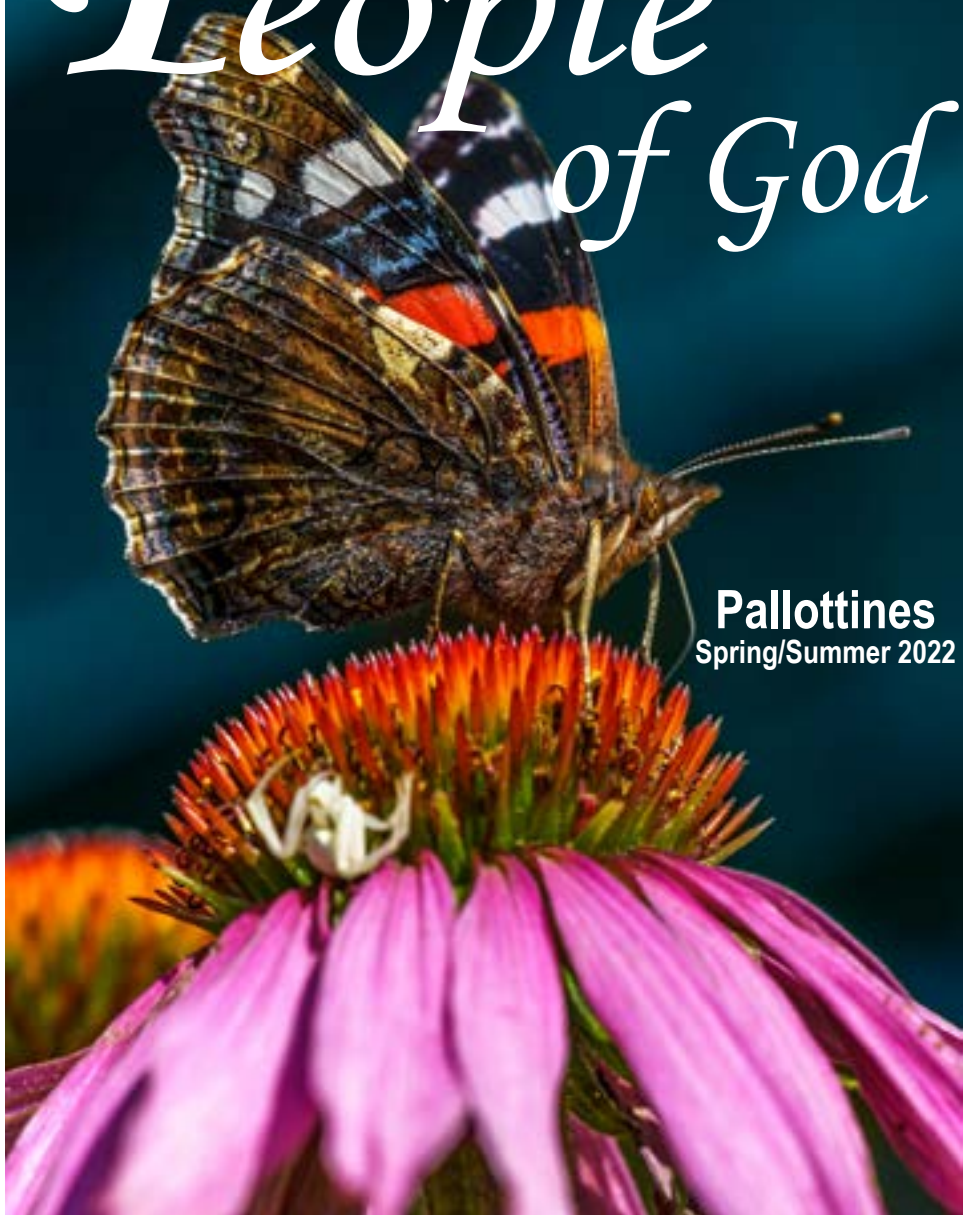


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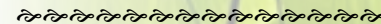


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Greetings!

Dear Co-Apostles,

Easter Greetings to you all! Some of you may not know me. I am Fr. Davies Edassery, the recently elected Provincial Rector of the Mother of God Province of the Pallottines in Milwaukee. In the coming months, I am sure there will be plenty of opportunities for us to get to know each other.

Thank you for journeying with our province for all these years. With your prayers and generous support, our journey has been filled with hope. We always remember you and your families with gratitude in our community prayers. Please visit us and enjoy our community's hospitality.

As we come to the end of the Year of the Family, let us pray for every family we are part of and for all the families we minister to. May our families become places where faith, hope, and charity are nourished and experienced. Through your generous support to the Pallottines, love is proclaimed loud and clear here and abroad. We are happy to share some inspiring stories with you from our missions in Zambia and India.

As I embark on my journey as the Provincial, I request your prayers for the new provincial team. May we continue to be faithful ministers of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate and fulfill the vision and mission of our founder St. Vincent Pallotti.

Davies Edassery

Fr. Davies Edassery, SAC. 3

Year of the Family

Family Prayer

March 19, 2021 to June 26, 2022 was declared as the Year of the Family by Pope Francis. This year we commemorated the fifth anniversary of the apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), brought out soon after the synod of the families. It is important to note that the COVID pandemic was a major event during the entire Year of the Family. The Pallottines who minister to families in parishes, schools, clinics, and in various other forums are keenly aware of the impact of the pandemic on the physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of the family.

On the Feast of the Holy Family last year, Pope Francis recognized that the Covid-19 pandemic has been tough on families. His hope was that with extra patience and faith bonds can grow stronger.

He put forward this realistic vision of the family in the world today, “*We may not have been born into an exceptional family, one without problems, but this is our story – everyone must think: this is my story – these are our roots: if we cut them off, life dries up! God did not make us to be lone rangers, but to walk together. Let us thank Him and pray to Him for our families. God thinks about us and wants us to be together: grateful, united, capable of preserving our roots. We need to think about this, about our own story.*” ♦

A family from Zambia Missions with Fr. Tomy Luckose SAC.



A family from the North East, India.

I thank God that many families, which are far from considering themselves perfect, live in love, fulfil their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way. The Synod's reflections show us that there is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems.

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)



Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of our family.

We pray to You for our family consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony.

May we rediscover each day the grace we have received, and as a small domestic Church, may we know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We also pray to You for our family when we are faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain us and make us aware of the path to holiness upon which You call us, so that we might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for our children (our grown up children) and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them.

We pray for our grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that we might live our specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church.

We ask this through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

(The official prayer of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome) 5

The Mother of God Province

Our New Provincial Rector

Rev. Davies Edassery, SAC.



Fr. Davis Edassery was born in Angamaly, in the southern State of Kerala, India, on November 8, 1958. He joined the Pallottines in 1977 after completing his secondary school education. His Pallottine formation was done in various Pallottine seminaries across India. Upon completion of his theological studies at St. Charles Seminary, Nagpur, India, he was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1988.

For the next five years, he did pastoral ministry at two parishes in Kerala. During that time, he had the unique honor of establishing the first Pallottine community in a Syro-Malabar diocese in India.

In 1993, he began his graduate studies in theology at St Peter's Seminary, Bangalore, India. After graduation, he served as the director of the Pallottine minor seminary in Thiruvananthapuram, providing spiritual and academic orientation for young aspirants to the Pallottine Society in India. His next assignment, in 1995, was to plan and build the Pallotti Hill School in Mukkom. He was the administrator of this prestigious institution until 2005.

Prior to coming to the United States in 2008, he was the assistant to the General Procurator at the Pallottine Generalate in Rome for over a year. In the Mother of God Province in Milwaukee, he promoted vocations, ministered to those in the hospitals, and made appeals for the Pallottine missions in India and Zambia until 2013. Since then, he has been working in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He was the administrator of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ripon, WI, before being elected as provincial. ♦

Thank You Dear Fr. Joe Koyickal

We thank Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC, as he concludes his term as the Provincial Rector of the Mother of God Province. For the past nine years, while guiding the province, he was also involved in pastoral ministry. This included four years as the pastor of Saint Therese Parish, Milwaukee. Fr. Joe is the newly assigned pastor at Sts. Mary and Joseph Parish at Carlinville, Sts. Simon and Jude Parish, Gillespie and St. Joseph Parish, Benld in the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois.



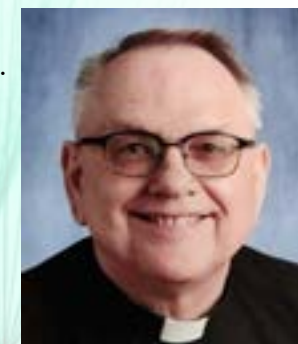
Fr. Joe Dominic, SAC (1st Consultor)

Fr. Joe Dominic was born and brought up in Kerala, India. After his ordination in 1980, he served the Pallottine missions at Chhattisgarh in North India. In 1993, he completed his Masters in Pastoral Studies at Loyola University, Chicago. He was a professor of philosophy at the Pallottine Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Goa, India. Since his arrival in the USA in 2003, he has been working as a pastor in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. At present, he is the pastor of the Blessed Trinity Parish in Sheboygan Falls and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kohler. He will be moving to St. Mary of Good Counsel, Mayville, for his new assignment in June.



Bro. Jim Scarpace, SAC (2nd Consultor)

Bro. Jim Scarpace was born in Milwaukee, WI, USA. Before entering the religious life, he worked as the warehouse goods receiving manager in Milwaukee. In 1995, he joined the Pallottines and made his First Profession in 1998 and Final Profession in 2001. He has been pastorally assisting the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Milwaukee, by visiting the homebound and those in healthcare facilities. Bro. Jim is also the Rector of Pallotti House, Milwaukee.



Farewell to Toni Gradisnik

We are grateful to Sr. Toni for her dedicated service to the Pallottines and Pallottine associates as the Director of Donor Relations at the Development Office of the Mother of God Province in Milwaukee. Since 2014, Sr. Toni was an excellent liaison who facilitated a close working relationship with the well-wishers of the Mother of God Province across the USA. We wish her all the best as she pursues new ventures in the Lord's Vineyard.





Student Contest

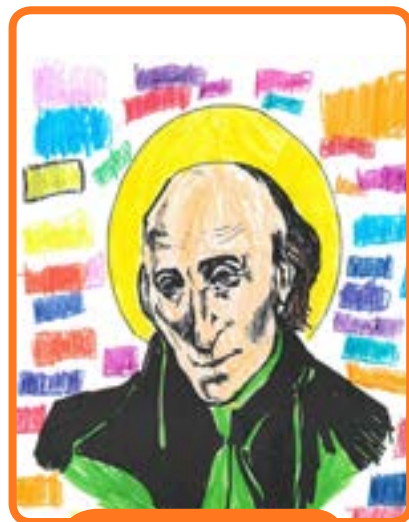
Best of Show Winners Announced

One of our 100-year anniversary initiatives was to hold a St. Vincent Pallotti Coloring Contest. Students in our Pallottine parishes received specially designed St. Vincent Pallotti coloring books detailing the life and work of St. Vincent Pallotti. After reading the book, interested K-5th grade students could submit a picture. To our delight, we received 63 works of art! We were inspired while going through each piece, as we could see how students learned about St. Vincent Pallotti and applied their talent, hard work, and creativity to design their masterpieces.

Students were judged in two categories: K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. Each category had 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention. Each category winner received a St. Vincent Pallotti medal and ribbon. Additionally, Best of Show category winners received a St. Vincent Pallotti plaque, and \$50 gift certificate to support their Catholic education.



***Aminah Green,
3rd-5th Grade Best of
Show Winner***



*Azalyea Davis,
K-2nd Grade Best of
Show Winner*

congrats!

Bricks in Place



100-Year Blessing

To be part of our 100-year Jubilee tribute, remember your departed loved ones, honor special people, or commemorate an important event in your life. Mail in the completed form below, with your desired brick size and payment. We will have it blessed and placed in our Grotto Garden.



Fr. Thomas Manjaly SAC, the Pastor of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish, with some of the art contest participants

••Detach form here and return to us

TRIBUTE BRICKS

4" x 8" - \$125
3 lines of text
14 characters
(including
spaces)
(use Blue area)

**Honoring the
Class of 2019
Austin High**

4" x 8"

**To Tom Jones
for his service
and dedication
to the children
at St. Mary's
Health Center**

8" x 8"

**In Memory of Mary Smith
1940-2010
Your friends & co-workers
at Jones Electrical Company
Greenville, Wisconsin
We will miss you dearly**

8" x 16"

8" x 8" - \$250
6 lines of text
14 characters
(including
spaces)
Use Yellow
and Blue areas

8" x 16" - \$500
6 lines of text
28 characters
(including
spaces)
Use Blue, Yellow,
and Red areas

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Don't worry. We will center your text on each brick and send a proof for your approval to avoid mistakes.

Gardener to Teacher: The inspiring story of a young man with a dream

In April 2016, Harrison Bwalya came to Pallotti Greenhouse, the Pallottine priests' residence at the Pallottine mission in Westwood, Zambia, looking for work. He had just turned 19. Harrison was an orphan, and it was his grandmother who had raised him. She was poor and could not afford to send him for further studies after his basic schooling. Harrison, therefore, had to earn his livelihood early on by doing manual labor. He sought work wherever he could. That was why he knocked at the door of the Pallottine mission campus that day.

Harrison in the class with students



Harrison impressed the Pallottines at the mission with his diligence and inquisitive mind. They employed him as a gardener at the mission without hesitation and provided him with food and lodging. His hardworking nature and the initiatives he took in things other than the garden did not go unnoticed by the Pallottines.

Spiritual matters - the religious activities of the Pallottines in particular - piqued Harrison's interest. It was only a matter of time before he expressed his desire to be baptized. He then began accompanying the Pallottines on Sundays to celebrate the Holy Mass. Because he was a born leader, he was eventually entrusted with the responsibility of taking care of the

children belonging to the 'Holy Childhood Association' at the Pallottine mission. When Harrison told his life story to Fr. Siby John, the director of the Pallotti Green House at that time and spoke of his long-cherished desire to become a teacher, the Pallottines encouraged him to follow his dream.

Fr. Shaji Mathew, who became the director of the mission in 2017, was eager to offer financial assistance to this smart, hardworking, young man. The Pallottines relieved Harrison of his duties as a gardener so that he could concentrate on his studies. Recalling that support and guidance, Harrison says, "May God bless all the Pallottine Fathers for helping me achieve my goal. Thanks also to the Pallottine Sisters who have been an inspiration to me."

In 2018, he joined the Fairview College of Education in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia, to obtain his certificate. Two years later, Harrison fulfilled his dream of becoming a secondary school teacher, qualified to teach Mathematics and Science.

At present, Harrison is seeking employment in a public school. Due to the COVID pandemic, employment for teachers has been put on hold. Back in her village, his grandma, who is frail and homebound, is praying for him to become that special teacher who can educate and inspire the future of Zambia.

With a heart full of gratitude, Harrison says: "Yes, life is a journey where everyone tries to achieve their goals, regardless of the situation. The only thing we have to remember in this journey is that we must 'put God first'. For only He knows the plans that He has for us here on earth." ♦

Vigil Lights During the Summer & Back-to-School Months

This summer, let us light a 7-day vigil candle for you in honor or in memory of a veteran, family member, or student heading back to school. During this special "Year of the Family," your candle will be lit in the Pallotti House Chapel.

Simply fill out this form and return it to us in the enclosed newsletter envelope. We will light a candle for you, starting on the Monday you circle.

Circle the month and Monday to light your 7-day candle.

June	6	13	20	27	
July	4	11	18	25	
Aug.	1	8	15	22	29
Sept.	5	12	19	26	

Please light a vigil candle for:

My offering: \$5 \$10 \$_____

Pallottines International

Let Us Educate Them...

St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic School, Westwood, Zambia, is a growing school which began in 2015. As the number of pupils increases, the infrastructure needs building up. New classrooms are one of the main requirements for accommodating new students. Our classrooms are built to provide the optimum learning environment. Each classroom has an area of 48 square meters and a cement floor. It has five wide windows.

The morning assembly at St. Vincent Pallotti School



Class in Progress



Classroom construction in progress



Every classroom has a long green board for writing and another big board for displaying study materials and pictures meant for classroom activities. Every classroom is fitted with tube lights, sockets and fans. The steel roofing sheet is supplemented with one transparent sheet in each classroom to provide sufficient natural light during the day. Lead-free paint is used to brighten the class room. All the students from Grade 1 have individual chairs; the table is shared by two pupils. Kindergarten students have plastic chair-table combos. The ideal number of students per classroom is 40. At times, we are forced to go beyond that number because of the demand. The total cost of the construction of a classroom is 10,000 dollars ♦

Cut it from here and send it with the return envelope.....

My offer to build the new classroom

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The Chef's Corner

Baked Mostaccioli

A quick and Easy Dish



Sometimes you just want to make a simple dish for lunch or supper, but you can't think of anything off-hand. Well, have I got a treat for you! This recipe requires that one skill that most people are experts at: boiling water. If you can do that, then this recipe is for you.

Here's What You'll Need:

32 oz. jar of spaghetti sauce
(Pick the brand you like best)
1 (16 oz.) box mostaccioli noodles
1 (8 oz.) bag of Mozzarella cheese
1 (8 oz.) bag Provolone cheese
½ cup grated Romano cheese
9 x 13 x 3 inch baking pan or dish
Some parsley (optional garnish)

From the Pallotti House Chef

Here's What You Do:

Pre-heat oven to 275 degrees F.

In a large pot (6-8 quarts) boil water. Follow directions on Mostaccioli package for cooking the noodles.

While noodles are cooking, warm the spaghetti sauce in a medium pot. When noodles are done, drain off water. In the 9 x 13 pan, put one cup of sauce. Spread it out evenly across bottom of pan. Place half of the noodles on top of the sauce.

Then add half of each of the three cheeses. Repeat with sauce, noodles, sauce, ending with placing the rest of the three cheeses on top of everything.

Cover pan with foil and bake for 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and take foil off pan. Put back in oven and bake an additional 15-20 minutes longer or until the cheeses are melted, but not burned.

Remove from oven and let it sit a few minutes. Serve with a nice French or Italian bread and perhaps a glass of your favorite wine.

Makes about 6 to 8 servings.

Enjoy.

Are you traveling this Summer?

Offer your journey through the intercession of the Holy Virgin Mary. We pray for your safe journey.

*Holy Mary, the protector of roads
and travelers, protect our loved
ones and us. Guide us safely to our
destiny.*

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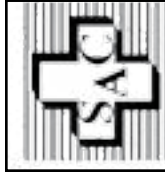
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