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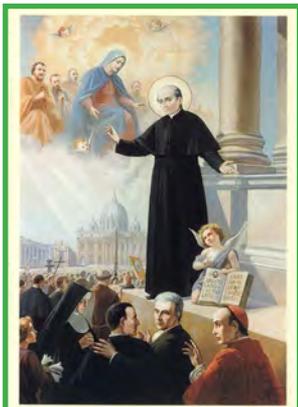
LAITY, RELIGIOUS AND CLERGY LIVING THE VISION OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI



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The Pallottines



Vincent Pallotti was canonized a saint in 1963 by Pope John XXIII. An artistic portrayal from that event.

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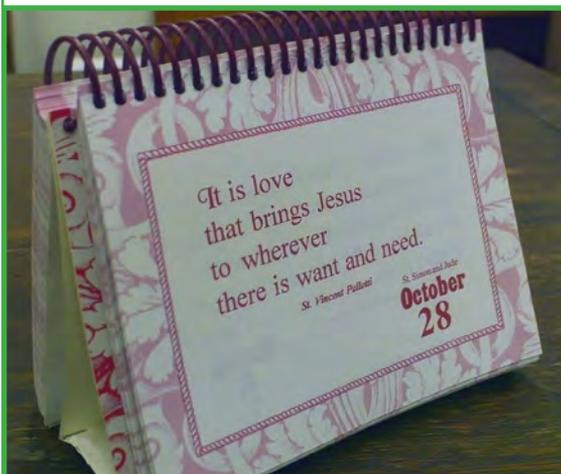
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Finding the God Who Seeks You

Journeying with St. Vincent Pallotti, The Prophet of Communion

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.

Reflection: “Charity Begins at Home”

St. Vincent Pallotti believed that living out concretely a person’s love for the other should be first directed towards those persons with whom he spends his daily life. In other words, the practice of charity must begin at home.

St. Vincent recommended the practice of a mutual, peaceful and reverential love with those with who we live. He asked his followers to be diligent in letting in peaceful, fraternal love within the community. Though members within the community live together all the time, they should not lag behind in respect for one another. On the contrary, there must be mutual reverence, and the attitude of ‘give and take’ must characterize the life of the members within the congregation.

Love must be specifically shown towards those persons who lead and guide the community. Love for them is usually manifested through members’ respectful obedience, recognizing in them the God who speaks, guides, commands and leads. Love of members within the community also implies that each one develops a sensitive attitude towards others. By

one’s thoughts, words and deeds, one does not hurt the other, but attempts to build up mutual understanding and concern for one another.

In his own personal life St. Vincent took special care that he truly lived his charity towards his brothers within the community.

Questions For Reflection

- 1) Do I take care to begin my practice of charity at first towards those with whom I live?
- 2) Do I practice reverential love towards everyone with whom I live?
- 3) Is there an attitude of “give and take” in the community in which I live?

Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Rom. 13:8)

SAINT VINCENT PALLOTTI

HIS FOUNDATION

by *Fr. Leon Martin, SAC*
Provincial, Mother of God Province



On January 20, 2013, the Pallottine family throughout the world will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the canonization of our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti.

St. Vincent was born in Rome, Italy on April 21, 1795, and ordained a priest in Rome on May 18, 1818. He died on January 22, 1850, which is his feast day.

St. Vincent grew up in Rome not far from the Vatican. His parents owned a grocery store and the family lived above it.

During his lifetime there were tremendous changes going on in Italy. The Church was not only a spiritual organization but also a civil government that took care of several areas of Italy called the Papal States. The Holy Father was both a spiritual leader and a civil ruler. In the 1800's the people wanted to unite Italy under one government and separate the Vatican from the government.

Civil affairs were in disorder and then along came the cholera epidemic that decimated the population. The Church too was very divided about what was happening and so the faith of both clergy and the people faltered and weakened.

(Remember that the United States gained its

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independence in 1776. Hence, a change of expectations and attitude toward the Church and society continued to spread throughout Europe and Italy into the 1800's.)

Then St. Vincent felt the inspiration to revive the faith, rekindle charity and to unite all in Jesus Christ.

While the cholera epidemic raged on, St. Vincent gathered priests and laity to marshal their strength to deal with the crisis: bury the dead, set up food lines, create orphanages for children, begin schools and places for adult learning.

These priests and laity who worked with St. Vincent began to organize themselves into a new community called the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC or Pallottines). Their motivation was not whether a person had the status of a priest, brother or lay person, but that all were motivated by the love of God and neighbor. They gathered to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of the people around them. The motto St. Vincent gave them was: The love of Christ urges us on!

When St. Vincent was made Pastor of the Church of the Holy Spirit, he found that the priests there were not very serious about their calling. When it came time for confessions, the priests would often “forget” about it. They were more concerned about their comfort rather than serving the flock. It happened that the priests would often “misplace” the keys so that the Church doors would remain locked, and Fr. Vincent would have difficulties saying Mass or hearing confessions!

St. Vincent Pallotti patiently and courageously set about to return the Church to a more credible practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Visit us on the web at: www.pallottines.org. for more information about St. Vincent and the UAC.

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A Look at the World:

Blessed are the Peacemakers

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Mt. 19:3



The Christmas season is behind us now, but I still hear in my head the beautiful seasonal songs of heavenly peace. It’s satisfying music and maybe we cherish these songs because we don’t sing them year ‘round. They retain a “special”-ness that makes them a treat to hear and sing. Still, we followers of Jesus are called upon to be peacemakers not just at Christmas. Not just at Easter. But always.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.”

If we want to do God’s will, if we want to be children of God, maybe we need to work harder to hear Jesus when we pray so we can put his will ahead of our personal wills.

The word “indifference” doesn’t first sound to me like a virtue, but it’s that virtue that underlies our doing what God wills. This isn’t indifference in the sense of not caring. It’s indifference in the sense of caring intensely about only one thing: doing God’s will. We must be indifferent to everything else.

If my suffering serves God’s salvific purposes, that’s what matters most. If my talents or riches best serve God’s purposes, my will must conform to that of God’s. Doing what God wills is the only way we will find lasting peace in this life.

Jesus knew in the depths of his being that the Father created his crosses. The Prince of Peace became our Savior. He redeemed the people whose struggles and difficulties were brought into the world by sin.

In the Bible the word “shalom,” or peace, refers to human well-being

in all matters that relate to the good of the human person. Instead of merely preventing conflict, we are called upon to promote social justice.

In the beatitude cited above, Jesus tells us that he wants us to be active peacemakers, not simply peace lovers. We become peacemakers when we work actively to bridge differences, heal wounds, eliminate injustice and bring people together.

Jesus came to reconcile all nations and all people to himself. By continuing his work of building the kingdom of God and satisfying its hunger for peace, we can become god-like children of God.

In the political arena, we hear leaders' ideas about peace within their own countries and peace among nations in the world. That's all very important. On a smaller but more fundamental scale, the first order of business for us followers of Jesus is to try to be peacemakers ourselves. It starts in our own social circles of family and friends.

We are called upon to heal wounds, eliminate injustice and bring people together. This is how we build the Kingdom of God. Imagine success.

Fr Bruce Schute



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.

The Building of the New St. Anthony of Padua Church: Part One

Alluding to the other part of the Pius XI equation, namely the fate of the new church for the parish of St. Anthony, the appointment of Fr. Becker as vicar coadjutor was noted. "It is the wish of the Archbishop that construction on the new church begin in the Spring of 1965 and plans are under way at the present to bring this about."

Under Becker's leadership, the entire plan that had been formulated by Fr. DeMaria and originally offered to Pfaller was re-examined and negotiations with the archdiocese commenced for the building of the long-desired church. After consultation, the Pfaller firm was once again re-employed after they had re-submitted their earlier plans with reduced costs and its design for the church accepted. As details continued to be hammered out, permission was given for the acquisition of seven houses, three on 76th Street and four to the north of the grade school on 77th Street, costing nearly \$150,000. Ground was broken for the new edifice on June 8, 1965 at the annual parish picnic. It was a low-key event, minus the presence of either the Pallottine or archdiocesan official. On October 16, 1965, the formal cornerstone laying took place.

As a part of the final settlement of the Pius/St. Anthony issue, Archbishop Cousins addressed the matter of the considerable sums the parish had poured into the Pius XI High School project over the years -- sums rumored to be in the neighborhood of over one million dollars. In negotiations that ended in April 1966, the final terms were announced.

- 1) The parish was permitted to conduct a fund drive "striving for a minimum of \$200,000.
- 2) The parish was permitted to take a loan of not more than \$350,000, adding the proviso: "The loan terms for the indebtedness must be presented to the Chancery for approval before a contract for the loan is signed."
- 3) Most critically, the archdiocese agreed to support the project to a sum not to exceed \$400,000.

The addition of the much needed \$400,000 was a relief to many of the faithful St. Anthony parishioners who had regularly seen their church building savings poured into the ever widening yaw of the high school expenditures, and who had been compelled every Sunday since the 1948 addition to the high school to attend many of



their religious services in the smelly gymnasium of the school.

Construction then proceeded apace on the elegant stone church, which was one of the first in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to reflect the new architectural style of Catholic churches mandated by the reform of the liturgy. Marked by a square belfry that rose one hundred and twenty feet, it was visible from the expressway that shuttled automobiles a few blocks south of the site. Elegant stained-glass with representations of the mysteries of the rosary and portrayals of the life of St. Anthony and St. Vincent Pal-

lotti graced the interior. Its dedication one week before Christmas in 1967 brought to a conclusion many years of promises and frustration.

The building of the church had not been easy on any of the principal parties involved. Inevitable tensions arose between DeMaria and Becker and the need for additional archdiocesan intervention was raised when the question of building a hall and/or catechetical center emerged as the building of the church progressed. Fr. Liebl referred the matter to Cousins inquiring about the continuation of Fr. Becker's status as Vicar-coadjutor.

Next Time: The Building of the New St. Anthony of Padua (Part 2)

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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Our Small Part of the UAC in Milwaukee, WI: Caritas Christi

by Betty Reichertz

Who are we? **Caritas Christi, Mother of God Province** is one of many small groups of lay and religious people in the UAC throughout the world who feel close to St. Vincent Pallotti and his ideals. We met for the first time in February of 1990 and continue to do so. At present we have 2 active members, 3 Home Bound, and 1 collaborator. Six of our members are deceased. We meet monthly. We have our own logo. Our motto is "The love of Christ Urges Us On" which helps us to follow in the footsteps of St. Vincent Pallotti. We read and study Pallottine literature and share this information with our home bound. Father Greg is our Spiritual Director.

When we began to meet in 1990 we had 12 members, we were younger, full of energy. Some of the services from those years were: going to a Nursing Home to play bingo with the clients, helping at the Blind Home, acting as greeters at the Parish, and helping the Christian Formation Committee. As of now we still are very much committed to St. Vincent and continue to do the services we can do.

Most of us are now in our eighties and one turned ninety last year, and are limited in what services we can do. The Home Bound spend time with prayer and meditation for the ill, lonely, needy etc., following in the footsteps of St. Vincent Pallotti. Those of us who can, visit or call on the sick and lonely including our housebound.

Our big annual project each year is to promote **National Service Week**, which entails doing a service project for the community in honor St. Vincent Pallotti's birthday (April 21). We celebrate this day with many other people throughout the U.S.

We also plan a road trip each year to various locations and shrines in the United States. In May of 2012 we went to New Orleans. (Had a wonderful time there.) We are now in the mist of taking reservations to Ottawa and the Thousand Islands in June of 2013. This is a way to raise money to help pay our expenses as a group and to help others who are in need.

St. Vincent Pallotti Church on Bluemound Road and follow that hour with a short social. We also have Adoration once a week and make an Apostolic Commitment each year and promise to carry on the vision of our patron saint to revive faith and enkindle love.

In July, 2012 I was on the National Congress Committee and reported plans back to the members to let them know what was happening and asked for their suggestions. Rosemary Priess and I helped with putting together materials and with registration at Marquette University where the Congress was held.

I have grown and been inspired by meeting, working and praying together with the UAC. The most important thing for me was to find out how I could help promote St. Vincent Pallotti's vision in my own life and others. I discovered I have been fulfilling his calling to the laity through my work at school, church, Marriage Encounter and home.

As we began to grow smaller we asked ourselves what will happen to the UAC in Milwaukee and one day our prayers were answered. We now not only have one UAC group, but two to continue our work to promote St. Vincent's charism and to make a difference in our parish and community. If you would like to know more about the Union of the Catholic Apostolate and St. Vincent Pallotti call me at (414) 258-4117.



Caritas Christi Members (center) with members of the Pallottine Fathers & Brothers of the Mother of God Province

Ask Father: *Some Ideas to Think* *About Concerning the* *Anointing of the Sick*

excerpts from an article by
Fr. Thomas Busch

Since the Second Vatican Council, Catholics have been taught that whoever is seriously ill or is about to undergo serious surgery or is in danger due to an accident or has reached an advanced age can all be anointed --- and that you can be anointed more than once in life.

And yet a good portion of elderly Catholics today still think of the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick as the “Last Rites,” and will say things like, “Oh no Father, I’m not ready for that yet!” In fact over the years of visiting hospitals, I’ve even had Catholics who have looked at me in fear and told me not to enter their room!

Now think about it. You’ve heard the Gospel stories about Jesus curing the lame, the deaf, the blind, and the sick. Did He cure them just so they could die the same day? Of course not! A Sacrament is meant to continue the work of Jesus. For instance, Confession is Jesus forgiving you; Marriage is Christ uniting you. The Anointing of the Sick carries out Christ’s intention and desire to heal you.

This healing can be in one of two ways, or both. Depending on the will of God, the Anointing can



bring about God’s blessing (including outright cures) of your physical being. Secondly, and never to be understated, is the spiritual healing of the soul that can take place that helps drive away fear and gives the sick or elderly person the strength to persevere in whatever circumstance he or she is. And yes, that spiritual strength may just be the courage they need to die in peace and confidence.

But the fact is, the Second Vatican Council closed 50 years ago, and still there are Catholics who seem unwilling to trust the Pope, their Bishops and their priests about this Sacrament, waiting instead for the “last minute” when, by the power of Christ the Anointing can be a much more profound help rather than some “final push out the door.”

So please, never be one to refuse this wonderful sacrament -- The Anointing of the Sick.

Have a question? Write to:
Ask Father
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Beef Burgundy

(for all you meat-lovers!)

by The Pallotti House Chef

Here's another wonderful recipe I gleaned from my old cookbook that I purchased at Pius XI High School back in the 1980s. This time around we have Margaret Bartness to thank for this simple yet very tasty treat. Try it on your family or friends soon!

Here's What You'll Need:

- 4 lbs. round steak, cubed
- 1 cup red burgundy wine
- 2 cans cream of celery soup, undiluted
- 4 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 envelope onion soup mix

Here's What To Do:



Marinate the meat in the wine for ½ hour at room temperature.

In a 5 quart casserole, mix the remaining ingredients and add the meat and wine mixture. Bake at 300 degrees F. for 3½ hours.

You can serve this dish with mashed potatoes, noodles or rice. Your choice! Delicious!

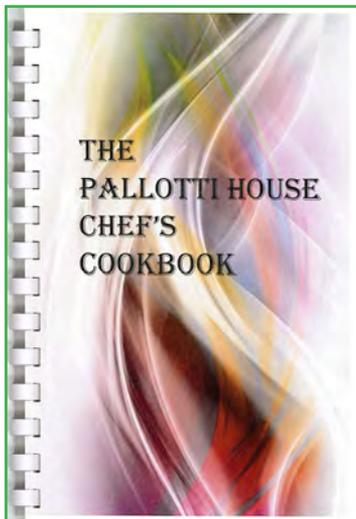
Serves 8.

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