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*There is a Time  
for everything ...*

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**The Pallottines**

# *A Great Day Has Come!*

*Fr. Sergio Lizama, SAC enters the Priesthood of Jesus Christ*

by the Editorial Staff

On May 27, 2006 at 11:00 in the morning a solemn procession made its way down the main aisle of St. Vincent Pallotti Church (west site) to the music and words from the song "Holy God We Praise Thy Name". Parishioners, the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers of the Mother of God Province, friends and family were privileged to participate in a special liturgy, the ordination liturgy of a new priest. Deacon Sergio Lizama, SAC was to become Father Sergio Lizama, SAC.

What a wonderful event! Since most of the ordination liturgies in the Milwau-

kee Archdiocese take place at the Cathedral, it's rare that the ordinary lay person has the opportunity to see an actual ordination ceremony and witness the many rituals and special prayers which take place during that time.

St. Vincent Pallotti Parish was indeed blessed to have Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan officiate at Sergio's ordination. The Archbishop's warmth and charm always say "Welcome" to those who gather together to pray. This occasion was no exception. The many priests who concelebrated at the liturgy, the deacon and lay ministers who assisted at the Mass,

the choir and organist who provided the music for the Mass, the Knights of Columbus who acted as the honor guard, and the many lay people who witnessed the ceremony all added to the warmth, joy and solemnity that surrounded this event.

After the blessing of those gathered with holy water, the opening prayer and the readings, a very special ritual unfolded during the actual ordination rite. The unbroken connection between the early apostles and ministers of the Church was reenacted when Archbishop Dolan laid his hands upon Sergio's head with great dignity and invited his fellow concelebrants at the Mass to do



**Fr. Sergio raising the chalice at his first Mass.**

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# *Life with Brother Jim*

**"A Man of Many Hats" written by Barb Jeske for the St. Vincent Pallotti Parish newsletter "Soundings" Mar-Apr. 2006**

Brother Jim Scarpace, our parish minister to the sick and homebound, was born and raised in the Milwaukee area. He was a long-time member of St. Veronica Parish and a graduate of Bay View High School. Following high school, he completed two years of post-secondary education and then worked for 14 years as the lead man in the shipping department of a local industrial distributor.

As a young man, Br. Jim felt called to the religious life and that call persisted. As a result, he decided to talk with his pastor at St. Veronica's, who subsequently referred him to the Pallottines. After a time of consultation and discernment with the Pallottines, Br. Jim realized that his call to religious life was genuine and would fit well with St. Vincent Pallotti's vision of priests, religious and laity working together to serve God's kingdom here on earth. In 1995, he joined the Pallottines and in 2001 made his final profession, his promise of a lifelong commitment to serve the Lord as a Pallottine brother.

For several years now, Br. Jim has been ministering to the sick and homebound as a parish staff member. He believes that his interest in this ministry began when he used to bring Communion to his grandmother many years ago. Typically, he visits 40-45 people each month who are confined to three group homes for the elderly, various nursing homes, hospitals or private residences. His visits include First Friday visits to several parish members who have a special devotion



**Br. Jim visits Mr. Gordy Gantz at home**

to the Sacred Heart.

When visiting the sick and homebound, he brings Communion, offers prayers and provides a "listening ear." He also shares his faith by leading a rosary group each week at Hawthorne Terrace Apartments and by meeting weekly with

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# Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical

## "Deus Caritas Est"

by the Editorial Staff

It is certainly no secret that when a Pope writes an encyclical, the media will make sure that the whole world knows that he did so. The problem, however, is that just because we know that he wrote one doesn't necessarily mean that we will rush out to pick up a copy and read it.

Over the next several issues of our newsletter, we Pallottines would like to share with you this new encyclical on love in an effort to give you the opportunity to actually know what Pope Benedict is saying. We will present excerpts from a Vatican translation of the encyclical copyright © 2005 by the Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

**1 "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him"** (1 Jn. 4:16).

These words from the First letter of John express with remarkable clarity the heart of the Christian faith "the Christian image of God and the resulting image of mankind and its destiny. In the same verse, St. John also offers a kind of summary of the Christian life" "We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us."

*We have come to believe in God's love:* In these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life. Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction. St. John's Gospel describes that event in these words "God so loved the

world that he gave his only Son. That whoever believes in him should...have eternal life" (3:16).

In acknowledging the centrality of love, Christian faith has retained the core of Israel's faith while at the same time giving it new depth and breadth. The pious Jew prayed daily the words of the Book of Deuteronomy which expressed the heart of his existence: Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might." (6:4-5)

Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbor found in the Book of Leviticus: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself (19:18; cf. Mk. 12:29-31). Since God has first loved us (cf. 1 Jn. 4:10), love is now no longer a mere "command"; it is the response to the gift of

love with which God draws near to us.

In a world where the name of God is sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant. For this reason, I wish in my first encyclical to speak of the love which God lavishes upon us and which we in turn must share with others. That, in essence, is what the two main parts of the letter are about, and they are profoundly interconnected.

The first part is more speculative since I wanted here -- at the beginning of my pontificate -- to clarify some essential facts concerning the love which God mysteriously and gratuitously offers to man, together with the intrinsic link between

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# ***Finding the God Who Seeks You***

## **Journeying with St. Vincent Pallotti, The Prophet of Communion**

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

### **Reflection One: Mary the Mother of Jesus.**

St. Vincent Pallotti says: Faith teaches me that our Lord Jesus Christ is my firstborn brother, and since the most Blessed Mary is the real mother of Jesus Christ, she is also my mother. Oh, how blessed I am.

For St. Vincent Pallotti, the annunciation scene brings the motherhood of Mary to light. Mary accepting the words of the angel Gabriel gives herself to the task of being the mother of Jesus. Being the mother of Jesus, who is divine, confirms the fact of her special position above all creatures. Though it is a privilege specially given to Mary, it also implies many responsibilities. Mary has to accept a way of life, which involves great sacrifices. She helps Jesus grow up into a mature man, giving Him all the care and love a mother needs to give. She is at His side all the years of His private life at home. When it is time for Him to accomplish God's plans through His public ministry, she has to let her Son go, and watch from the background all that is happening to Him, giving Him a helping hand, whenever it is needed. At the end of His public ministry, she accepts God's plan for her Son to die on the cross, and witnesses the event of His crucifixion at Mount Calvary. She generously offers to suffer with her Son. Simeon's prophecy, at the presentation of Jesus in the Temple,

that a sword will pierce her soul, does come true. Thus Mary, in accepting to be the mother of Jesus, not only accepts the privileges associated with it, but also its hardships and difficulties.

### **Questions for our reflection:**

Do I acknowledge Mary as the mother of Jesus? Do I have the readiness of Mary to accept God's will in my life? Do I accept the responsibilities of my vocation? Am I, like Mary, ready to accept the privileges as well as the hardships of my vocation in life?

*The angel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus." (Lk. 1:30-31)*





# *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.

## **Question #18: What was going on in the Mother of God Province: 1946-1962 (Part I)**

As the application for Province status worked its way through channels in the Generalate, the Regional Council in their meeting of April 29 - May 2, 1946, officially convoked the Regional Chapter determining the date for October 9, 1946, at Holy Cross. In his letter to the members announcing the event Boenki laid out the agenda, "To ascertain by what means spiritual fervor may be fostered and restored: To give decisions regarding the more important affairs of the region." These "important affairs" included the building of the seminary in Madison, Wisconsin on the Friday property: a discussion which Apostolic fields were to be engaged in: the election of one delegate to the General Chapter and his substitute: to treat of matters that should be proposed to the General Chapter. Boenki also put in the contingency, "The General Council intends to erect several new regions and to raise the Swiss and North American Region to the status of a Province. If this decision is made before our Regional Chapter, two delegates and two substitutes will be elected for the General Chapter."

Less than two weeks after the letter was sent, the Milwaukee Pallottines learned that their region was now formally a Province. Eight Pallottines assembled at Holy Cross on the afternoon of October 9, 1946, to commence their first official deliberations as a Province and to elect delegates to the General Chapter which was slated to begin in Rome in the Spring of 1947. Reports were heard from the various houses regarding the state of religious life, and

current needs. Only one report, that by novice master Adolph Goldschmidt, sounded a negative note, and this was related to his concerns about the formation of future Pallottines.

On the brighter side, the Province's financial picture was considerably improved since the regional chapter held nine years earlier. Virtually all the houses were self-sustaining and, with the exception of St. Anthony's Parish, had reduced the horrendous indebtedness considerably. In fact, each of the houses of the Province was able to send contributions to the general treasury leaving a substantial investment income of \$46,000, which was sunk in war bonds, and another \$57,000 in real estate. The added income was in large measure due to the additional priests available to accept Mass stipends and help-out pay -- factors indispensable for the economic self-sufficiency of the Novitiate, the house of studies, as well as the parishes. Indeed, at the time of the chapter the Province now had thirty-two priests and eight brothers, eleven professed clerics and seven clerical novices. Twenty-two students attended the Pallottine College (this included the day students that had been taken in at Archbishop Kiley's suggestion.) The expansion dreamed of by Laqua in the 1920s was now becoming a reality, especially in North Dakota where Bishop Aloysius Muench was anxious to turn over more responsibilities to the community, and of course in Canada, which had been negotiated only the year before. The future was very much on the mind of the eight

Capitulars and that concern distilled itself around the decision regarding the new seminary to be built at Madison.

Two problems concerning the new seminary required resolution at the meeting: when should the building begin and what would the character of the new institution be: exclusively a seminary or a seminary and a day school, such as that developed at Holy Cross. A lengthy discussion of all the pros and cons of both issues ensued. The ultimate decision to build was deferred until the national conditions such as materials shortages improved, the numbers of priests available for service on the faculty increased (a good prospect with eleven clerical novices in the pipeline), and the suggestion of the new bishop of Madison, William O' Connor, gave the green light. At the same time, the chapter empaneled a planning committee that would formulate building plans for the Provincial Council. It was determined that only one building would be erected, with the possibility of later expansion. At the motion of Fr. Joseph Dennert, the proposal to create a combined seminary and day school was carried. However, this decision was never implemented...

From the seminary decision, clearly the central move of the chapter, all other decisions flowed. For example tentative dis-

cussions to close the Jessup Novitiate in favor of a new sight were put on hold because a new facility would cost money and the property's gravel pits had the potential of bringing additional cash to the seminary project. The decision to build the seminary also stimulated the creation of plans to use the facilities of the Pallottine College at Holy Cross as a retreat

house. Even the acceptance of future Apostolic endeavors by the Province in such places as North Dakota or even expansion in Canada were now subject to the needs of the seminary... The Province elected Joseph DeMaria and Augustine Bogdanski as delegates to the General Chapter... At the Chapter it was an-

nounced that permission had been granted to reassume the original name of the Pallottines: Society of the Catholic Apostolate with the identifying initials of "S.A.C.", and so the letters "P.S.M." (Pious Society of Missions) were dropped...

In the period 1946 to 1962, four men would lead the Milwaukee Pallottines: Otto Boenki (1946-1947), Joseph DeMaria (1947-1950); Joseph Haas (1950-1956) and Marcel La Joie (1956-1962). These administrations provide the organizational framework for the events of this period.

### **Next Time: What was going on in the Mother of God Province: 1946-1962 (Part II)**

*If you want to learn more about the Pallottines of the Mother of God Province on your own, the book **Like an Evangelical Trumpet** is now available in a 335 page soft-cover edition, complete with 33 pages of nostalgic pictures and photographs, for the price of \$19.95 plus \$3.50 postage and handling. To receive your copy, send your name, address and payment to:*

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# Ask Father

## What's in a Name?



Dear Father,

I would like to know the various reasons for clergy titles. What is the difference to Father, Reverend, Very Reverend, Most Reverend, Monsignor, etc?

Signed,  
Richard R.

Dear Richard,

Your question bring to mind that famous scene in Shakespear's **Romeo and Juliet** in which Juliet wonders about the significance in a name. She says to herself, "A rose by any other name would still smell as sweet...."

Names, titles, initials before and after a person's name are used in many ways in all walks of life, even the priesthood. A title can be a way to honor a person for some scholastic achievement (e.g. Professor, PhD.), or level of excellence in a physical skill or ability (e.g. Doctor, Master). Names can indicate a person's importance in a chain of command (e.g. Captain, General). Titles can be a good thing in the sense that, without knowing the person standing before us, we can still gather some information about who they are or what they do simply by knowing their titles. For example, if you walk into an emergency room with a broken arm, you would most likely seek help from the stranger who has "Dr." in front of his/her name than from the person with "Trainee" in front of his/hers.

Titles can also be a bad thing in the sense that some people are more interested in having titles and the powers associated with them than in living up to all that their

titles are supposed to represent. In such cases, you might be duped by a title.

The different churches and religions often use titles to identify and honor their leaders, scholars and important people. In religious circles a title like "Father" simply indicates that a person is an ordained minister. Catholics use "Father" very often to address their priests. Other faiths have the custom of saying, "Pastor", "Parson", "Reverend", "Minister". So...sometimes titles can clue you in about the "minister's" background as Catholic, Baptist, Lutheran, Anglican, etc.

The other titles you mention (and others you didn't, e.g. Your Eminence, Your Holiness) are just simple ways to indicate that a person holds ever increasing positions of authority or influence in the Church all the way up through bishops, archbishops, cardinals and popes.

Let me end by saying this: titles can give you a "quick" idea about a person, but hopefully how that person interacts with and treats others will tell you far more. Remember, "A rose by any other name will smell as sweet" (or offensive).

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# *Chocolate Cherry Cake: A little surprise inside!*

*by The Pallotti House Chef*

Lately I have been receiving letters from our readers telling me how much they like the recipes that I print in our newsletter. And.... every so often one of you will send me one of your family favorites.

This time my featured recipe comes from Mrs. Benny Rodriquez. When I looked it over, it sounded delicious, so I tried it out on my family. I must say that it is very easy to make, has great eye appeal when frosted (I chose the option of making the cake in two 9 inch pans to create the two layer cake) and tastes wonderful. I especially liked the frosting with the marshmallows in it. I'm sure you will love this one. So... here goes:

## What You Will Need:

### **For the Cake:**

- 1 box dark chocolate or devil's food cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 3/4th cup of water
- 1/4th cup vegetable oil
- 1 can cherry pie filling mix.

### **For the Frosting:**

- 12 - large marshmallows
- 3 squares baker's chocolate
- 1/4th cup water
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter (I prefer butter.)
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla



## Here Is What You Do:

Combine cake mix with eggs, water and oil. Beat well. (The mix will be thick!) Fold in the cherry pie filling. (This will help thin the mixture.) Pour mixture into a greased and floured 9 x 13 pan or into two 9 inch round baking pans. Bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

Cake is done when toothpick inserted in middle come out clean.

Remove from oven and let cool. When cooled, make the frosting: Melt the marshmallows, chocolate squares, water and butter (margarine) in a double boiler. Add sugar and vanilla. Mix until frosting is of spreadable consistency. (To make frosting more spreadable add a very small amount of water [1 tablespoon] and stir in. Repeat if necessary.)

Frost cake if using 9 x 13 pan, or spread some frosting on one layer, place second layer on top and frost cake if using the two 9 inch pans. (I put some marischio cherries on top of the cake to fancy things up!) Enjoy! Enjoy!

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## **Fr. Sergio's Ordination** (continued from page 2)

likewise. To many people this action may seem insignificant, but it is truly an impressive ritual to witness.

The beauty of the ordination ceremony continued as other rich symbols and rites were performed, included the anointing of Sergio's hands with holy chrism, his vesting with stole and chasuble, and the handing of bread and wine to Sergio as a sign of his role as presider at Eucharistic liturgies.

It was easy to see from the applause of the congregation how happy everyone was that Sergio had finally become a priest in the service of the Lord.

During the ordination Mass Fr. Sergio symbolically lit a candle given to him by Pope John Paul II back in 1984. The Pope had told him to: "Let your light shine before others...." This day Fr.



**Fr. Sergio poses for pictures with Archbishop Timothy Dolan after the ordination Mass.**

Sergio wanted to show he was doing just that."

After the Mass Fr. Sergio gave his first priestly blessing to all those present. This is an unforgettable moment in the life of every priest. Of course, the services are never quite finished until everyone has had the opportunity to take pictures. It was great to see how happy and accommodating Archbishop Dolan and Fr. Sergio were toward all who flashed their cameras at them. Face it, in this day and age, people are going to pull out those video recorders and cameras whenever and wherever they can. It's unavoidable!

After the liturgy Sergio's friends, and family, the ministers and parishioners were all invited to the Parish Center for refreshments and sharing.

On the next day, Sunday May 28th, Fr. Sergio celebrated his first Mass in the parish church at the 10 a.m. service.



**Fr. Sergio lights and carries the special candle given to him by Pope John Paul II**

## ***Pope Benedict's 1st Encyclical***

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that love and the reality of human love. The second part is more concrete since it treats the ecclesial exercise of the commandment of love of neighbor. The argument has vast implications, but a lengthy treatment would be beyond the scope of the present encyclical. I wish to emphasize some basic elements so as to call forth in the world renewed energy and commitment in the human response to God's love.

### **I. Unity of Love in Creation And in Salvation History**

*A Problem of Language*

2. God's love for us is fundamental for our lives, and it raises important questions about who God is and who we are. In considering this, we immediately find ourselves hampered by a problem of language. Today, the term "love" has become one of the most frequently used and misused of words, a word to which we attach quite different meanings. Even though this encyclical will deal primarily with the understanding and practice of love in sacred Scripture and in the church's traditions, we cannot simply prescind from the meaning of the word in the different cultures and in present-day usage.

Let us first of all bring to mind the vast semantic range of the word "love". We speak of love of country, love of one's profession, love between friends, love of work, love between parents and children, love between family members, love of neighbor and love of God. Amid this multiplicity of meanings, however, one in particular stands out: love between man and woman, where body and soul are inseparably joined and human beings glimpse an apparently irresistible promise of happiness. This would seem to be the very epitome of love; all other kinds of love

immediately seem to fade in comparison. So we need to ask, "Are all these forms of love basically one, so that love, in its many and varied manifestations, is ultimately a single reality or are we merely using the same word to designate totally different realities?"

*"Eros" and "Agape" Difference and Unity*

3. That love between man and woman which is neither planned nor willed but somehow imposes itself upon human beings was called Eros by the ancient Greeks. Let us note straight away that the Greek Old Testament uses the word Eros only twice, while the New Testament does not use it at all: of the three Greek words for love, Eros, Philia (the love of friendship) and Agape, New Testament writers prefer the last, which occurs rather infrequently in Greek usage. As for the term Philia, the love of friendship, it is used with added depth of meaning in St. John's Gospel in order to express the relationship between Jesus and his disciples.

The tendency to avoid the word Eros, together with the new vision of love expressed through the word Agape, clearly point to something new and distinct about the Christian understanding of love. In the critique of Christianity which began with the Enlightenment and grew progressively more radical, this new element was seen as something thoroughly negative. According to Friedrich Nietzsche, Christianity had poisoned Eros, which for its part, while not completely succumbing, gradually degenerated into vice. Here the German philosopher was expressing a widely held perception: Doesn't the church, with all her commandments and prohibitions, turn to bitterness the most precious thing in life? Doesn't she blow the whistle just when the joy which is the Creator's gift offers us a happiness which is itself a certain foretaste of the diving.

(Next issue: more of the Encyclical)

## Life With Brother Jim

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the K-4 through Grade 3 parish school children to talk about issues of faith such as the importance of prayer and attending weekend liturgy. Br. Jim is also a member of our St. Vincent de Paul conference, serving as Spiritual Advisor. He leads the monthly meditation and discussion.

In addition to his parish duties, Br. Jim is the administrator and treasurer of Pallotti House, a consultant for the Pallottine Provincial Council and assists with vocation work for the Pallottines. When he is not wearing one of his "many hats" Br. Jim enjoys visiting his mother and other relatives, doing a little gardening, and watching Packer games. In order to stay healthy and energized for all of his roles/activities, he tries to exercise at a health club several times a week.

Br. Jim says he truly enjoys his work with the sick and homebound and wants you to know that you can call him at (414) 258-0653 ext. 165 if you know of any parishioner who is sick or homebound and might want a visit. He is always willing to share his faith and offer encouragement to those in need.



Bro. Jim reads at Mass in house chapel

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# Is God Calling You to the Religious Life?

**Write to us, and see what the Pallottines have to offer you.**

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## *I fish, therefore I am!*

A message from the Provincial

These summer days offer plenty of opportunities for fishing. While some people may take this sport to the extreme, others are satisfied for the yearly fishing getaway or a day here and there.

It seems as Pallottines, we are always fishing. We're looking for people and projects that will help to revive the faith and charity of believers. We're looking for men who desire to follow Christ in a special way through a community of priests and brothers committed to bringing a spirit of collaboration to all the Church.

As you can see elsewhere in this newsletter we are happy to have had Fr. Sergio Lizama ordained on May 27 by Archbishop Dolan. Fr. Sergio is now assigned to helping at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish here in Milwaukee.

It's no secret that the promotion of vocations is a difficult undertaking. In our province, Bro. James Scarpace and Jeff Montoya are heading this effort. For whatever reason, the call of priesthood or consecrated life is at very low levels especially in North America, Europe and Australia - the so called first world countries! It seems as though the richer we are economically, the poorer we are in our de-

pendence upon God. Or does the Lord of the harvest have something else in mind?

The General Secretariat for Formation invited representatives from the developing nations to come to the Pallottine College in Thurles Ireland to share our experiences and to encourage one another in the vocation promotion efforts. We have one message in this regard from our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, in his farewell words: "The Society will develop and be blessed by God. You will see. I tell you this not simply because I trust that it will happen, but because I am certain of it."

We can't forget that the ministry of Vocation promotion is always one of helping interested individuals make good decisions about their lives. Sometimes this means helping a person find another community to which there is a greater suitability. St. Vincent was well-aware of how the gifts and talents of people could always be used to promote the Kingdom of God. Not spectators, but active players in the faith was something he saw that all Christians are called to be.

Where the Church in the developed world is coming to is not for us to know. All that we can do is be faithful in calling forth vocations to priesthood, consecrated life, marriage and the single life. The Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus will continue to guide our efforts in the vocation ministry of the Church.

The few days of the meeting were soon over, but the connection of faith remains: Throw the net out to the starboard and you will find something." (John 21:6)

Have a great summer fishing!

Peace,

*Fr. Leo Martin, SAC.*

**"READINESS TO  
DO GOOD TO SOME-  
ONE WHO HATES US  
IS A CHARACTERISTIC  
OF PERFECT LOVE  
ALONE."**

Maximus the Confessor

***Pallottine Gift Memorials: (continued from page 10)***

Roger Van Briesen

Birthday:

**Walter B. Jakubowski**

Doris Jakubowski

Christmas

**Florence Boser**

Mike & Jenny Gorgen

**Joseph Canizaro**

Norbert Courcelle

Friendship

**Nancy Reiland**

Gertrude Yunck

Good Health

**Pat Apostoloff**

Monica & Jeff Johnson

**Lora Resenbaum**

Beatrice Kmiec

Healthy New Year

**Mary & Isidore Pecoraro**

Mary G. Winard

Holiday Wishes

**Carmen Torres Aguior**

Rafael Aponte

Kindness & Love

**JoAnn Lipp**

Jeanette Schwarz

**Claire & Rosemary Martin**

Marie Schoewe

Love

**Bernice McClain**

Basil Givens

**Mukoso B. Okoye**

Nene Okwuje

Mother's Day

**Lorraine Nolan**

Angela Carbone

Project

**Fr. Paddy Mocher**

Celeste Liladnier

Promotion

**John Ruloph**

John Ruloph Jr

Wedding

**Jake & Gina Busch**

Donald Purtell

***Keeping Vigil During the Summer***



Summer is the time for packing up the kids, locking the house and heading for "the hills". We dream of the perfect vacation free from worry and problems. Why not include God in your plans this year and ask Him to watch over you while you are away? Just complete this slip and send it to us in the envelope included in this newsletter, and we Pallottines will light a 7 day vigil light for you at the statue of St. Joseph in our house chapel and ask God to protect you as you travel this summer.

Please light a 7 day vigil light for the following intention:

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**(circle a month & a Monday)**

June 05 12 19 26  
 July 03 10 17 24 31  
 Aug 07 14 21 28  
 Sept 04 11 18 25  
 Oct 02 09 16 23 30

I would like to make an offering of \$3 5 7 10 12 15 Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

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