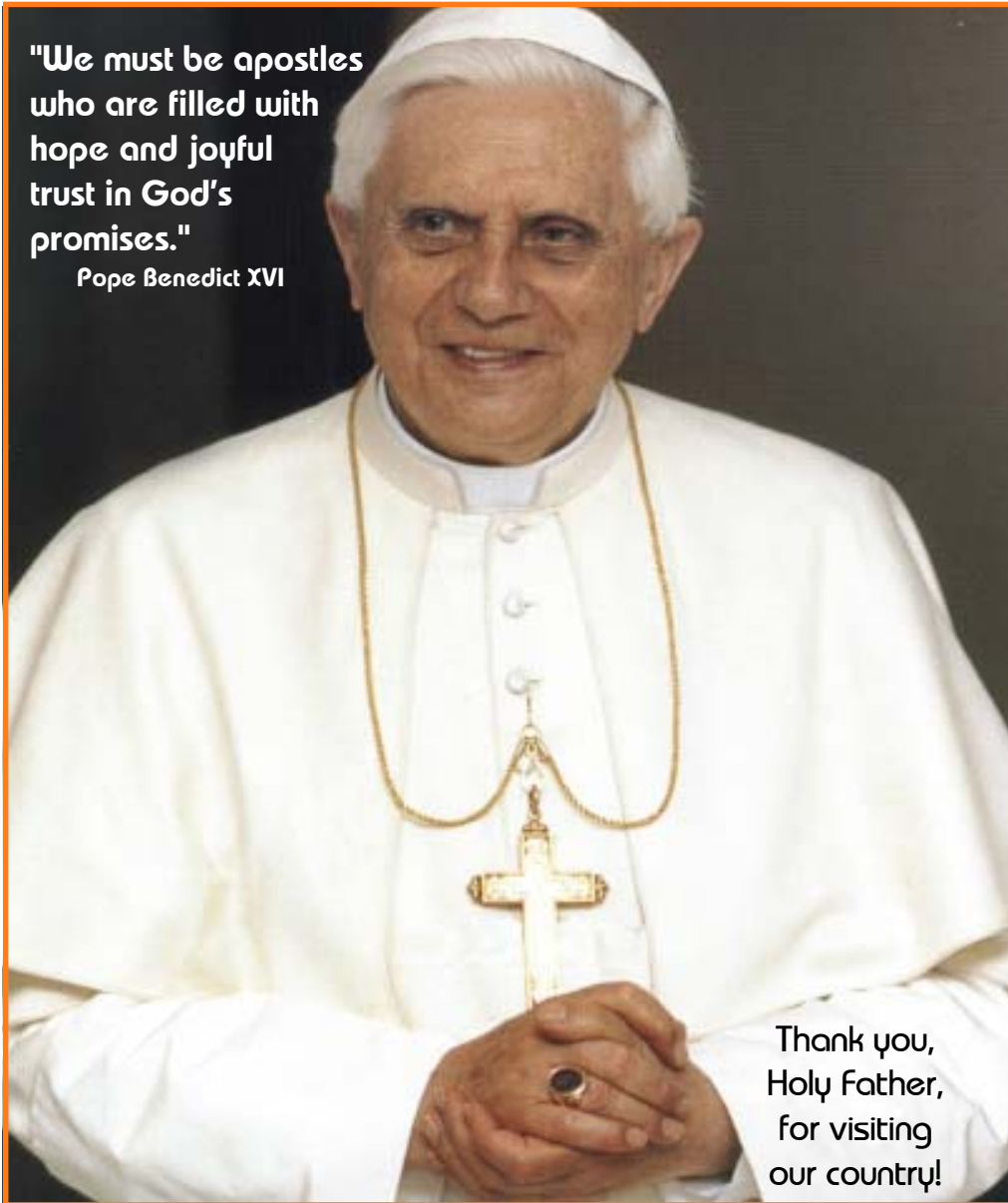


# PEOPLE OF GOD NEWSLETTER

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who are filled with  
hope and joyful  
trust in God's  
promises."**

*Pope Benedict XVI*

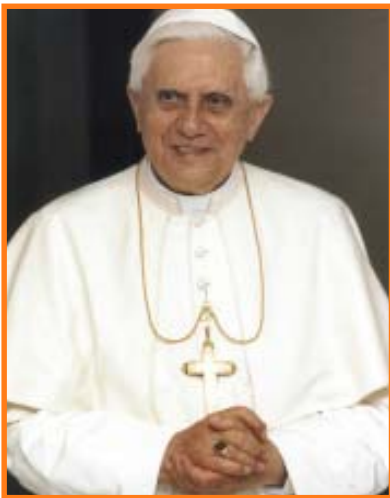


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our country!

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Summer is the time for warm weather and picnics in the park. It is a time for fishing, swimming and walking along the beach. Why not include God in your plans this summer and take Him with you wherever you go? 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 and celebrate the summer.

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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: The Right Attitude in Performing Duties of Life

*When engaged in prayer, teaching, studying and custodianship, I will try to think how Jesus, Mary, the Angels and Saints would have conducted themselves during such activities. By thus trying always to act with greater perfection, I intend always to act with the same perfection with which they themselves would have acted. (OCC, X, pp.5-6; STA,1)*

One catchy phrase St. Vincent Pallotti constantly used while performing any activity, especially in accomplishing the various duties of his life, was "always more" (Sempre Piu). The use of this phrase in the context of doing the duties of his life expressed his desire and intention to do whatever he did with the greatest perfection. He was neither satisfied with doing the minimum, nor happy doing things half-heartedly.

Before he carried out any activity, he first reflected on the activity, explored the various ways in which it could be completed, chose the best manner in which it could be executed, and then got that activity done. He often imbibed the spirit of great saints in fulfilling the task, and performed the act in the way it would have been done by those saints themselves. Thus, whether St. Vincent was engaged in prayer, teaching, studying, or caring for people who were under his guidance academically or spiritually, he did his best to do those activities in the most perfect manner.

The ideal St. Vincent followed in his life was the perfection of God. He wanted to be as perfect as the heavenly Father. In

this manner, the attitude of doing "always more", both in the sense of quantity and quality, marked the spirit of St. Vincent.

### Questions for Our Reflection

- 1) Does the attitude of doing "always more" guide me in accomplishing the duties entrusted to me?
- 2) Am I satisfied with doing the minimum?
- 3) Do I perform activities of my daily life in a half-hearted manner?
- 4) What do I need to do to capture the spirit of doing everything in the most perfect manner?
- 5) Is the perfection of God the ideal of my life?



*But you are to be perfect as your Father in heaven in perfect.  
(Mt. 5:48)*



## **Georgia A. Cowan**

❖ 1943 - 2008 ❖

I'm sure that not even Georgia would have guessed back in 1960 that, as she walked down the corridor at Pius High School and took notice of a part time after-school job opening with the Pallottines, she would end up working for us for 48 years.

From the simple tasks that Fr. Lee Mayer first assigned her in those early days - looking in newspapers and compiling lists of family names and addresses - to her final position as secretary to several Provincials, Georgia was a warm and smiling face around Pallotti House.

She was our "answer lady". When the insurance companies overcharged us or made a mess of benefit payments, she was the one who took them to task and made sure things were straightened out pronto. When we needed answers concerning finances, procedures and other policies in the province, she was the one we all went to.

Without her, bills would never have been paid on time and bank deposits

# *A Lifetime of Service*

## *A Tribute to Georgia from the Pallottines*

would have been in disarray. Her strong sense of order kept our province files neat, orderly and easy to access. Georgia, what would we have done without you?

Together with her schoolmate, Janet Smith, Georgia "grew up" in our development office working her way through using metal address plates, IBM punch cards, envelope stuffing machines, address labelers, and answering the daily correspondence. She saw the days of the early computers and became an internet expert.

Georgia was that bright and cheerful voice that answered our phones for over 15 years. She was the laugh that filled our hallways and enhanced the joyful atmosphere of the office. She was the glue that often kept us together.

We were all very saddened when she told us of her breast cancer. As a trooper she fought her way past that, only to face two other types of cancer. Still, she never gave up. While battling cancer she still came to work day after day, doing what she could to keep the rest of us functioning.

Finally in late April 2008 she just couldn't anymore and turned in her two weeks notice. She was to officially retire on April 30th, but died peacefully on April 25, 2008.

Georgia, the Pallottines will never be without you. You walked our halls, ate with our members, and touched the hearts of us all. May you live forever in the joy of Christ. And if God is looking for the best secretary, know that we send Him our highest recommendation on your behalf. Thank you for all you did for us here and will continue to do for us in heaven.

Peace be yours, Georgia, forever!

# *On the Road Again !*

*by Gladys Williams*

The opportune time has come once more! Each year as the snow and cold weather retreat north, we Pallottines pull out our road maps and plan our strategies for our annual mission talks. From April through September our men will be traveling the United States sharing stories and information about our Pallottine missions in India, Zambia and South Africa. This year a "new face" has joined our mission preachers.

Fr. Davies Edassery, SAC has teamed up with Fr. Leon Martin, Fr. Greg Serwa, Fr. Joe Pezhathumkal and Fr. Tom Kuttiyanickal in their efforts to raise money and awareness about our Pallottine missions.

Fr. Davies Edassery comes to us from the State of Kerala, known as 'God's own country', in India. He is from a somewhat large traditional Catholic family (five boys & two girls). While he was completing his high school education, he met Fr. James Edavazhithara VC, his parish priest, and told him of his desire to become a priest in a missionary congregation. His pastor, a very spiritual person, had some close associations with the Pallottines and guided him to contact Fr. Joe Kilani SAC, the vocation promoter of Pallottines in Kerala. This is where his story as a Pallottine began.

He was ordained in 1988 and was appointed as an associate pastor in one of the prestigious parishes of the diocese of Thamarassery, in Kerala. This appointment had its own special significance, for this was a new step of the Pallottines to get involved in the Syro-Malabar church in India. He spent 12 years of his life in this area working, first as director of the Pallottine community, then as pastor of the parish and administrator of the school. During this time, he was instrumental in establishing the Pallottine community (Pallotti Villa, Mukkam), de-



**Fr. Davies Edassery, SAC**

veloping a prestigious parish in the town of Mukkam, and starting an English medium school, the first of its kind in Kerala for the Pallottines. He also worked as the director and formator in the vocation orientation center, director and builder of the boys' home in Alapuzha and then for a short time as assistant general bur-sar in Rome. Meanwhile he earned his licentiate in missiology.

Fr. Davies came to our Mother of God Province in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 5th of this year. He says that he is here with an open heart to be at the service of the province and extend the benefits of his priestly ministry to the people around this area and is very thankful to the Provincial, Fr. Leon, and the members of the province who have given him a very warm welcome.

So be on the watch! The Pallottines are "on the road again" and could show up at the front doors of your parish this summer. They have many stories to tell you about the our missions and missionaries.

## *Ask Father: What Makes a Person Holy?*

*Dear Father,*

*In the Bible we read, "Be holy as I am holy, says the Lord." I know a lot of people who CLAIM to be holy, but if you ask me, they are far from it! They're always bragging about going to church every Sunday, donating to charities and praying a lot, but the way I see them treat their kids and other people, I certainly wouldn't call them "holy". So, my question is: Just what makes a person "holy"?*

*Maureen L.*

Dear Maureen,

Now you've really put me on the spot! I can think of many homilies I gave in which I told people to be holy. Am I guilty of just throwing out pious words for others to hear? I hope not!

In the course of my reading, I came across a book by Anselm Hufstader -- "God's Time is the Best Time." In it he talks about one of his students: "One of them that I knew spent four years here doing things for others. He was popular, and had a gift for organization. He spent hours, over these years, in making student activities happen. He was not unrecognized, in fact he always won elections, but it was virtually impossible to detect the colors of ambition in his manner. He was not a gifted student. In order to achieve a record slightly better than average, he put in long hours

completing assignments which others could do in a fraction of the time. He has no reputation for piety, but after a night of studying, would sometimes go into church and pray in the darkness. He has a simple and direct faith in God. He rarely wastes time, although he never seems busy or hurried. He cares about other people, but does not try to group them around himself. He is totally uninterested in power, although he possessed a great deal of it, and is as free of affectation as anyone I have known. He is full of desire - to do well in college, to have friends, to help others - but has both a selflessness and a sense of self-fulfillment which are inspiring to many of those who know him. He is not perfect, and his limitations and blunders are as evident as anyone else's. This is exactly what makes his sanctity impressive. It is not striven for, it is given and received." Would that this could be said of us!

So...what makes a person holy? As I see it: Loving God, caring about others, being selfless, yet having a sense of self-fulfillment, but not at the expense of others. Sounds like something that Jesus once told his disciples, "Love the Lord your God above all else, and love your neighbor as yourself." So simple, so hard, yet so holy!

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# *A Look at the World*

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

**.. love reality and then discover that God is present.** I looked at the paper this morning and under the heading WORLD – I saw nearly ten articles that spoke about troubles somewhere in the world – riots- shootings- tortures, on and on went the news of the day. Surely like other members of my religious community I like to look at TV or read the newspaper, to get the news of the world. Still I sometimes ask myself, for what purpose do I need to hear of people around the world dealing with people problems and so often trying to “hurt or kill the people that are different.”

I also spend a goodly amount of time reading about the world around us from the programs that are on the Worldwide Web. An interesting title for a program that looks for all sorts of ideas is called “Stumble Upon.”

This is an interesting name for a program that is much like looking at library bookshelves to expand the possibility for getting more and different ideas. I am not sure just how I came across the program called “Speaking of Faith” on the Web, but here is a place that went beyond all the difficulties of people with different views. The program that really caught my interest was that of an interview with the program director Krista Tippet and her guest Jean Vanier - the Canadian military man and professor at a university who founded L’Arche. Jean spoke very personally about his later life work, working with, mentally challenged people.



As an opening quote Jean Vanier says, “...the big thing for me is to love reality and not live in the imagination, not live in what could have been or what should have been or what can be, ... **to love reality and then discover that God is present.**”

I also thought another vignette from Vanier’s interview was very insightful; while Jean V. was in his office listening to a man having some life difficulties—Jean Claude (technically Down syndrome) walked into the room - not even asking permission - and immediately shook Vanier’s hand and the other man’s hand all the while smiling and then left the room laughing. The man who was talking with Jean V. said, ‘Isn’t it sad, children like that?’ He was totally blind — he didn’t see that Jean Claude was happy.

At the heart of the L’Arche movement is a countercultural idea: Difference as normal and imperfection as a source of strength - the beauty of things that don’t go according to plan – that’s the charism of L’Arche.

Vanier’s ideas for L’Arche hold such a wonderful message for our world today.

- The general sense of forgiveness to all starting with ourselves and spreading out to all others – this is

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# 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 23: What is the story of Queen of Apostles Seminary? Part V

The opening of the (Madison diocesan Seminary in 1964) made all the difference in the world to Queen of Apostles. Its future identity and existence would be on the Pallottine agenda until it finally closed its doors in 1979.

The decision of the Diocese of Madison to proceed with its own seminary sent the operational Queen of Apostles into a season of discontent and redefinition. Into this uncertainty regarding the seminary's future, Fr. Mark La Joie pressed his plans to purchase the Fort Eagle property. "I am, and always was," he wrote to Fr. McCall, "for buying it and not to build the Chapel at QAS until we can see how many students we have when the Madison diocese pulls out their students who will be leaving in two years." The Rector General, Fr. Moehler's, visitation in the summer of 1962 struck a different and more optimistic note, "The new diocesan seminary in Madison to be completed in two years will

alleviate the strain now being experienced at QAS because of lack of dormitory facilities." "This," he observed, "will enable us to make full use of the present plant for our own needs." Moehler's optimism notwithstanding, it was clear that at least in the short-run, the seminary was going to witness a depletion in its students ranks as the Madison seminarians decamped to the new site. Moreover, the seminary still carried a mortgage from the days of its construction, as well as significant operational cost, which included ongoing building repair and maintenance. Yet another financial liability lay in the plans for the seminary to be officially accredited by the North Central Association. Unlike its sister Pallottine high school, Pius XI, the seminary had been able to forestall participation in secular accrediting agencies, citing the distinctive nature of its educational mission and the fact that its candidates were destined for novitiates and major seminaries who would

readily accept their academic work. Queen of Apostles, like many American minor seminaries, guaranteed the value of its course work by its affiliation with The Catholic University of America. However, the pressures for a more uniform and professional Catholic educational apparatus grew steadily in the 1950s, and by the early 1960s the need for minor seminaries to be formally accredited was accepted.



Students helping out around the school grounds



Though these standards would apply primarily to curricular and faculty development issues, there were also expectations that would carry with them added expenses. Practically speaking for Queen of Apostles, this would mean the expenditure of additional funds for facilities improvement that would bring the school up to "code" (laboratories, libraries, classrooms, athletics). The Pallottines themselves recognized the need of this accreditation and began to make preparations for it. The question facing the Pallottines was difficult: where would all this money come from, especially after a large cadre of its student population departed.

All was not bleak as the seminary did garner some additional income when about forty acres were sliced off its ample lands by the construction of a branch of the Interstate System around Madison and to the city itself, which requested the land for road improvements. These monies were immediately claimed by the mortgage company and helped in reducing the debt. The mortgage itself would finally be retired in the summer of 1969. The seminary also had an efficient farming operation and the donated services of its Pallottine members who saved it thousands of dollars. Yet, Provincial leaders and Principal Joseph Heinrichs began to cast about for new options for the school. One solution was to transfer the Brother's Candidate School to the Madison seminary from its location in the Motherhouse (in Milwaukee). This



1960s aerial view of the QAS farm operation

was approved in March 1963 by the consultants, and Liebl announced it in a Provincial circular. Moehler read the notice and expressed to the Provincial his concern that the "living together of candidates for the priesthood and brotherhood certainly poses some serious problems." He noted: "You will see that such a setup will easily cause a consciousness of class distinction, especially in some brother-candidates who then develop an inferiority complex or will want to prove their intellectual equality by changing over to seminarians." Nonetheless, the plan went forward.

Anxiety about the future of the seminary continued. Indicative of this was the decision to put on hold plans for the construction of a permanent chapel, even though a separate seminary chapel fund had been authorized in October, 1962. BUT MORE OF THIS STORY IN OUR NEXT ISSUE!

### Next Time: Part VI of the Queen of Apostles Story!

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# The "Big Ten" for Brother Jim

by Brother Jim Scarpace, SAC



As I write this article, I'm thinking, "Wow! Where has the time gone?" Looking back over the past ten years as a Pallottine Brother, I must say that those years have been good ones.

My ministries at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish have been very rewarding to me. I enjoy my time visiting the sick and homebound of the parish, comforting them, praying with them and bringing them Holy Communion. Their simple faith in God is something to be admired.

Once a week I spend a few hours talking with the K-4 through 3rd grade children at the parish school. They are an absolute joy to be around. No wonder our Lord loved to call the children around himself and told his disciples not to hinder them from coming. I talk to them about God and often read a bible story or two to them. Then we have a "go around" and I ask them questions about what they are learning in religion class. Oh, the simple, innocent and sometimes surprising answers I get! What a delightful way to spend a little time at school!

Two years ago I became the Administrator of Pallotti House, one of our main community residences. I am very honored that my community chose me for this position. But as glorious as the title may seem, a multitude of responsibilities comes with the job.

This winter has been especially hard for me since I'm the one who has to make sure that someone is shoveling the

sidewalks and plowing all that "wonderful" snow we have been having. I am the one who has to figure out what to do about the leaking roofs and ceilings.

And guess who has to make out the weekly schedules for the house so that everybody knows who's doing what when -- you got it -- me! I also chair our monthly house meetings and burn the midnight oil making sure that all the bills get paid. Oh, the life of an administrator!

Some of my time I spend working with our vocation director, Jeff Montoya. Believe me when I say that the vocation ministry is very challenging these days. Together we put in many hours going to meetings and career day events, and corresponding with and visiting those who show an interest in religious life and becoming a Pallottine.

To top it all off, I'm now serving my second term as a consultant on our provincial council.

Needless to say, I lead a very busy life, but I wouldn't trade it for the world. I'm glad I pursued my calling to the religious life and am happy that God steered me toward the Pallottines. Thanks, God, for a wonderful ten years! May you grant me many more as a Pallottine Brother.

# Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical

## "Deus Caritas Est" (continued our winter 2007 issue)

The prophets, particularly Hosea and Ezekiel, described God's passion for his people using boldly erotic images. God's relationship with Israel is described using the metaphors of betrothal and marriage: idolatry is thus adultery and prostitution. Here we find a specific reference - as we have seen - to the fertility cults and their abuse of 'eros', but also a description of the relationship of fidelity between Israel and her God. The history of the love relationship between God and Israel consists at the deepest level in the fact that he gives her the Torah, thereby opening Israel's eyes to man's true nature and showing her the path leading to true humanism. It consists in the fact that man, through a life of fidelity to the one God, comes to experience himself as loved by God and discovers joy in truth and in righteousness - a joy in God which becomes

his essential happiness: "Whom do I have in heaven but you? And there is nothing upon earth that I desire besides you. ...For me it is good to be near God" (Ps. 73:25, 28).

10. We have seen that God's 'eros' for man is also totally 'agape'. This is not only because it is bestowed in a completely

gratuitous manner, without any previous merit, but also because it is love which forgives. Hosea above all shows us that this 'agape' dimension of God's love for man goes far beyond the aspect of gratuity. Israel has committed 'adultery' and has broken the covenant; God should judge and repudiate her. It is precisely at this point that God is revealed to be God and not Man:

"How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I hand you over, O Israel! ...My heart recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst." (Hos. 11:8-9)

God's passionate love for his people - for humanity - is at the same time a forgiving love. It is so great that it turns God against himself, his love

against his justice. Here Christians can see a dim prefigurement of the mystery of the cross: So great is God's love for man that by becoming man he follows him even into death, and so reconciles justice and love.

The philosophical dimension to be not in this biblical vision, and its impor-

*"When Jesus speaks in his parables of the shepherd who goes after the lost sheep, of the woman who looks for the lost coin, of the father who goes to meet and embrace his prodigal son, these are no mere words: They constitute an explanation of his very being and activity."*

tance from the standpoint of the history of religions, lies in the fact that on the one hand we find ourselves before a strictly metaphysical image of God: God is the absolute and ultimate source of all being; but this universal principle of creation - the Logos, primordial reason - is at the same time a lover with all the passion of a true love. 'Eros' is thus supremely ennobled, yet at the same time it is so purified as to become one with 'agape.'

We can thus see how the reception of the Song of Songs in the canon of sacred Scripture was soon explained by the idea that these love songs ultimately describe

God's relation to man and man's relation to God. Thus the Song of Songs became both in Christian and Jewish literature a source of mystical knowledge and experience, an expression of the essence of biblical faith: that man can indeed enter into union with God - his primordial aspiration. But this union is not mere fusion, a sinking in the nameless ocean of the divine; it is a unity which creates love, a unity in which both God and man remain themselves and yet become fully one. As St. Paul says, "He who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him." (1 Cor. 6:17)

(To be continued in our next issue.)

## *A Look at the World* (continued from page 7)

needed in all families and workplaces and communities.

- I cannot discover myself in others and God unless I have the courage to face myself exactly as I am with all my limitations and to accept others for who they are with all their limitations.

The religious answer is not really religious if it is not fully real. As I mused on these ideas a hymn came to mind: ---->

Peace and love,

*Fr Bruce Schute*

### Lyrics: SING A NEW CHURCH

Summoned by the God  
Who made us rich in  
our diversity, gathered  
in the name of Jesus,  
richer still in unity.

#### Refrain:

Let us bring the  
gifts that differ  
and in splendid  
varied ways,  
sing a new  
church into  
being, one  
in faith  
and  
love and  
praise.



*Note: In Calgary, Alberta, Canada I celebrated Mass a few times with the L'Arche community and was also associated with the organization called "Faith and Light" also part of L'Arche through contact with a devoted parish member.*

# Christ Our Hope!

*A message from the Provincial,  
Fr. Leon Martin, SAC*



With those words above, Pope Benedict XVI expressed the theme for his pastoral visit to the United States. In addition to meeting the sick, ground zero in New York, and those sexually abused by priests, he also encouraged families to live out their important social and religious ties. Let's hear him again:

"In this year's World Day of Peace Message I spoke of the essential contribution that healthy family life makes to peace within and between nations. In the family home we experience some of the fundamental elements of peace: justice and love between brothers and sisters, the role of authority expressed by parents, loving concern for the members who are weaker because of youth, sickness or old age, mutual help in the necessities of life, readiness to accept others and, if necessary, to forgive them. The family is also the primary place for evangelization, for passing on the faith, for helping young people to appreciate the importance of religious practice and Sunday observance. How can we not be dismayed as we observe the sharp decline of the family as the basic element of Church and society? Divorce and infidelity have increased, and many young men and women are choosing to postpone marriage or to forego it altogether. To some young Catholics, the sacramental bond of

marriage seems scarcely distinguishable from a civil bond, or even a purely informal and open-ended arrangement to live with another person. Hence we have an alarming decrease in the number of Catholic marriages in the United States together with an increase in cohabitation, in which the Christ-like mutual self-giving of spouses, sealed by a public promise to live out the demands of an indissoluble lifelong commitment, is simply absent. In such circumstances, children are denied the secure environment that they need in order truly to flourish as human beings, and society is denied the stable building blocks which it requires if the cohesion and moral focus of the community are to be maintained." *(from Pope Benedict XVI's address to the U.S. Bishops)*

This summer is a good time to renew your family life. My Aunt Tillie will be 100 years old in July, and I am looking forward to the celebration.

Have an enjoyable and grace-filled summer!

*Fr. Leon Martin, SAC*

# One of My Favorites: Hungarian Goulash

by *The Pallotti House Chef*

Every time I go to a restaurant for dinner, I scan the menu for Hungarian Goulash. Over the years I have acquired quite a taste for this dish and have yet to be disappointed, no matter which restaurant I've gone to.

Recently one of our house cooks, Pat, served our community this culinary treat - much to my surprise and delight. After the meal I was quick to go to the kitchen and ask her for the recipe.

I took her handwritten directions and filed them in my "I have to put this one in the Newsletter someday" box. I am happy to share this wonderful recipe with you now. Here goes!

## Here's What You'll Need:

- 1 lb. beef stew meat in 1 inch cubes.
- 1 lb. boneless pork cut into 1 inch cubes (Use what you have, even all beef or all pork)
- 2 large onions thinly sliced
- 2 tbsps. vegetable oil
- 2 cups water
- 2 tbsp paprika
- ½ tsp dried marjoram
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tbsp all purpose flour  
or 1½ tsp cornstarch
- 1 cup (8oz.) plain yogurt
- 1 lb bag of wide egg noodles



## Here's What You Do:

In a large skillet over a medium heat, brown the beef, pork and onions in a little oil.

Drain off grease.

Add water, paprika, salt and marjoram. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1½ hrs or until meat is tender.

About 15 minutes before meat is done, get noodles ready by following package directions.

Just before serving the meal, combine flour and yogurt until smooth and stir into meat mixture. Bring **just** to a boil and stir 1-2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly.

Serve over noodles. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Yum. Yum. Enjoy!