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The Pallottines

People of God

***“Seek God
and you will find God.
Seek God in all things and
you will find God everywhere.” - St. Vincent Pallotti***

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**Saint
Vincent Pallotti
said that God
calls all people to
be apostles.**



The Pallottines

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a retreat for yourself or your group.

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Editor's Desk

Dear Readers,

Remember that age-old question:
"Is the glass half empty or half full?"

When it comes to the seasons of the year, we have both our optimists and pessimists. Yes, we can look on Fall as the season of wonderful colors or sadly as the end of summer. We can see Winter as a fun time for playing in the snow or as cold and dreary. We're the ones who make the best or worst of these times of the year.

I believe our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, was the eternal optimist as you will read in one of our featured articles. He saw so much more than three kings coming to worship the newborn Savior. For him the Epiphany was the symbol of his larger vision of worldwide missions and a universal Church.

Hopefully you will also see the optimistic spirit of our men as we take on new parish ministries, begin the upgrade on our retreat house, erect a new school building in Zambia and even make Christmas cookies!

I encourage you to be an optimist this Fall and Winter. It's so much better for your health and happiness.
Peace,

Fr. Joe Koyickal 3

We Are In This Together:

Thoughts on the Church's teaching on the Communion of Saints

Every time we begin the rosary or simply recite the Apostles' Creed, we come across the final sentence: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen."

Have you ever wondered what that phrase "**The Communion of Saints**" means? To put it in the simplest of terms - We are not alone. We journey through life together with the saints in heaven, the dead who are passing on to eternal life, and all of the rest of us pilgrims here on earth. These three "groups" form what we call the one great unity of believers. We are the **Communion of Saints**. As we have shared in the same faith in Christ and in the same sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we make up one family in Christ.

Most people, I believe, have no problems seeing the connection between us here on earth and the saints in heaven. I often hear people praying to St. Anthony to help them find a lost article, or to St. Joseph to help them sell their house. We pray to the saints to help us get well or to protect us while we travel. We think of the saints as the "good guys and gals" who listen to our prayers and can "put in a good word for us with God." We feel comfortable asking them to help us.

I even think we have no problem with our fellow Christians here on earth. We believe in the same God, often attend Mass or other services together and sometimes ask our family and friends to pray for us or someone we love who is sick or going through some crisis in life. We know we are not perfect and sometimes we are great sinners, but we feel comfortable enough with each other to ask for spiritual help and forgiveness from each other.

But the one group, those who have died and perhaps haven't quite made it to heaven, sometimes give us a little trouble. From the number of Mass requests that we Pallottines receive to pray for deceased parents, family,

friends and so on, it seems we have a strong belief that our prayers and sacrifices can and do help these departed souls on their journey to heaven, and we are happy and proud to pray on their behalf. But what about asking them to pray for us?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: *“From the earliest days of the Christian religion the Church has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and because it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, she offers her suffrages for them. Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.”* In other words, they too pray for us because we are ALL part of that Communion of Saints.

So, the next time you hear or say those words **“The Communion of Saints”** know that just as we pray to and for others, there are many who are praying on our behalf as well. We are in this together, we are not alone!



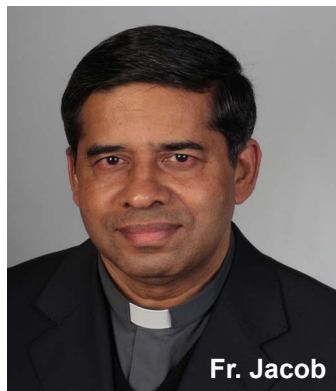
Local News

Province Receives Official Visitation from Rome.

During the last week of July of this year, our Rector General, Fr. Jacob Nampudakan, SAC and one of his consultants, Fr. Denilson Geraldo, SAC came to Milwaukee to meet the members of our province, listen to our concerns. They also visited our Development Office along with the various parishes and houses where our men are stationed.

It was a busy week for them traveling from Elkhorn, St. Lawrence and Sheboygan WI to Racine, Lake Geneva and Kenosha, WI, then crossing the state line to visit our men in Sherman and Auburn IL. As a community we met with them in our “upper room” and had a lively discussion about province concerns and the work of the Pallottines around the world.

We enjoyed their stay with us and are grateful that they came to visit us highlighting our international connection with all Pallottines.



Fr. Jacob



Fr. Denilson



Local News

Pallottines Begin New Ministries



Fr. Sergio Lizama, SAC

It's not uncommon for the Pallottines to accept new assignments in archdioceses and dioceses in which a need arises.

We have been willing to help out and serve God's people here in Wisconsin since 1921 when the first Pallottines came to this part of our country from Europe. We have also helped out in North Dakota and more recently in Illinois and Texas.

This past summer Fr. Joe Dominic, SAC and Fr. Sergio Lizama, SAC have accepted two new ministries, one in east-central and one in southern Wisconsin.

Fr. Sergio is working near the Illinois/Wisconsin border at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Lake Geneva, WI and at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Fontana, WI. During the summer months he will be a very busy priest as both parishes reside within a popular "tourist-vacation" zone in southern Wisconsin.

Fr. Joe Dominic has now taken up residence north of Milwaukee in the Sheboygan Falls/Kohler area near Lake Michigan. He will be working at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church in Sheboygan Falls and St. John Evangelist Catholic Church in Kohler.

Our Pallottine community asks God to bless our men and their new ministries. We extend to them our best wishes and continuing support. May they find fulfillment and joy as they continue to serve God's people in Wisconsin.



Fr. Joe Dominic, SAC

Local News

Setting Goals for Retreat House Improvements.



Side view
of the
Retreat Center
as seen
from the
approaching
driveway.



Partial view
of the
"Great Room"
at our Retreat
Center



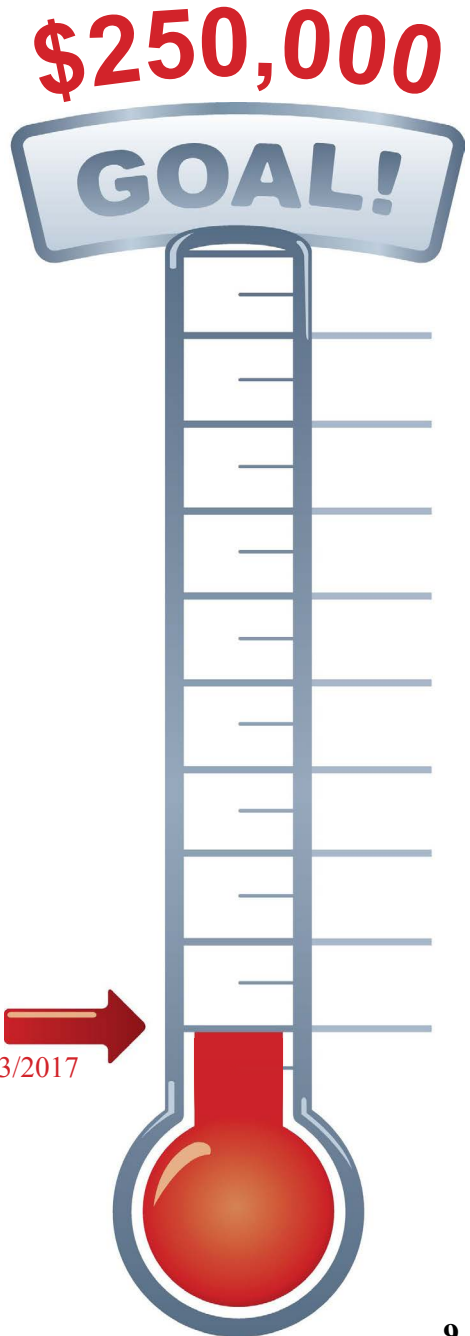
A section
of the
dining room
that we plan
to remodel
and
expand

The Power of Matching Gifts!

Perhaps in your younger days you were one of the lucky boys or girls whose parents offered to help them purchase their first bicycle by matching them dollar for dollar until the total cost of the bike was reached. Such an offer was hard to refuse, and it brought great hope to those sons or daughters with limited income. It spurred them on to save their allowance and even go out and find odd jobs to do around the neighborhood to make their “money pot” grow faster so that sooner rather than later they could buy the bike of their dreams.

As we Pallottines move forward with our renovation project for a new kitchen and dining area at our Pallottine Retreat Center, we are hoping to partner with you, our friends, families benefactors and those who have made retreats at our Center to help us raise enough funds to complete this undertaking without adding more time and costs to the project than necessary.

To this end we would like to offer those willing to help us reach our goal of \$250,000 the incentive of seeing their donations matched dollar for dollar. Together we can make our Retreat Center a more comfortable and inviting place for all who want to spend some quiet time with God.



International News

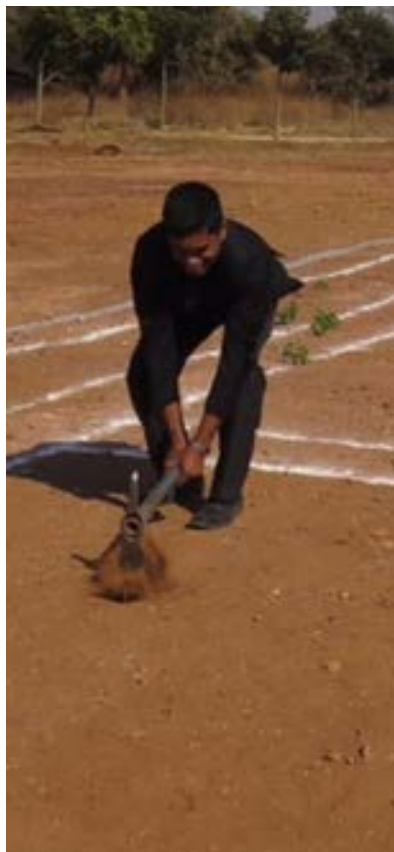
Ground Breaking - the beginning of a better tomorrow!

With the swing of a pickaxe, a new era begins at our Pallottine mission in Zambia as the construction of our new school building gets under way.

The new and more spacious facility will make it possible for us to continue educating more orphaned children by opening doors for them to many educational opportunities they wouldn't receive elsewhere.

It will allow us to improve their physical skills and abilities through athletic competitions and a healthy meal program.

Inside its classroom walls the children will be encouraged to think about and plan for their futures as they participate in such activities as dressing up on Career Day and meeting professionals with jobs they may like.



The Pallottine Fathers, school faculty, students and invited guests attend the ground breaking ceremony which marked the beginning of construction of our new school building in Lusaka, Zambia.

International News

We are convinced that a better education is the key, and is the only way the many orphaned children of Zambia will have a chance for a better future.

Our new school building will be able to offer them a greater range of classes in math, science and the humanities. With this education they can make better choices in their lives and find good jobs, so that they can support themselves and their families.



Career Day and Sports Day make going to school a happy time and better learning experience for our children.

A young girl and boy received prizes for the explaining their dream careers so well.



We express our thanks to our many friends and benefactors who have been supporting our efforts through their prayers and financial contributions. We also thank our members who have been giving mission talks to raise awareness about the needs at our mission. Together we are improving the lives of the orphaned children and adults we serve.



Pallotti and the Celebration of

Thoughts from the book, "St. Vincent Pallotti,

The celebration of the feast of the Epiphany has deep roots in the traditions of the Church stemming from the Gospel accounts of the Coming of the Three Kings to adore the newborn Messiah. Why and how it became such an importance celebration for St. Vincent Pallotti is open to interpretation, but it seems that his mystic union with Christ had a great share in his devotion to this special feast. As a professor at a college in Rome he often participated in this celebration, which at the time was of a more esthetic than a religious event. Pallotti began working to change this situation and to stress the holy and religious aspects of this feast day. His idea of a Universal Apostolate naturally broadened the meaning of the festivity so as to embrace both the home and foreign missions.

Pallotti's Union of the Catholic Apostolate (Clergy and laity working together) always stressed the two-fold function of the missions and of the necessity for rekindling faith and charity at home. His celebration of the whole octave of the Epiphany was to symbolize the universality and oneness of the Church.

Thus it was his wish to have all classes of the secular and regular clergy in Rome as well as the various national colleges represented at the services during Epiphany. The solemnity was to be an assembly of all the peoples of the earth.

His attempt proved to be a complete success in the Eternal City. In a few years Pallotti's Epiphany festivities has won a place among the popular religious celebrations of Rome, and was ushered in on its vigil with the noisy revelry of children marching in bands through the streets.

St Vincent's revised observance of Epiphany took place in 1839 at San Silvestro in Capite and again in San Carlo in 1840. With few exceptions, the feast has been solemnized in accordance with Pallotti's plan every year since 1841. Still, however well St. Vincent's observance of Epiphany flourished in Rome, it did not produce the results he desired in

the Feast of the Epiphany

Apostle and Mystic”

other places. His intention was to have the Epiphany Octave be seen as a special week set aside for the purpose of arousing interest and enthusiasm in both home and foreign mission. As happened quite frequently in his case. Pallotti's desire exceeded the powers of a mere mortal to fulfill.

As for Rome itself, the observance of the feast contributed to a great extent toward arousing an interest in foreign missions, an interest which was particularly lacking among the faithful at that time. It also awakened an interest in Pallotti's Catholic Apostolate.

St. Vincent Pallotti was a man of great vision. He used his celebration of the solemn feast of the Epiphany as an opportunity to enlighten the faithful - clergy and laity alike - to the mission of the Church to be the universal voice of Christ's message of salvation for all people throughout the world.

*Behold, three wise men came
from the East in search
of the newborn King*



The Cooks Corner

Coconut Macaroon Cookies

by The Pallotti House Chef



This was one of my favorite cookies that my mom would make at Christmas time when I was growing up. She would fill up her Lazy Susan with all her wonderful Christmas cookies, and I would have my eye on this one.

Fortunately for me, my brother and sisters didn't like this cookie as much as others, so I had my pick! Delicious!

What You Will Need:

- 14 oz. bag of sweetened shredded coconut
- 3 large or 2 extra-large egg whites at room temperature.
- 1/4 teaspoon of kosher salt or 1/8 teaspoon of non-iodized table salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 14 oz. sweetened condensed milk.
- 2 baking sheets
- parchment paper to line cookie sheets

Here's What You Do:

Pre-heat oven to 325° F.
Line the cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Combine the coconut, vanilla and milk in a large bowl. Set aside.

In a medium bowl, whip with an electric mixer on high speed the egg whites and salt until glossy and medium-firm peaks are made. Fold in the coconut mixture, stirring until evenly combined.

Using a small ice cream scoop or a large spoon, drop batter in mounds (about two tablespoons each) 1 inch apart on the baking sheet.

Baking for 20 - 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool completely and serve.

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Lighting candles is a wonderful holiday tradition. This year join in our Pallottine tradition by lighting a vigil candle for your loved ones. Simply complete, cut off and send this form 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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