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Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

How do you like our new look?
Let us know! We thought we were
due for a change.

In this issue of our newsletter
we will be focusing on the notion
of "miracles" in life.

For those of you who believe in
them, I direct your attention to our
feature article about the miracles
attributed to St. Vincent Pallotti.
In 1963 he was canonized a saint
in part due to the many cures that
are said to have happened through
his intercession.

For those of you who have your
doubts, perhaps these "miracle"
stories may help you think about
how the hand of God might be
working in your lives.

Are we people who just have
good or bad luck, or is God guid-
ing us through the events and
sometimes unexplainable things
that happen to us?

Happy reading,



Fr. Joe Koyickal



SAINT VINCENT PALLOTTI

THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION

St. Vincent Pallotti was a man dearly loved by poor and rich alike. Though he never traveled far and for the most part lived his life in the city of Rome, all people were important to him and he was willing to give of his time and energy to any who would come to him for comfort and help.

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After his death, one of his pupils who had an exceptionally fine understanding of him and his ideas, wrote in a letter to Don Dian Francesco in Florence, "O my God, how much have we lost! Yet, no - we have lost nothing! On the contrary, the help which formerly he could send only rarely and from afar can now easily come to us from the place where he now dwells, Above all, both you and I should approach him with confidence for now he understands our needs better and can help us...."

Many a miracle had been attributed to Pallotti during his lifetime. Many more have been credited to his intercession after his death and have been recorded for posterity:

Francesco Biccabelloa of Velletri suffered from an incurable inflammation, and his life was despaired of by his physicians. Filled with confidence, he prayed to Pallotti, and was cured after six days.

Anna White, the wife of a shoemaker in London and mother of several children, was sick unto

death, her case being declared hopeless by the doctors. After using a relic of Pallotti, she recovered suddenly in June, 1850.

Luigi Bossi, a druggist in Rome, prayed to Vincent for help during his illness in 1852. One night he saw Pallotti approach his bed with the picture of the Madonna in his hands which he gave him to kiss, saying: "Thank this Mother of Mercy for having heard and answered our prayer." When he awoke, he found himself perfectly cured of his lingering affliction of the liver.

Seven year old Giusseppe Maria Fiorini had severely sprained his leg with a resulting inflammation. Treatment for three months did not succeed in alleviating it. Even the French doctor of the army of occupation agreed with the other doctors that the boy would die or be permanently crippled. His father asked the Pallottines for help.

They began a novena in thanksgiving for the graces which God had bestowed upon Pallotti and asked for his intercession. At the same time a relic of Pallotti was applied to the sick boy's limb. Even during the novena the pain disappeared and the leg lengthened. Afterwards every trace of the incurable malady had vanished completely.

To these and other miraculous reports could be added six cases of epilepsy and the granting of many favors even to our present day.

Whatever one's personal opinion may be about the miraculous nature of these and other events associated with the name of Pallotti, they do undoubtedly attest to the fame of his sanctity among large classes of people.

He is truly a saint for today!

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International News

Pallottines in India Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of St. Vincent Pallotti's Canonization.



The Golden Jubilee of the Canonization of St. Vincent Pallotti was celebrated with utmost reverence and pomp at St. Vincent Pallotti School Complex at Nagpur, India.

His Excellency Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio, the Apostolic Nuncio to India, presided at the Concelebrated Mass along with His Grace Archbishop Abraham Viruthakalangara, the Archbishop of Nagpur, Very Rev. Fr.



Augustine Varickakal, the Provincial of the Parbhush Prakash Province of Nagpur, and several bishops from the dioceses in which the Pallottines are present.

Nearly three thousand friends and well-wishers attended the ceremony and festivities.



Thousands celebrated the 50th canonization anniversary

Archbishop Pennacchio addressed the audience and spoke about the exceptional holiness of St. Vincent, his vision and mission for the Church that contributed to significant changes in the Church. During the liturgy all the UAC members consisting of priests, sisters, brothers and lay members renewed their apostolic commitment to the UAC.

After the Mass, the day's festivities were marked with a cultural programme that included a play on the life of St. Vincent and various folk dances from the various regions where the Pallottines have their missions.



Thousands of red and yellow flowers were painstakingly set in place as part of the elaborate decorations for the Mass and celebration of the 50th anniversary of Pallotti's Canonization.

International News



Pallottines in Zambia Help Feed the Sick & Vulnerable

In a country in which many people live in poverty, suffer from HIV/Aids and TB, the Pallottines have tried to provide medicines and food items to as many people as possible to help them in their time of need.

A truck load of grain is a welcomed sight to those adults and children who often go hungry because they

have little or no money to purchase even the basic necessities of life.

Through the generosity of friends and benefactors like you, we continue to bring hope to these desperate and needy people. We can't do it without you!

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers.



To help stop the spread of HIV/AIDS in Zambia, the Pallottines have also established many Home Based Care Programmes to teach the people about this deadly disease and other common illnesses.

Hopefully these programmes will teach the people how to better care for themselves and their families.

From the Provincial

The Light of Faith

It is always a joy for me to connect with you through this newsletter. In my last letter I had mentioned that I was attempting to combine my hospital ministry with my responsibility as Provincial. It took four months, but humbly I finally had to accept the fact that “I cannot serve two masters”. Although I enjoyed the chaplain ministry, I had to let it go as I got my feet fully wet in my new responsibilities.



Fr. Joe Koyickal

Now I am excited about the prospect of being fully involved in leading our Province and its mission. The support and prayers from you, our valued friends and benefactors, gives me much hope and encouragement.

Looking back on the past six months and the Pallottine Jubilee year, I am immensely grateful to God for all His blessings. You are our special blessing. With your support we had meaningful celebrations of the Jubilee year in the province level as well as in the parishes where we serve. Encouraged by your continuing generosity, we are also looking ahead to enhancing our missionary endeavors in India and Zambia. Your commitment to these missionary endeavors with your prayers and financial support can only be described as miracles for the many people you have helped in these countries.

Some people may say there are no such things as miracles, but through the eyes of faith they are a daily reality for me. In my hospital ministry I was often amazed and humbled at the way God continues to work with us, in us and through us. I have always felt that He continues to need us and invite us to join His work no matter how little we are able to contribute. He keeps reminding each one of us that we are precious and important in His team. Can I believe this? With all my heart!

I am reminded of the encyclical letter of Pope Francis on “The Light of Faith”. He describes faith as a light that illumines every aspect of our life. It is faith that keeps us connected. Without it our lives would be empty and meaningless, and we would be lost. It is this faith that assures me that I can make a difference in the lives of people no matter how big or small. In faith we are given new eyes to see, to trust and to hope. Yes, with the eyes of faith we can see miracles happening every day. My prayer is that we may all be blessed with that light of faith that continues to give new life, meaning and hope for us and for the people we serve.

May God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fr. Joe', with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Local News

Celebrating the Feast of Saint Lawrence . . .

Not even the rain could dampen the energy and joy of the people at the celebration of the feast of St. Lawrence at St. Lawrence Church in northern Washington County, WI.

Along with their new pastor Fr. Davies Edassery, SAC, the parishioners were very exuberant and enthusiastic about the preparations and celebration of this special feast.

As part of a more recent tradition at the parish, the celebration was marked with a Mass, at which one of the prominent priests or bishops of the Archdiocese usually presides at this celebration. This year's presider was the Very Rev. Patrick Heppel, the vicar of Clergy for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Fr. Davies and Fr. Joe Koyickal, our provincial, also concelebrated at this special Mass, which was followed by an outdoor Eucharistic procession around the church grounds. The services concluded with a solemn benediction.



After the benediction, the celebration continued late into the day with a well-attended parish social at which plenty of good foods and homemade signature desserts filled the buffet tables. The parishioners at St. Lawrence really know how to celebrate the feast day of their patron saint!

The North American Retreat for all the Pallottines in North America

was held from July 22-25, 2013 at San Alphonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey, USA. Fr. George Augustine SAC, Professor of Dogmatic Theology at our Major Seminary in Vallendar, Germany preached the retreat reflecting on the challenge of the New Evangelization and the Pallottine response to it.

About 45 participants from the 9 Pallottine entities present in the United States and Canada participated. At one point our Rector General, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, addressed all the members placing before them the present day challenges and possibilities faced by our Society.



The retreat was followed by the **North American Continental Meeting**. The Rector General spoke of the possible means for strengthening our apostolic presence in North America. After his remarks, reports from various entities and the *ad hoc Committee* for fostering better collaboration and communication among the entities in the United States were presented.

As an action plan for the next two years, it was decided to work towards the renewal of faith in line with the challenge of New Evangelization and in the spirit of our charism.

The participants of the meeting elected for one year Fr. Peter Sticco, Provincial Rector of the Immaculate Conception Province as President and Fr. Joe Koyickal, Provincial Rector of the Mother of God Province as Vice President of the Continental meeting. Fr. Frank Donio (IC) will continue as Secretary.

A Look at the World

THE MIRACLE NOT ASKED FOR

(A meditation on Luke 7: 11-17 as if coming from the viewpoint of a news reporter)

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC



I arrived at this small town of Nain a few days after a rather startling event had taken place. I was aware that the preacher, Jesus, well-known for various kinds of healing and miracles of driving out devils, had passed through the village a few days before and had caused quite a stir. It seems that a well-known widowed woman of the village had a major disaster happen in her life. Just a week before I arrived, her 16 year old son contracted some kind of deadly disease and died within a few days.

The usual funeral arrangements had been made, but everyone was extremely overcome with grief. As was the custom, her friends washed the corpse, anointed it with perfume and wrapped it in linen, and then carried the body to the tomb. At this point, Jesus the “preacher and miracle worker” happened into the village.

(Here my reporter imagery reverts back to the actual gospel narrative:)

“As he approached the town gate, a dead man was being carried out -- the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, ‘Don’t cry.’ Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, ‘Young man, I say to you, get up!’ The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. ‘A great prophet has appeared among us,’ they said. ‘God has come to help his people.’”

The widow didn’t say a thing. She didn’t ask for help; we aren’t told she had faith in Jesus, that she was a follower of his, or that she had heard about Jesus and his powers. None of the expected requirements for a miracle are here. No, this is a story of human need and misery.

Death isn’t the end for her. For Jesus has entered the scene and sees the need of this silent child of God. He gives life back to her son and even more -- he gives life back to her. Her present distress is removed; she has hope for the future.

The hope this story gives us is that our needs are noticed, even when we don’t have the ability to put them into words or even know what to ask for. The story makes a promise to us: God has not remained aloof or detached from our lives. He sees the situations we are in and is with us to help.

We have hope in Jesus’ resurrection and the power over death he has shown us. Now, with Christ, we are not victimized by death, not covered by its power, nor

12 undone by its insistence. Jesus is our promise of life.

The Cooks Corner

Cheese & Cherry Danish

by The Pallotti House Chef

Here's a delicious recipe that my sister made for the family while we were camping. Imagine our surprise when she presented us with some nice warm Danish for breakfast out in the woods!

If you like something "sweet" to eat, this might satisfy your craving.

Many websites carry similar recipes, all pretty much the same. Here's my combination of two of them. It's easy to make and easier to eat. Try it, you'll like it.

What You Will Need:

For the Danish:

- 1 can Pillsbury biscuits
- 1 can Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 2 - 8 oz. cream cheese (at room temp.)
- 3/4 cup of powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 can cherry pie filling

For Drizzle:

- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- water

Here's What You Do:

- Pre-heat oven to 350 F.
- Grease bottom of 9 x13 inch pan or use non-stick foil.
- Place biscuits on bottom of pan, spread out and press together.
- Mix cheese, vanilla, and sugar.
- Spread mixture over biscuits.
- Top with cherry filling.
- On wax paper, unroll crescent rolls and connect at the seams. Lift from wax paper and lay over cherries.
- Bake for 33 minutes.

When cool, mix ingredients for drizzle (use just enough water to make a thin "runny" frosting), then drizzle over top of Danish with a spoon.



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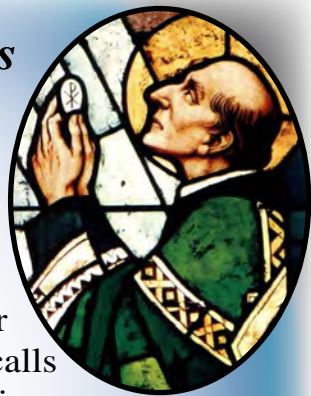
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