



# People of God

*“If we are really animated by the spirit of love, we will always treat all with love, look on all with love, think of all with love and speak of all with love.” - St. Vincent Pallotti*

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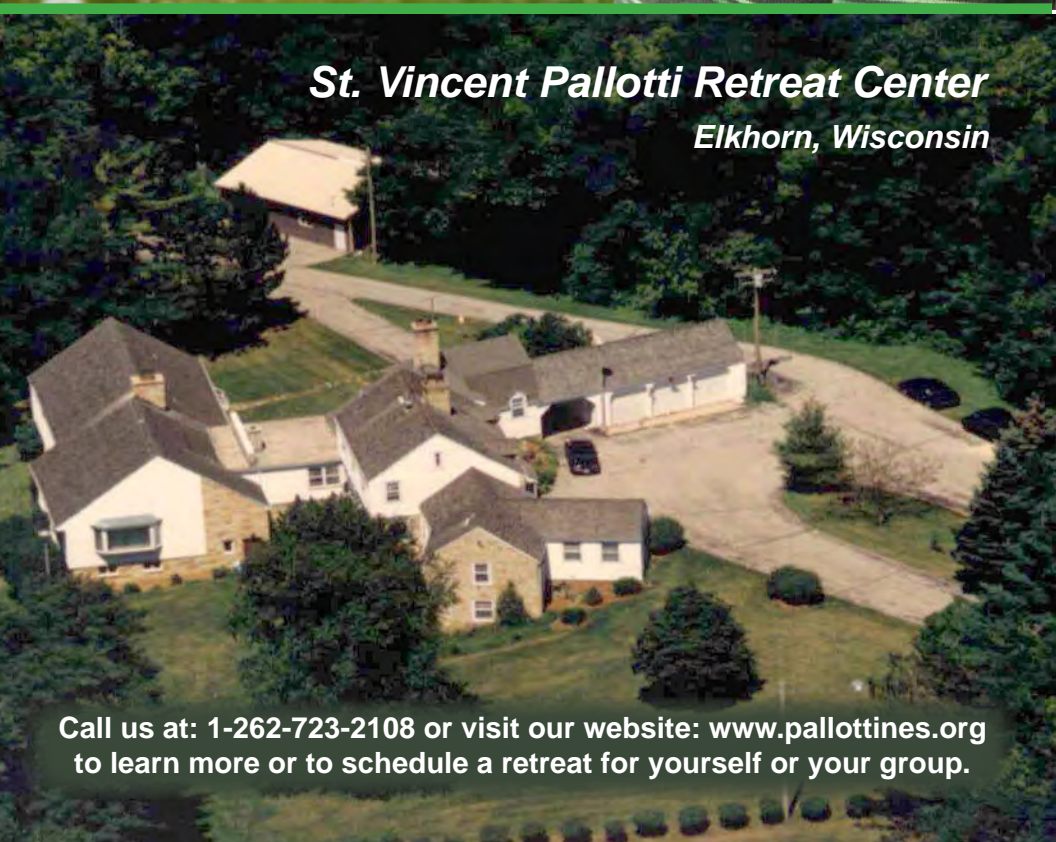
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## Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

It seems that this past summer should be called the "Summer of Important Meetings."

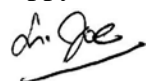
In this issue of our newsletter we want to bring you up-to-date on some of the events that took place at several Pallottine gatherings over the past few months.

We will be traveling to different parts of the globe as we share some of the insights and ideas that came from the Major Superiors meeting in Rome, the International Congress of the UAC that took place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the North American Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey, and other interesting Pallottine meetings of the minds and hearts.

You will also find in this issue some items about our annual summer mission talks across the USA, a wonderful cooking recipe and insights from Fr. Bruce Schute.

I hope you had a very wonderful summer. Time now for the changing leaves and winter snows!

Happy reading,



Fr. Joe Koyickal 3

# UAC INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS MEETS IN BRAZIL, JULY 14 -19

by Fr. Sergio Lizama, SAC

Under the patronage of our Lady, Mary Queen of Apostles, the Third UAC International Congress began in Sao Paulo, Brazil with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the main chapel of Mariápolis Ginetta by the 156 participants from around the world. His Eminence Cardinal Odilo Scherer was the main concelebrant.

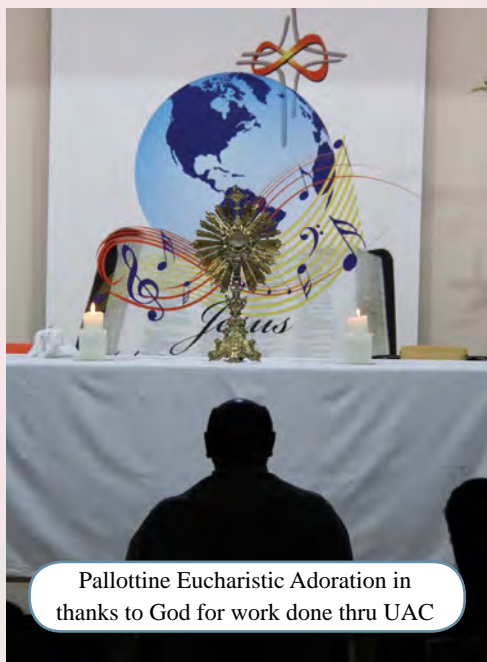
All three General Superiors, namely, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC, Sr. Ivete Garlet CSAC and Sr. Izabela Swierad SAC were present and contributed their share in enrichment of the Congress.

In his opening address Fr. Jacob spoke about how we must be absolutely rooted in God, have the life of Jesus as our only rule of life, be a Cenacle community, be an evangelical trumpet, see ourselves as a group of missionary disciples and be as one Family.

As Mrs. Maria Domke, a retired teacher and past President of the Canadian National Coordinating Council spoke about the “meaning of living a commitment in the UAC,” and other speakers gave moving talks, it became abundantly clear that this gathering of UAC members was going to be a very dynamic, energetic and lively Congress.

Testimonials were given by such participants as Leossandro Adaminiski and Cristilene Nascimento de Sousa Coutinho who spoke on living the Pallottine charism in married life. Those attending were also able to learn in more detail about other UAC groups through seven Power Point presentations from Brazil, Poland, India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Canada and Australia which exhibited the works and activities in process in those countries.

Social gatherings were lively and filled with music and dance. Small group discussion times offered great opportunities for sharing ideas.



Pallottine Eucharistic Adoration in thanks to God for work done thru UAC



Opening Procession with picture of Mary Queen of Apostles

Liturgies, holy hours and prayer sessions were very moving and well-attended.

This was indeed a very productive Congress, in which people from all over the globe, from different countries and speaking many languages, were able to gather together and form a strong bond in the spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti, who so often said that we are all called to be apostles, to revive faith and charity among Catholics and to be missionaries of the Word to the world. Everybody left with hope, enthusiasm and joy. As the theme of this Congress put it so well, “Jesus is a joy ever new, a joy to be shared.”



Cardinal Scherer greeting participants.



Fr. Sergio being introduced at Congress



# International News

## Fr. Joe Koyickal back from Major Superiors Meeting in Rome.



I hope all are well and having a good summer. I came back from the Major Superiors meeting in Rome held earlier in July. It was a very meaningful and fruitful meeting. All 13 provincials and 7 regional superiors were present. That was great! Being able to connect with them all gave us a great sense of togetherness and family spirit.

One of the topics we discussed and shared was “The Experience of Collaborations between different Pallottine entities.” Several groups are enhancing and initiating new collaboration efforts. Two priests from the Nagpur province have come to a parish (two churches) in Rome.

At our conferences other important topics were discussed, such as “The Joy of Pallottine Consecration in the context of the Year of Consecrate life”; “The UAC experiences in the various provinces and regions”; “The Spiritual and Psychological aspects of leadership,” and “Affective Formation - a response to the Crisis of Sexual Abuse of Minors.”

One full day was dedicated to a Pilgrimage: In the footsteps of the saints in Umbria, we visited Fonte Columbo, the Franciscan Sinai where St. Francis wrote the Rule for his order; and Greccio, the place where on Christmas Eve in 1223 Francis made the first crib and the Nativity scene in an alcove of a cave; the parish and village of S. Giorgio Di Cascia, the home of St. Vincent Pallotti's father, Peter Paul Pallotti, and also the homeland of St. Rita. We concluded our meetings with a Mass at St. Vincent's tomb and a dinner at the Generalate. Being in Rome and at this meeting was a great experience for me.

# International News

## *“United as a Family” - the Key to our Missionary Work in Zambia*

There are many things that make a parish function, but when that parish is united and works together as a big family, it is amazing how much more can be accomplished.

Our Holy Family Parish at Mandevo, Lusaka, in Zambia is a good example of such a united family. The people want to learn about God and spread His message to others. Our Masses and liturgical celebrations are unequaled in song, lively participation and enthusiasm. Here we experience so much love and concern for others. For many years now, much of that love has been focused on the over 250 orphaned children who keep coming to our mission. Many have lost their parents due to AIDS and have no other relatives to turn to for help. Because of their want and need we continue our efforts to build a new larger school and



**Holy Family Parish Mandevo, Lusaka, Zambia**



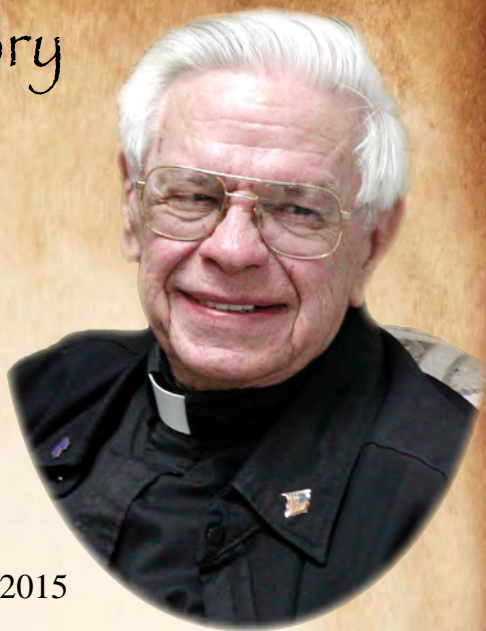
One of many lively and well-attended liturgical celebrations.

shelter for them so that they can grow up in a safe environment and receive a good education that can help them have a brighter future.

Financial gifts from our donors and readers continue to make this project a living reality in process. Many thanks!



In Loving Memory  
of a Faithful  
Priest  
Confrere  
and  
Friend



In the evening hours of July 30, 2015  
our beloved Pallottine confrere,

**Fr. Jerry Hapka, SAC**

passed away at St. Camillus in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For the past several years, he has experienced a slow but steady decline in his ability to remember people and things, and in more recent months saw a rapid deterioration of his physical health. He was 89 years old.

Fr. Jerry filled many roles during his lifetime as a Pallottine as an associate priest at St. Anthony of Padua and St. Therese Parishes in Milwaukee and at parishes in North Dakota, and as Dean of Students at Queen of Apostles Seminary in Madison, WI. For the majority of his years as a priest he was well-known and beloved by many as the hospital chaplain at Milwaukee County Hospital and Froedtert Hospital and part time chaplain at St. Camillus.

Fr. Jerry always seemed to have a broad smile on his face, loved to whistle and made it a point to always bless those with whom he came in contact. May he rest in God's arms. We will miss him.



# From the Provincial

## Thanks to all our friends

It has been over two months already since Fr. Jerry Hapka passed away. I thought we had a beautiful service for him. Thank you to everyone who contributed their share to make it memorable and meaningful.

I was especially touched by the number of people who came to pay tribute to him and to express their appreciation for him. He was indeed a great man with such a simple, joyful and caring spirit. He was a true Pallottine with such a great sense of community and a man committed to the service of God's people. We have much to cherish and learn from him. One thing that often struck me was his childlike ability to forgive and forget. He would get upset with you one minute and the next moment he would welcome you with a warm smile. May we cherish his memory and emulate his beautiful virtues.

On behalf of the Province I would also like to express our great appreciation and thanks especially to our confrere, Fr. Greg Serwa, who took such great care of Fr. Jerry during the time he spent at St. Camillus for the past five years. He blessed him with his loving and caring presence almost every day even at the time when Fr. Jerry was not even able to remember Fr.

Greg's name. I am sure being there made a real difference for Fr. Jerry. Thank you for your gift to him. Thank you also for making all the arrangements for the funeral service, for your kind words for him at the Mass, and for all the luncheon and communications media arrangements you took care of so well.

May Fr. Jerry continue to bless us from heaven (as he so often blessed everyone he met while here on earth!)



Fr. Joe Koyickal



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Joe".

Fr. Joe

## ***Pallottines Gather For Retreat and North American Continental Meeting***

This past July, our Rector General, Fr. Jacob Nam-pudakan, SAC and members belonging to as many as 10 entities around the USA and Canada gathered at St. Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ to participate in one, two or both special events: a retreat and the North American Continental Meeting.

As Fr. Jacob commented in his letter to all Pallottines, “The Retreat was genuinely a ‘Pallottine’ retreat - a holy

retreat - according to the mind of our Founder. Much credit must go to our confrere Fr. Pat Jackson and his associate Mrs. Lorraine McCarthy, both from Australia, who showed the courage to dwell on the spiritual treasures of St. Vincent and interpret them in service of the challenge of new evangelization. I have participated in numerous international meetings in Pallottine circles and I

have to confess that we do not always have the courage to plunge into the deep ocean of the spiritual and mystical journey of Pallotti... in fact, if there was one common longing that could be identified amongst the participants, it was a desire to be more Pallottine in spirit and action!”

Fr. Pat Jackson

The Continental Meeting was a truly international and intercultural gathering. Fr. Jacob again reflects “A spirit of universality is our hallmark, the ideal of cooperation is our uniqueness and our mission is the same as that of Jesus. Believing and living our common destiny, regardless of our manifold difference, will mark the greatness of a Pallottine in the 21st century. On the other hand narrow-mindedness, individualism and cultural prejudices are typically non-Pallottine attitudes. Pallotti was a saint of universalism and infinitism.”



**Crucifix in the chapel  
at the retreat house**

Lorraine McCarthy





# *Mission Talks Across the United States*

## **Our Men on the Move**

Have you seen these men? One or other of them may have visited your parish over the summer to share with you some of the many fascinating stories of our missions in Africa and India.

Each year from May through October Fr. Greg Serwa, SAC, Fr. Leon Martin, SAC, Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC, along with some periodic help from Fr. Jose Eluvanthinal, SAC, make their way across the United States by car or plane to spread the good news about our missionary work in India and Africa in the hopes of raising needed funds to help support the efforts of our men serving in these areas.

Every so often one of our readers will write to us and tell us about the mission talks they heard from one of these men. So far this summer they made their way across Pennsylvania, Illinois, Michigan, Kansas, even California, and their journeys aren't over yet.

They have many wonderful stories to tell about our missionary works. Perhaps your parish will be next on their list of places to visit. They hope to see you soon!



**Fr. Greg**



**Fr. Leon**



**Fr. Joe**



**Fr. Jose**

# ***Holding Tensions: a way of life***

Reflections on an article by Ron Rolheiser: "On carrying Ecclesial Tension"  
Sept. 4, 2005

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC



***This is not going to be easy!***

Where have I heard that before? Probably with most things of importance there is always some effort that is needed.

I want to write about what we all know as tension or simply things that bother us no matter who we are. There are many situations in life that frustrate each of us in our families, at work, and in our communities.

The same can be said to exist in the church. As Ron Rolheiser says, "The Bible does not give us a clear understanding of God, Jesus, church, Eucharist, morality and discipleship. It gives us a series of understandings, some of which almost seem to contradict each other and some of which had the apostles at odds with each other... John's theology of the church and the Eucharist are very different from the Gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke or Paul. In the biblical writings we see many of the tensions and divisions that even divide us today."

There is nothing wrong with having these religious tensions. They have been with us for centuries on many religious matters. Again Ron says, "There can be legitimate reasons to see things differently. There is no principle that says that truth, as it is held in the hearts of sincere

people, should fit together without friction. And there's a reason for this. God by definition is ineffable, beyond grasp, beyond imagination, and it is a given... that our understanding of God (and of all the deep mysteries within life) will of necessity, have a variety of expressions none of them adequate to the reality. All the religious expressions in the world will never give adequate expression to God and to Christ..."

Face it, we all live with tensions, something that we really don't like. We want to get rid of them as quickly as possible. Unfortunately in the process we often cause more frictions between people who can't or don't see each other's point of view.

As Rolheiser adds, "Thus, we need to carry both, the conservative and liberal understanding of things. There's an important place for both authority and conscience: for dogma, for truth's incapacity to be captured in any one formula, and for the demands of church and the demands of individual freedom. The secret is to respect both, refuse to betray either, and then accept the tension that ensues."

I started this article saying, "This is not going to be easy." We don't like tension. Sometimes the only thing we can do about it is to continually reflect on differing points of view so that hopefully we can reach new depths of understanding about any number of topics or issues.



# It's a Wonderful Life!

## Being a Pallottine Brother

by Brother Jim Scarpace. SAC



Borrowing my title from the classic movie “It’s A Wonderful Life,” I truly believe I have been blessed with a wonderful life as a Pallottine brother. Years ago a friend of mine asked me why I became a brother instead of a priest, and I jokingly answered him, “Because I didn’t want to work on weekends like the priests have to.”

But that is not the real reason at all. As I was growing up I felt a calling to live a more spiritual and prayerful life, but I didn’t want to do it alone. The Pallottines offered me the opportunity to live in community with other religious men, to deepen my spiritual and prayer life, and at the same time to be of service to God’s people.

Over the years I have worn many “hats” in my service to others. For a while I was visiting with students in some of the classes at St. Vincent Pallotti grade school and talking to them about our founder. For many years I have been visiting the sick and home bound, praying with them and bringing them communion on First Fridays and at other times during the month. I am currently a member of the Knights of Columbus and I work with the St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish that reaches out to the poor in the Milwaukee area.

Presently my main ministry is serving as the administrator of our largest Pallottine community, Pallotti House. I am in charge of everything: keeping the house running smoothly by making sure the roofs don’t leak, the driveway and grounds are in good repair, purchasing the groceries, paying the bills and making up the community schedules so that everyone knows what’s up and who has Mass and confession help-outs. I am also on our Provincial Council. In this age of priest shortages, the “jobs” I take on free up our priests for meeting the sacramental needs of others. I love my work, my community and am happy to be a Pallottine brother.

If, by chance, you are thinking of becoming a brother, you can receive more information about this lifestyle by writing to our vocation director:

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# The Cooks Corner

## *Swedish Meatballs with Noodles*

by The Pallotti House Chef

Not too long ago I was invited out for a spaghetti and meatball dinner. It was great, but it got me thinking about another meatball dinner I haven't had in ages - Swedish meatballs with noodles.

Well, I got on the phone and asked a few friends if they had such a recipe. Here is one that is simple to make and tastes great. Enjoy!

### What You Will Need:

1½ lbs. ground beef  
½ lb. ground pork  
1 cup Soft bread crumbs (I often take slices of soft bread and run them over a grater on the side with the many small holes. Makes crumbs quickly.)  
2 eggs  
1 small onion finely chopped  
1¼ cups Water

2 jar (12 oz.) savory beef gravy

1 cup Sour Cream

A little salt and pepper (to taste)

Parsley flakes (optional garnish)

1 - bag of fettuccine or wide egg noodles.

### Here's What You Do:

Pre-heat oven to 350 F.

Thoroughly mix meats, eggs, bread crumbs, onion and water together.

Taking small amounts of the mixture make approximately 25-30 small meatballs about 1 to 1½ inches in diameter and place in a medium size dutch oven or covered roasting pan.

In a medium sauce pan, over low to medium heat, stir the gravy and the sour cream together until smooth and creamy.

Pour the gravy mixture over meatballs. Bake in oven for about 90 minutes. Gently move meatballs around about every 30 minutes so that they cook and are coated evenly.

When meatballs are about 15 minutes from being done, prepare noodles by following the directions on the package. When meatballs are done, place them in a casserole dish. Serve over your prepared noodles.





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## ***Holiday Vigil Lights***

Lighting candles is a wonderful holiday tradition. This year join in our Pallottine tradition by lighting a vigil candle for your loved ones. Simple complete and send the form below to us 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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