

PEOPLE OF GOD NEWSLETTER

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**The goal of every thought, word and action must be
God from whom every good comes.**

St. Vincent Pallotti



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Just as water refreshes our
bodies, may God always
refresh our minds and souls.

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Fr. Joe Koyickal Takes Oath of Citizenship!

On February 15, 2011 Fr. Joe Koyickal became a citizen of the United States. Fr. Joe has ministered to the people of Milwaukee, WI as Pastor of St. Vincent Pallotti Parish and to the people of Effingham IL as an associate pastor. He went on to study at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota and this spring completed his certification as a Catholic Chaplain. He is currently working at St. Luke’s Medical Center in Milwaukee. Congratulations, Fr. Joe, on your new-found citizenship and certification. We are happy and blessed to have you in our province.

Finding the God Who Seeks You

Journeying with St. Vincent Pallotti, The Prophet of Communion

Reflection: Grace 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.

True Purposes of Study

Among the things that enrich a person, the most significant is study. It implies not only formal learning, but also learning from various life-experiences, and acquiring the practical wisdom that guides one to live a good, honorable and other-centered life. One begins such an endeavor from his cradle and continues until he goes to the grave. St. Vincent Pallotti considered study as something very important in the life of a person. He himself had always been a learner. He lived to learn the process of learning to live every situation God has placed him in. Besides being a learner in the general sense, he was also a great academician. He had obtained his Doctorates in both Philosophy and Theology. He served as a professor at the Sapienza University. That which motivated him constantly to be a learner and an academician was the goals of the glory of God, the advantage of the people whom he served, and correspondence to the grace of God. St. Vincent never looked upon study as something that brought him personal prestige and honour. He wanted to enrich himself with what he studied and

learned, and then use his learning to serve others, thereby glorifying God, the author of his life. Similarly, learning helped St. Vincent to know God and love God more, in the process helping him to correspond to the grace of God in the best way possible.

Questions for Further Reflection

- 1) Do I recognize the importance and value of study in my life?
- 2) Do I take the time to enrich myself by my learning?
- 3) Do I consider my academic achievements as a matter of personal prestige?
- 4) Do I study to bring glory to God and happiness to others.
- 5) Does my learning help me to know and love God and correspond to His grace?

*How does a man become wise?
The first step is to trust and reverence the Lord! (Prov. 1:5-9)*

To the Center of It All - Rome

Pallottine Novices Come and See

News from Steve Weber



In a final phase of our formation year, the Pallottine novices from Ireland, Germany/Austria, the United States and Argentina have gathered in Rome to learn more about our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, and the Pallottine lifestyle and prayer life. Some of the highlights of our stay thus far include our participation in a retreat led by our Grotta Ferrata Novice mistress and the Pallottine Sisters from Kerala, a visit to the Home St. Vincent started for Girls victimized by the Cholera epidemic of the 1800's, and a tour of



**Pallottine novices and directors gather for a keepsake picture in Rome.
Steve Weber is fourth from left in back row.**

St. Mary Major Basilica and the Basilica of St. Praxedes. I personally had the opportunity to visit the Pallottine Sisters at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Aprilia near Castel Gandolfo, the summer residence of the Pope. While we were at Grotta Ferrata, Fr. Jacob, our Rector General, stopped in for a visit with us after his meeting with the UAC General Council. There is so much going on here for all of us to take in. The experience of novice and older Pallottines from different parts of the world living and learning together in the city where Pallotti started it all is one that will grow with us all the days of our lives. Now I just have to keep working on my Italian!

A Look at the World:

Ministry to Ministers-

A Sabbatical Experience

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

It was mid-January 2011 when I started out on my journey to San Antonio, Texas to be in a program called “Ministry to Ministers.” It was billed as a Sabbatical program for anyone in church ministry. Ten sisters and ten priests signed up.

A fairly significant snow storm delayed my plane from Milwaukee to Chicago. Arriving in Chicago late meant I had to spend all afternoon and early evening in O’Hare Airport, finally getting into San Antonio about 1:00 a.m. the next day.

I had inquired a bit about the program from the priest in Milwaukee directing on-going education and also from a former participant, both of whom recommended the program as interesting and personally helpful. My own experience was one of “what’s next and where do I go for that meeting or group activity?” Yes, there was a variety of subjects that were presented, such as, topics in Moral Theology, the Multi-cultural Church, Exploring the Sacred Universe, Introduction to Wellness and Exercise, Spirituality of the Body, Friendship and Intimacy.

However, the over-riding theme was a sense of “the Sabbath.” Here Sabbath took on a special meaning beyond just the notion of the Sunday “Day of Worship.” We were given a book on the meaning of Sabbath and a few of the speakers dealt with the idea directly. The biblical Sabbath that was commanded by



the Lord was stated as “Remember to keep holy the Lord’s Day (Sabbath). Ideas that were part of this command include: Settle weekly disagreements, Speak praise to our God, and Tune into a rhythm of work and rest. In the biblical book of Leviticus there is an adaptation of several verses pertaining to the Sabbath that are helpful:

The Sabbath is a time of REST for you, a time of RESTORATION for your spirit, and a time to RELEASE the chains that bind you within and without. The time of Sabbath is a time to REJOICE in the covenant I have made with you. It is a time of GOOD NEWS for all within you that is impoverished, stripped down, jailed-up or sick. It is a time to be RECONCILED with you, with me, and with each other.

These ideas gave me much to think about while in Texas and now that I am back home in Milwaukee. At the close of the program I chose a simple song to express my feelings and thoughts: “Till the end of my days, O Lord, I will bless your name, sing your praise, give you thanks, all of my days.” In a future article I will speak about the call of discipleship.

Zambia:

Our Mission In Progress

by *Fr. Leon Martin, SAC*

In my mind, it goes without saying that the many happy faces and healthy bodies at our Pallottine mission in Zambia are a direct result of the continuing support of our friends and benefactors in the United States and around the world.

So much has been accomplished in a short period of time because you provided us with the means to purchase land, food, school supplies, medical help and a shelter (now being planned) for so many of the people that come to us in their need.

As HIV continues to ravage many families and orphan so many children, we have been able to care for them with food baskets and medicines.



Fr. Leon (Middle) visits Pallottine Marion Shrine at Mandevu Zambia with Fr. Sejoy and Fr. Shaji.

Due to the poverty of so many families in Zambia, many children are able to continue their education because your support makes it possible for us to provide the necessary money to cover their \$200 tuition and school fees. With each passing year one of our goals is to see an ever increasing number of these children attending school because education and the learning of marketable skills is often the only way out of poverty for them.



Adults and children help to package purchased and donated food into baskets to be distributed to needy families that suffer from unemployment and illness. With our help many people are given a renewed sense of hope in a world of poverty and want.

With your help we have been able to provide several clean, comfortable and simple houses that we have rented at a modest prices to some of the local people in the area. This undertaking has provided safer and better living conditions for the renters and at the same time has generated some additional income to help the poor, sick and hungry people that come to our mission. We already have on the drawing board plans to provide several more of these homes at the cost of \$7,500 each. This is one undertaking that has helped raise local money for the mission.

Our Pallottine parish, Holy Family Parish, prospers as members do more than passively sit at a Mass by actively participating in the parish's daily life. The people are proud of the many choirs they have formed to enhance the beauty of the liturgical celebrations. Their voices rival many of the choirs I have heard at home and in my travels. The parishioners have taken upon themselves at their expense to re-



One of several choirs at Holy Family Parish. The purple shirts identify their particular singing group.



Parish catechists instruct those wanting to learn more about Jesus and the church.

place the metal folding benches in the church with new locally made wooden pews. Many others have volunteered their time and talents to teach catechism to those wishing to join the Catholic Church or to increase their understanding of the bible and the message of Christ. Again, your support has contributed greatly to the success of all these things at our Pallottine mission. Thank you!

With your help we were able to send funds to purchase a 20 acre farm, which is now the house

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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 25: Pius High School: The Archdiocesan Hand-Off: (part one)

Pius XI High School continued to grow during the late 1950's and early 1960's. The expansion of the mid-1950's and the apparent regularization of the Pallottine presence at the high school had worked out. However, the bonds that attached the high school to the parish were now strained to the maximum. Simply put, the people of St. Anthony parish wanted a new church and became less patient with the continual subsidization of the prosperous high school.



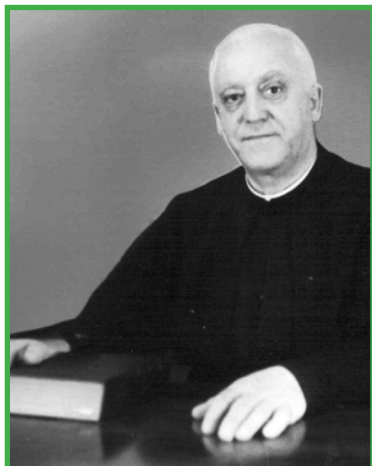
Front view of Pius XI High School from the 1950's and 60's.

Archbishop Meyer had departed for Chicago in late 1958 and his successor, Chicago born William E. Cousins, arrived in January 1959. Gregarious and eloquent, Cousins was also as fiscally prudent as his predecessor, and from his years in Chicago had seen the difficulties engendered by a heavy archdiocesan subsidy of high schools. As we have seen before with other groups, the Pallottine Fathers would give him his share of anxious moments, but the details of that imbroglio were nothing compared to the headaches surrounding Pius XI High School, St. Anthony Church and St. Therese parish. At the center of it all was the lovable but independent Fr. Joseph DeMaria, now entering the last years of his long career.

Cousins did not have to wait long to engage the Pallottines on the subject of finances. Despite the assurances given to Meyer in the 1950's, DeMaria still continued to pour St. Anthony parish funds (including those designated for a long-desired new church) into an ongoing subsidy for Pius XI High School. One could not totally blame the priest for wanting to preserve the school he had literally built and seen expand. Moreover, he had kept tuition low, and the neighboring pastors who sent their young people to the thriving high school did not contribute anywhere near the sums necessary to keep the operation afloat. Though St. Anthony parishioners grumbled, they went along, largely because of their deep love and respect for "Father Joe." Nonetheless, by early 1960, Pius XI High School was deeply in debt: as much as two million dollars. Cousins had certainly been briefed on the unusual financial arrangements at St. Anthony/Pius by his chancellor, Monsignor Leo Brust, and Superintendent of Schools, Monsignor Edmund Goebel. As with most information anyone picked up from DeMaria, a rumor began to circulate that DeMaria was going to use an archdiocesan approved tuition rate hike for Pius XI to replace revenues in the depleted St. Anthony church building fund.

While this easy shifting of funds did not trouble DeMaria in the slightest, it alarmed Cousins who wrote LaJoie (Pallottine Provincial at the time) in mid-May, 1960 expressing his displeasure over the matter --if indeed it were true. He concluded dryly, "I am writing to you in the belief that you as his superior might have more influence upon his action than has been true of Chancery Office directives in the past."

LaJoie wrote back to Cousins to remind him that plans to build a new church at St. Anthony's had been on the docket since Schroeder's day. Moreover, "the decision to build Pius XI High School, instead of a church, was made by Archbishop Kiley, Father DeMaria and Sister Loyola [the



Fr. Joseph DeMaria, SAC

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Next Time: Pius High School: The Archdiocesan Handoff: (part two)

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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Ask Father

Is Frequent Communion A Good Thing?



Dear Father,

I'm attending a Catholic college and in my Church History class we were learning that in the Middle Ages most people DIDN'T go to communion very often. How come we are encouraged today to go every time we go to a Mass? What changed?

Signed,
Studying Hard

Dear Studying Hard,

What changed is our attitude toward the eucharist over the ages. Our practice today and the practice often found in the Middle Ages both have their merits and pitfalls (if one should say such a thing about the Eucharist).

By the Middle Ages great emphasis was being placed on the idea of sin so much so that people often felt totally unworthy of having Christ in their bodies through the Eucharist. They looked upon themselves as great sinners and so the practice evolved that people went maybe once or twice a year and even at that they were uncomfortable with receiving our Lord.

By the time Pope Pius the X (1903-1914) Church thinking on the subject began to change. Pius X said that "the shortest and safest way to heaven" was the frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist. And so he encouraged both adults and children (who reached the

age of understanding what the Eucharist was) to go to communion often and not stay away from bringing Christ into their lives.

So which attitude is right or better? There is something to be said for those who want to show a deep respect for the Eucharist and don't want to receive it in a state of sin. They are humble before the Eucharist. That's admirable, but then take it a step further and go to confession so that you can go and receive Christ who wants to be with us in our daily lives.

For those who side with frequent communion the question can be put forth: "Because you go so often, do you realized what you're doing? It "going" so common that you just do it out of habit or peer pressure? How important is the Eucharist then for you?

I encourage you to receive communion often, but do so with a good understanding of what you are doing and why. Thanks for your question.

“Spring Fantasy” Dessert

by The Pallotti House Chef



Some time ago one of our readers sent me this recipe. I diligently filed it away to use at some future date. Well, it's time has come, but unfortunately I no longer have the name of the thoughtful person who sent it in. Forgive me. Let the dessert itself stand as the monument to our mystery cook. It's a winner!

Here's What You'll Need:

20 oz. can crushed pineapple
2 boxes Yellow Jiffy cake mix
4 medium bananas
1 French vanilla instant pudding
1 8 oz. Cool Whip
1 8 oz. philadelphia cream cheese
12 Strawberries (about same size)
1/8 cup of chopped pecans.
3/4 cup of strawberry jelly

Here's What you Do:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Drain pineapple and save juice. Slice bananas 1/8 inch thick and put into juice. This will keep bananas from turning brown.

Bake the two cakes in separate 9x12 greased and floured pans according to directions on the box, except put in 2 eggs instead of one for

each cake. Bake for 25 minutes or until cakes are a golden brown.

Mix instant pudding and cream cheese with 2 cups of whole milk. Beat according to package directions. Put in refrigerator until needed.

Cool cakes. On top of one cake put half the pudding/cheese mix. Drain juice from bananas and put banana slices close together on top of pudding mix. Put drained pineapple on top of the bananas.

Remove the second cake from its pan and place on top of the pineapple/bananas and put the remaining pudding/cheese mix on top. (You now have a two layer cake.)

Cut cake into 24 squares. Put a dollop of Cool Whip in the center of each piece of cake. Cut the 12 strawberries in half lengthwise and put the cut side down on a large plate. Melt 3/4 cup of strawberry jelly and with a pastry brush, brush the melted jelly on top of each strawberry slice to glaze it. Put one glazed berry slice on each piece of cake in the Cool Whip and sprinkle chopped nuts on top. Enjoy!

Zambia: Our Mission in Progress (continued from pg. 7)

of formation for young men wanting to become Pallottines. The soil is rich and is producing enough fruits and vegetables to feed our men living and working at the farm. With the prospect of four or more new young men coming from Zambia and Malawi, we have begun making plans to expand the living space at the farm. With your support we are looking forward to having a very vibrant community at the farm.

As you can see we have been able to accomplish much because of your financial support. I ask for your continuing generosity to our mission in Zambia. Together we are a great work in progress. With your help we can achieve even greater things in the months and years ahead. I will keep you up-to-date as we continue to improve and expand our missionary work in Zambia. Peace!



Fr. Leon (center) with the Indian Pallottine fathers and young men in formation at the farm.



Community Welcomes South Korean Pallottine

The members of our province welcomed Ji Hak Joseph Kim, SAC to Pallotti House on May 31, 2011. Joseph is a temporary professed Pallottine who comes to us from South Korea and who will take part in the “English As A Second Language” program at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, WI for the summer and fall sessions. In and outside the classroom he will have many opportunities to experience our American Culture. At present all of us have to do a lot of listening and speaking with our hands as we try to improve our communication skills with each other.

Joseph will return to South Korea in mid-December. This is his first time out of his native country. So, if you see him in or around Pallotti House give him a great big welcome. Good luck with your English classes, Joseph!

And Now You Know (continued from pg. 8)

high school principal and local superior] without consulting the Pallottine Fathers as such.” Nonetheless, LaJoie assured Archbishop Cousins that the parish had subsidized the high school over the years to the tune of \$900,000, and noted that \$75,000 was needed annually from the parish building fund to help the institution remain solvent. He clarified the matter of the use of the tuition rise by conveying to the archbishop DeMaria’s hope that the increase would lessen dependency on the “building fund” and allow him to accumulate enough money to finally build the long-promised church.”

Anxious to do something about the spiraling debt of the high school, Cousins called a meeting of local pastors in order to help lift the burden of debt from the high school. In wending his way through the financial maze, Cousins discovered that DeMaria had covered the debts by borrowing from local banks without proper corporate authorization. The absence of formal permission or a proxy to borrow caused DeMaria to skate dangerously close to outright violations of the law. For this, LaJoie suggested in a letter to Moehler (Rector General of the Pallottines in Rome), DeMaria “could even be sent to jail according to U.S.A. corporation laws.” The financial crisis was somehow averted, but it became clear to Cousins that the time had arrived to definitively deal with the complicated tangle of the parish and the high school and firmly fix the boundaries between the two. This, of course, meant not only better defined jurisdictional lines, but ultimately the removal of the one man who embodied the problem: Fr. Joseph DeMaria.

Summer Vigil Lights

Summer is the time for warm weather and picnics in the park. It is a time for 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 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 and your loved one as you travel and celebrate the summer.

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