the eighth largest city in the State of San Paulo, Brazil. He will succeed Archbishop Eduardo Benes de Sales Rodrigues who retired.



The Cathedral in San Paulo. In Portuguese it is known as the “Catedral Metropolitana de São Paulo”



Julio Endi Akamine was born in Garça in the diocese of Marília, San Paulo, Brazil on November 20, 1962. He made his first profession as a member of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers on Dec. 8, 1980 and was ordained a Pallottine priest on January 24, 1988.

On May 11, 2011 he was appointed the Auxiliary Bishop of San Paulo, Brazil.

We wish him God’s blessings in his recent appointment as the new Archbishop of San Paulo.

Pope Francis extends a congratulatory handshake to Archbishop Akamine.

International News

Help Out, not Handout: Zambia mission continues efforts at becoming more self-sustaining!



Raising chickens helps provide food for the poor.

It has been said many times before: Give the poor some food and you feed them for a day. Show them how to grow their own food and they will be able to feed themselves.

Our Pallottines in Zambia have been diligently striving to be good stewards of the financial support given to them

over the years. They are not just looking for a handout, but more of a help out. To this end they keep investing some of the funds they receive in their own farm projects that provide renewable and sustainable sources of food and jobs for the people they serve. For example, raising chickens provides the mission with eggs (and meat) at a substantially lesser cost. Growing fruits and vegetables makes it possible to give healthier and fresher produce to many more hungry families on a regular basis. Raising cattle and pigs also provides high protein food for a balanced diet.

These farm projects have been working so well that the mission is able to sell any surplus foods at a local marketplace, which, in turn, generates extra income. Indeed, our men are finding creative ways to use wisely the funds they receive, and at the same time to help provide many people with a hopeful future.

Corn grows tall in Zambia



International News

Seminarians

In these days of fewer vocations to the priesthood and brotherhood, we are thankful to God that He has blessed our Pallottines in India with 105 priests working in 37 dioceses and with nearly 116 candidates for priesthood at different levels of formation. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have so many young men who wish to follow in the footsteps of our founder, St Vincent Pallotti, who saw the need to send men out into the mission fields of the world to bring Christ's message to those who have never heard of Jesus, and to re-ignite faith and charity among all Catholics.

Many of these young men would have a difficult time continuing their studies without the support and prayers of our friends and benefactors who have been so generous in helping us provide them with meals, lodging, text books and other basic necessities. We are very grateful to all who make it possible for more young men to enter our community in the service of God's people in India and in our other missions around the world.





Vocation Orientation Center in Nasik

Students ordinarily come to us after graduation from 10th grade. Our Center offers them a basic social and religious orientation in the first year and continues their pre-university studies for two more years.

This is an opportunity for them to discern their vocation as they are introduced to religious life and to the Pallottine mission and lifestyle.



Spiritual year - Novitiate in Iddukki, Kerala

At this stage, those who have chosen to pursue their religious vocation are introduced into a deeper and more intensive spiritual formation. Here they receive a fuller understanding

of religious and spiritual life, community living and the Pallottine way of life.

Philosophy and College studies continue in Nagpur

Following their Novitiate, the seminarians continue their college studies in philosophy and the humanities while at the same time engaging in other pastoral ministries. They are also given various opportunities to identify and develop their own unique gifts, talents, and strengths.



Theological Studies at our Theologate in Mysore

Once graduated from college, seminarians continue their four year theological studies at our Major Seminary in Mysore at which they will complete their academic and pastoral formation and training on their journey to becoming mature Pallottine priests.



The Cook's Corner

A Great Dip for Your Favorite Chip!

by The Pallotti House Chef



Often at family get-togethers my sister or one of my nieces will bring this wonderful taco dip to the party. Who wants to eat plain Taco or Nacho chips when you can put a scoop of this dip on the chip first? Always a smash hit! A very simple recipe that goes a long way at pleasing your guests.

What You Will Need:

- 1 - 16 oz. jar of mild or medium hot salsa (whichever you prefer)
- 2 - Large tomatoes diced in small pieces
- 1 - 2 to 3 oz. can of sliced black olives
- 1 - 8 oz. bag of shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 - 8 oz. sour cream
- 1 - 8 oz. cream cheese (room temp.)
- ½ package of taco seasoning
- 2-3 cups of iceberg lettuce fine shredded

9 x 13 baking sheet with 1 inch sides or a large round pizza pan with raised sides.

Here's What You Do:

Mix together in a large bowl the cream cheese, sour cream, taco seasoning and the salsa.

Spread this mixture on the bottom of the baking sheet or pizza pan.

On top of this mixture generously sprinkle the shredded lettuce, tomatoes, black olives and shredded cheddar cheese.

Serve with your favorite Taco, Nacho, or Tortilla chips. Delicious!

THE FUTURE AWAITS YOU!

Live it as a Pallottine Priest or Brother!

We Pallottines work in schools, parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, retreat centers, foreign missions, adult education programs, and more.

Embark on a new adventure in your life with us! See what we have to offer you.

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

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 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.

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

I would like to make an offering of :
\$3 5 7 10 Other \$ _____

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

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