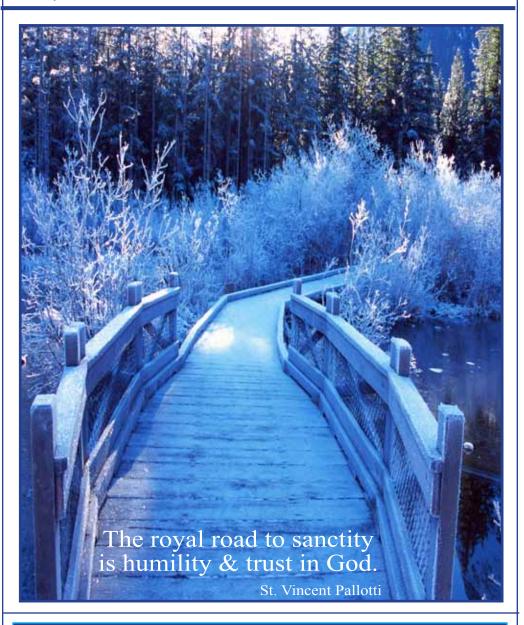
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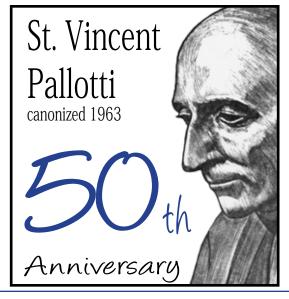
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In celebration of the coming 50th anniversary of the canonization of our Founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, in 2013, our newsletter will feature a mini-series on his life and mission starting with our Spring 2012 issue and continuing through our Winter 2013 issue. Stay in touch for exciting pictures and articles.



A Look at the World: Essential Discipleship and Generative Discipleship

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

Fleeing Wisconsin and spending this past winter in Texas was a great idea, but the ideas I pondered while in the Lone Star State, especially about discipleship, were even greater.

I was there for a ministry-to-ministers sabbatical at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio. Presenters dealt with a variety of topics each weekday. All 20 of us gathered in one of the older style classrooms that challenged the slower of us to go the three flights up.

I had been waiting for a presentation from the college president. Sometime after the first few weeks had passed, Fr. Ron, as we all called him, did appear in our classroom to interact with us regarding his presentations on discipleship. For some of us, if not all, there were some startling discoveries about the way discipleship interacts with our own life happenings.

The ideas, outlined on paper, offer clarity. Discipleship in the schema of Ron Rolheiser and also the thinking of Richard Rohr has three divisions: Essential, Generative and Radical discipleship.

In what is considered the first half of life, both the Essential and Generative phases take place. Everyone begins growing into adulthood by getting their lives together, wrestling with the devil and dealing with the powerful chaotic energies of youth (described by Rolheiser and Rohr as: Eros, sexuality, restlessness, loneliness, instability, life morals, longing, and temptations.)



As I think about these ideas, I get caught up in my own life experiences. I had a vague idea of discipleship even as a young lad. That title was not used much, but to choose a vocation by entering the seminary in my first year of high school was an important step toward growing up. I had heard about choosing to follow Christ and I knew the studies would prepare me to think and then speak the truths from my own experiences.

Perhaps spending time and extra effort to learn Latin was for me one of the question marks of seminary life, or to put it in context, of being a disciple of Christ. I managed the language in the book, but didn't see the connection between memorizing verb forms and later speaking about Jesus from my heart.

Looking back now from my more mature vantage point, I can identify various energy sources at work in my life such as restlessness, always seeking more, or the temptations of more pleasure, comfort and power. I recently had the chance to be with a part of my family that I had never met. It was a gathering in a small town in Iowa. As part of the family reunion, I celebrated Mass at a park pavilion. The response was positive. I was pleased to be a disciple of the Lord to these extended family members.

Finding the God Who Seeks You

Journeying with St. Vincent Pallotti, The Prophet of Communion

Reflection: Grace Fr. Vensus George, SAC, a Pallottine from the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province in India, has written a book of reflections based on the thoughts of St. Vincent Pallotti. We would like to share some of them with you to help you on your spiritual journey.

Humility: The Foundation of Charity

According to St. Vincent Pallotti, humility is the foundation of charity. If a person lacks the true spirit of humility, there can be no charity in his life. The virtue of humility consists in the honest acceptance of oneself. A humble person has the right self-knowledge. He knows who he is before God, and who he is before his neighbor. A person who is humble never thinks of himself as superior to others. He knows his capabilities and limitations. Therefore, he never poses himself as the most knowledgeable, the most capable or the most industrious in comparison with his neighbor.

The virtue of true humility makes a person look at himself realistically and practically. A humble person respects his neighbor, accepts all the good he has with the sense of admiration, and thanks God for the good He has placed in others. A humble person is never presumptuous. He makes no claims for himself, if it is not true. Even if a claim is true, he does not make a big issue of it except for staking the claim in all honesty and sincerity.

These attitudes present in the humble person form the true foundation on which a genuine life of charity can be built. If a person who does not have these attitudes, which are fruits of the virtue of humility, there cannot be any form of charity. It is easy for a humble person to love his neighbor and offer his life in loving surrender to God. A self-conceited person, who thinks too much of himself, can neither truly love his neighbor, nor his God. Hence, St. Vincent sees humility as the foundation of charity.

Questions for Further Reflection

- 1) Do I realize the importance of the virtue of humility for the cultivation of charity in my life?
- 2) Do I have the basic qualities of a humble person?
- 3) Do I respect and accept the good the other person has?
- 4) Do I think of myself as superior to others?
- 5) Do I truly cultivate humility in order to be a loving person?

Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you. Do not speak evil against one another. (Jas. 4:10-11)

Candidate to the Priesthood Discovers the World of the Sea

by Stephen Weber, SAC novice originally written for the Vatican's Apostleship of the Sea summer 2011 bulletin

I am a seminarian in my novitiate year for the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers of the Mother of God Province in Milwaukee, WI. I was blessed to work with the Dublin Ireland Apostleship of the Sea while I was in Ireland. The two aspects of my experience that I enjoyed most were the fellowship with the seafarers in the evening at the Stella Maris Center and my visits to the seaport with the chaplain.

While I was spending time with the seafarers at the Center, I shared in their concerns and apprehensions. One night in my community's house, I felt a little uneasy. I got up and headed into town to clear my head. I went over to my seafarers center and talked to the volunteers that were there. Several Philippino crewmen came in from an oil tanker. One was their cook. He was quite upset and still had tears in his eyes. I began talking with him.

He told me about how his contract was coming to an end and that he had asked his captain about his flight back to the Philippines to see his family. His captain had yelled at him saying that he needed to focus only on his job. I knew then why I was brought down there. I was to help someone else who was feeling the same way I was. I explained to him how I had been feeling with my young Irish Community confreres when I would talk to them and how they couldn't understand

why I didn't feel connected to European culture being from America. I was away from the only country that I had known in my life and away from family and friends after my father had passed away shortly before my Pallot-

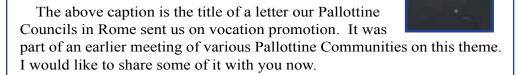
He felt so much happier when he and his shipmates left the seafarers center. One week later, the chaplain and I visited his ship while it was at the Oil Jetty. He was so much happier and he was so glad to see me.

tine formation began.

While visiting the port with the chaplain, I enjoyed all of it: talking to the harbor police at the gate, talking to the fire warden at the Oil Jetty gate, and seeing the naval ships of the Dutch, French and Irish navies. We talked to the officers of the navy ships, but respected their control of their ships and men. We visited the ships at the graving docks (dry docks), and a cruise ship that docked to allow a sick passenger to be transported to a local Dublin hospital. I will remember the way that the seafarers are needed by the Irish

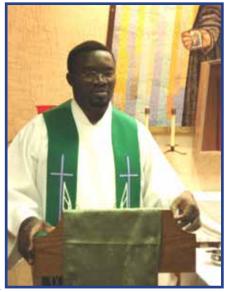
Promoting the Vocation to Pallottine Consecrated Life

by Fr. Leon Martin, SAC, Provincial



This letter was an encouragement first of all for us Pallottines to be faithful to the ministry of inviting men and women to our various Pallottine entities. In good times and uncertain ones, the Lord's call must go forth from our way of life. If we wish to attract others, we must first live what we profess with our lips.

"Vocation promotion should not be reduced to mere recruiting of candidates to our Communities. Vocation is a divine election: it is a gratuitous gift to discipleship. It is a call to become apostles of Jesus Christ, Apostle of the Eternal Father, participating in the mission of the Church, with responsibility and commitment. This, indeed, is the mission of the charismatic vision of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. As Pallottines, working for the promotion and nurturing of Christian vocation is a privilege and responsibility." "Young people are attracted today more by the testimony of Christian life than by many words. Hence, the quality of our Christian and Pallottine life and apostolate will be the most effective vocation promo-



A Special Visitor from Camaroon!

Fr. Florent Kanga, SAC comes to our province from our Pallottine Fathers and Brothers of the Holy Trinity Region (Camaroon, Nigeria).

He is presently assigned as associate pastor of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish where he is helping Fr. John Scheer with weekday and weekend Masses while he attends school at Sacred Heart Seminary to improve his English language skills. Welcome and God's blessings on you, Fr. Florent. We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

tion materials for us." As Pallottines, "we are collaborators with God, the Church and those who are discerning. We are not passive bystanders, but active participants who are in a co-responsible relationship." "St. Vincent Pallotti believed that the way one attracts vocations is through the imitation of Jesus Christ, striving for perfection in community life, continuous prayer for vacations, and cultivating the vocation of apostles. It is important to note that the first three are focused on our personal and communal lives. Only the last one is outward directed toward those who are discerning their particular vocation in life."

Welcome!

We warmly welcome to our Pallottine UAC family four new members. Fr. Jacob presided at the ceremony at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish on July 31, 2011. Robert Gay, the president of the USNCC -UAC was also in attendance at the ceremony.



Stephanie Spangenberg, Phyllis Duckhorn, Robert Gay, Very Rev. Jacob Nampudakam (our Rector General), Shirley Chirafisi and Missy Reiser pose for a picture after the ceremony.

Caps for Kids "Weigh In"

November 12, 2011

Bring your caps to the "Weigh In" at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish (West site) located at 76th and Stevenson, across from Pius XI High School.

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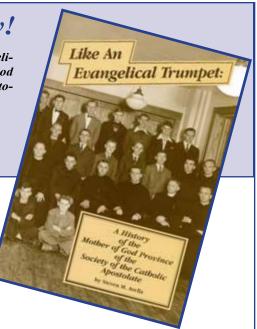
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And Now You Know!

Excerpts from the book: Like An Evangelical Trumpet: A History of the Mother of God Province of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, written by Steven M. Avella.

Topic 26: Pius XI High School: The Archdiocesan Hand-Off: (part two)

In July 1962, after a meeting with [the Pallottine Rector General] Moehler and Fr. Liebl during the former's visitation, [Archbishop William] Cousins vigorously pressed the issue of Pius High School and "definite conclusions were reached."



First, the corporate status of the High School was to be regularized and it was to be formally transferred from "its present parish incorporation to the status of an archdiocesan corporation with new officers and bylaws." Secondly, [Fr.] DeMaria was to remain as pastor of St. Anthony, but was to be relieved of the duties of high school treasurer. "This is to avoid the intermingling and transfer of funds from one organization to the other. It will also better protect parish interests and will eventually insure compensation to the parish for funds invested in the High School in excess of just proration."

With regard to the church, Cousins insisted on more orderly procedures for parish use of High School facilities. Most importantly Cousins mandated: "Permission to build the long hoped for church will not be granted until the financial picture of the High School is completely clarified and until funds in hand will permit equitable reimbursement to St. Anthony of Padua."

To further effect a more complete separation of the parish from the school, Cousins also urged that the faculty members move out of the residence at St. Anthony's parish and a separate faculty residence be provided. As the archdiocese became more involved in regularizing things with the High School, the need for a faculty residence became more evident. Yet, the Province was unwilling to invest money in such a venture. Negotiations swung back and forth throughout 1962, when Father Becker suggested the purchase of an apartment house near the High School. Investigations proved this to be too risky and in November 1962, Liebl shut the door on a Province purchased facility, informing Becker, "You can

inform the Chancery office of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that our Province is not interested at this time or in the immediate future, in purchasing the residence in question or in building one."

Cousin's attendance at Vatican II and other developments precluded active engagement on either the Pius XI High School matter or the building of the Church of St. Anthony. However, DeMaria once again forced the hand of the prelate when he had plans drawn by his favorite architect, Mark Pfaller, for the new St. Anthony's Church -- all this without recourse to either his superiors or archdiocesan authorities. It was now Cousin's turn to be faced with the same dilemma that had plagued each of his predecessors going back to Messmer. Clearly, the fiscal irregularities and the lone-wolf decision making had all the markings of disaster -- and ultimate liability for the archdiocese. Both Schroeder and DeMaria, with their simple faith in Divine Providence, could recklessly run up millions of dollars in debt and then hope that St. Anthony or the Little Flower would bail them out.

However, the age-old penalty of removal and exile to some lesser place was not a simple alternative. Like Schroeder, DeMaria was a beloved figure and in many ways a lynch-pin of the parish's life. His multiple acts of kindness and his sheer goodness had endeared him to generations of his parishioners --to remove him would risk alienating potential contributors to the parish, but also might crush the spirit of the man. Nonetheless, Cousins made his displeasure known to Liebl, and insisted that either DeMaria be removed or that an alternative situation be found. At the same time, Cousins in Rome for a meeting of the conciliar Commission of the Lay Apostolate (on which Moehler sat as well), seized the opportunity to lay his concerns about the Milwaukee situation directly with the highest Pallottine authority. "He was full of praise for the work Fr. DeMaria is doing," Moehler wrote Liebl of the encounter, "but was not so pleased with his administration. He would like to have him removed." To soften the blow, Cousins suggested allowing DeMaria to remain in some figure head capacity, but one in which he "would not have the full administration, but the building could go ahead."

Next Time: Pius High School: The Archdiocesan Handoff: (part three)

Learn more about the Pallottines of the Mother of God Province. The book Like an Evangelical Trumpet is available in a soft-cover edition, 335 pages complete with 33 pages of nostalgic photographs. \$19.95 plus \$3.50 P&H.

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Ask Father

Where does the Tradition of the Nativity Scene Come From?

Dear Father,

I'm sure I could look this up on the internet myself, but I thought I'd ask you just in case you might have some other insights into this topic: "Where do we get the tradition of the Nativity Scene at Christmas?"

Signed, Tammy R.

Dear Tammy,

Your question made me stop and admit that I really didn't know the answer to your question even though I have put up a Nativity set each year myself for over 50 years So... off to the internet I went.

Wikipedia says that St. Francis of Assisi is credited with creating the first nativity scene in 1223 using real people and animals in order to "cultivate the worship of Christ, having been inspired by his recent visit to the Holy Land where he had been shown Jesus' traditional birthplace. The scene's popularity inspired communities throughout Christendom to stage similar pantomimes; eventually, the nativity scene became an archetype in

Western culture, inspiring an infinite number of works of high and popular art. More and more elaborate static exhibitions were created with wax and ivory figurines garbed in rich fabrics set against intricate landscapes. These elaborate scenes reached their artistic apogee in the Kingdom of Naples in the 16th to 18th centuries. Elsewhere, the emphasis was placed on realism."

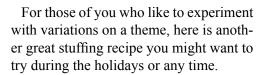
For us Pallottines, the nativity scene holds a special place of honor, as the core figures "The Holy Family and the Magi" in the Crib scene that is set up in Vatican square were originally commissioned in 1842 by our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, and set up in the Basilica of Sant'-Andrea della Valle in Rome.

In 1982 they made their way to the Vatican when Pope John Paul II asked the Vatican governor's office to put some Christmas decorations in the square under his window.

Thanks for the question. It helped me learn a few things I wasn't aware of. Have a Merry Christmas!

Mom's 1920's-30's Bread Stuffing

by The Pallotti House Chef



It was sent to me some time ago by one of our readers, Anthony Lewandowski. Past experience has often shown me that many older recipes stand head over shoulders compared to the pre-packaged things we have and use today. Let me know what you think about his mom's stuffing.

Here's what you'll need:

1 large loaf of sliced white bread
1 quarter pound of butter (1 stick)
3 to 4 celery ribs
1 large onion
1 to 2 eggs
a little milk
Salt and pepper to taste
(Optional: Sage or poultry seasoning)

Here's What You Do:

FIRST TIME USERS: Try making this stuffing OUTSIDE the turkey and see if you like it.

Toast one large loaf of sliced white bread and shred slices into 1-1½ cubes or pieces. Set aside

Dice one large onion and the 3-4 celery ribs.

In a skillet melt the butter and saute the onions and celery until the onions are transparent and soft. Turn off heat and let mix cool in skillet.

Get out your biggest mixing bowl and put in the bread pieces and onion-celery mixture. Add one raw broken egg and mix by hand.

If the mixture feels to dry, add a little milk. If too mushy, add one more egg. Salt and pepper to taste. Continue mixing. (optional: Before baking, you can add a little sage or poultry seasoning if you like.)

When consistency is met, place mixture in a buttered pyrex baking dish (9 x 13).

Cover with aluminum foil and bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees F. for 20 minutes.

Then uncover and bake for 10 more minutes until stuffing is lightly browned. It's so much better than the bread cubes you get from the store.

Enjoy. Happy Holidays!!!



An Invitation to all UAC Members



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Some highlights to look forward to:

Speakers:

Maria Domke –

Retired Teacher and past President of the Canadian NCC, present Member of the International GCC

- John & Maureen Rotramel —
 Pres. of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish Council, Youth Ministers
- Linda Barikmo —

Parish Trustee, Mother and and Grandmother

Dorothy Day - a dramatization

Opportunities:

- Pray and reflect together
- Meet the President, Secretary and members of the USNCC
- Visit the UAC in Milwaukee
- Enjoy Marquette University Campus
- Share stories of Joy and Sorrow with fellow UAC members from throughout the U.S.
- Give hope and strength to each other



Candidate to the Priesthood Discovers the World of the Sea: (Continued from pg. 5)

to export potatoes to Russia, Irish zinc to Norway, Irish scrap metal to China and to import road salt from Turkey and Egypt for the Irish winters. I will remember getting baptized by the sea in the harbor when a gale blew up after we left an oil tanker on the Jetty. I will always remember when, just before I went to Rome for studies, the chaplain and I had just finished visiting an oil tanker crew that was shuttling between Pembroke and Dublin. Another tanker was getting ready to berth on Jetty #2 and two of the Phillippino seafarers on the bow saw me. They waved and yelled: "Steve, Stella Maris, Stella Maris." They were so happy that they even started dancing on the bow. The chaplain told me that after working only eight months at the Stella Maris Center, I was recognized by the seafarers immediately. It made my first time in Europe so much less harrowing.

Until my Stella Maris placement, I really felt out of place in Europe, away from America for the first time. Stella Maris and the Seafarers' Ministry made me feel so much less homesick. The Dublin Ireland Seafarers Center, its volunteers, chaplain and seafarers made my time much more enjoyable. I thank God for giving me this experience with them

Loving Vigil Lights for the Holidays

There are many Christmas traditions that we Pallottines enjoy. Lighting candles for our loved ones is a very important act in our community. This holiday season you can become a part of our Pallottine family by lighting a vigil candle for your loved ones. Complete the form below and send it to us in the enclosed envelope and we will light a 7 day vigil light for your intentions at the statue of St. Joseph in our house chapel during the holidays.

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