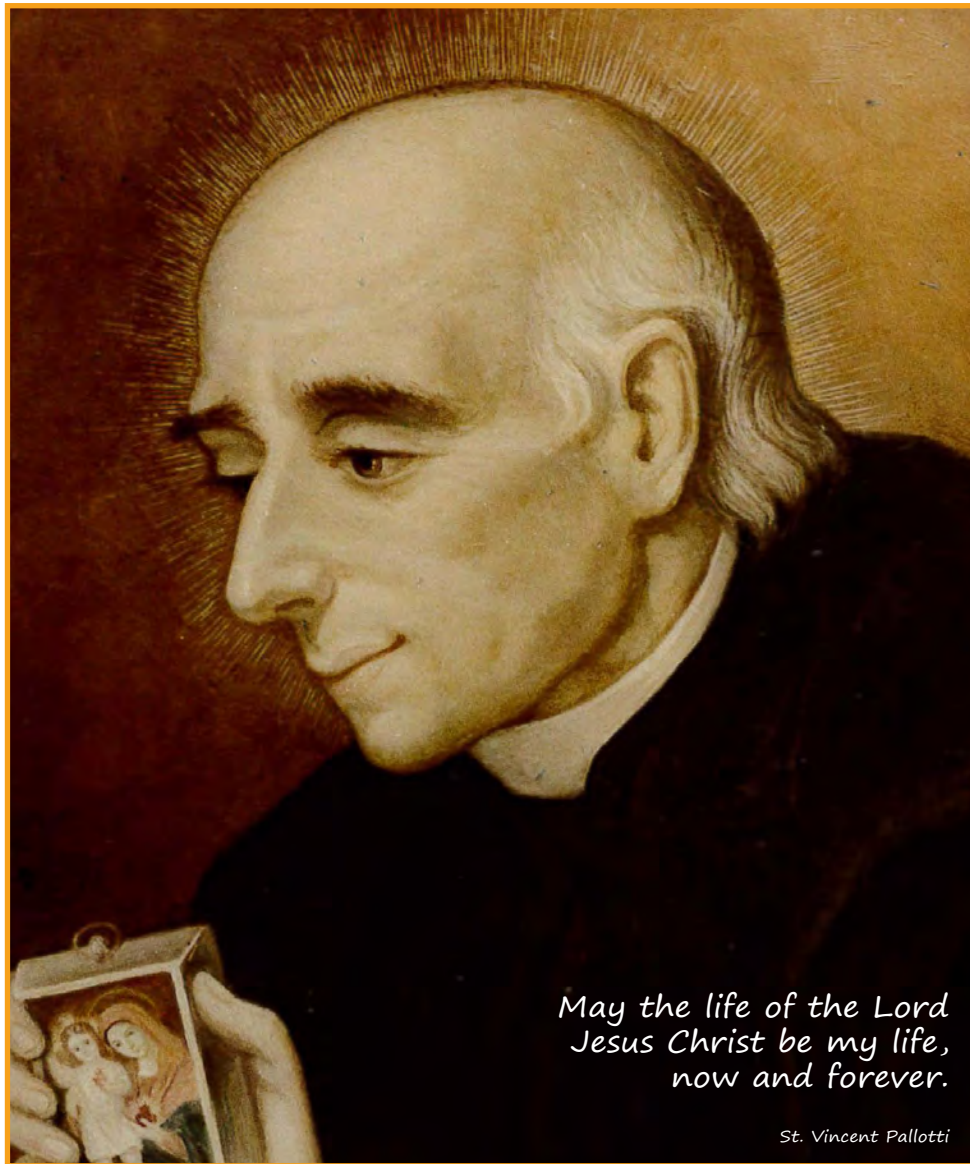


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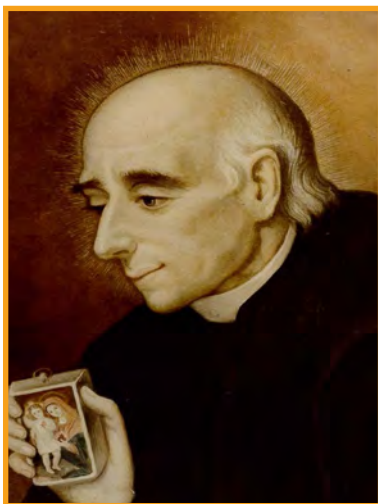
*May the life of the Lord
Jesus Christ be my life,
now and forever.*

St. Vincent Pallotti

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Portrait of St. Vincent
Pallotti holding the picture of
Mary, Mother of Divine Love.

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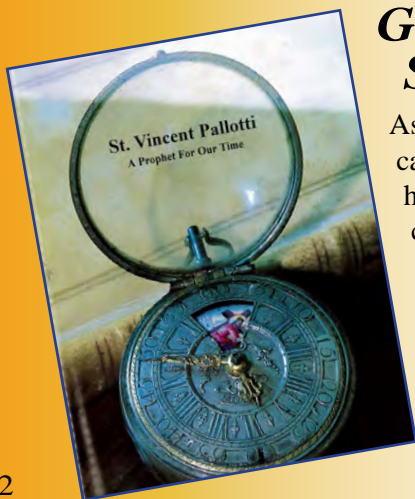
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Getting to Know St. Vincent Pallotti Better!

As part of our 50th anniversary celebration of the canonization of our founder, we are proud and happy to offer this 7¼ x 9½ inch, 40 page, full color book, *St. Vincent Pallotti: A Prophet for our Time*, for \$4.50 (this includes postage and handling.) This book tells the story of his life and work in Rome. You can use the postage paid envelope in this newsletter to send for your copy today. Be sure to include your name and address, payment and a note stating you want the book. Supplies are limited!

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Above: Pope John Paul II prays at the final resting place of the body of St. Vincent Pallotti beneath the main altar in the Church of San Salvatore in Onda in Rome, Italy.

Below: Close-up of the sarcophagus under the main altar.



POPE JOHN PAUL II

HIGHLY PRAISES

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI -
CHALLENGES PALLOTTINES!

AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY

FR. JOSEPH HEINRICHS, SAC FOR THE
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ST.

VINCENT PALLOTTI'S BIRTH (1795-1995)

“The occurrence of the Bicentennial of St. Vincent Pallotti’s birth (1795-1995), Roman Priest and Founder of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, provides me with the opportunity to express cordial greetings to the esteemed Pallottine Family. It is

50th my wish that this event initiate a time of thanksgiving to God for the fight he gave to the Church, a witness of Christian faith lived in the fullness of evangelical love.”

With these words Pope John Paul II began his beautiful congratulatory message to Pallottines world over in the person of the Very Rev. Seamus Freeman, Rector General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, delivered on April 21, 1995, precisely on the 200th Birthday Anniversary of St. Vincent Pallotti. Truly it was a joyous occasion for which our Rector General was called to the Vatican, to meet with the Holy Father that day; to hear from his lips that he personally cherishes St. Vincent as a gift to the Church, a witness of how our faith should be lived - entirely in the spirit of the gospel.

Our Holy Father rejoiced as he joined with the prayer of praise of the entire Pallottine Family - priests, brothers, sisters and lay faithful. He expressed thanks to all the Pallottine Family, known as the Union of the Catholic Apostolate, for the efforts made to re-appropriate the particular grace that was Pallotti’s for our own day. He urged each one of us that with this same gift of the Spirit given to St. Vincent, we renew our spiritual lives, unite all our apostolic efforts together to bear forceful witness in the world to the presence of the living God, who is infinite Love.

In this letter the Holy Father is very clear in his under-



standing of the mind of St. Vincent and dynamic in his well chosen words to each of us, members of the Union. Here is a good example:

“The message I wish to entrust to my very dear Brothers and Sisters of the Union of Catholic Apostolate is the very one that St. Vincent Pallotti would repeat in our own times: keep the Christian faith, announce it in word and deed, help others to believe that God is the merciful Father of all humankind, that Jesus Christ is the Savior in whom we are reborn to new life, that the Holy Spirit is the guiding force of our lives; that faith ‘works through love.’ (Coming of the Third Millenium, N.36)”

Vincent Pallotti was, of course, very familiar with a world like ours. This is why he became so absorbed in the necessity for a great movement of Christians of all ages, rank, profession, occupation, who were convinced that they were responsible to help renew faith and re-ignite love. Pope John Paul II, fully aware of the mind of St. Vincent, knowing what the Saint desired, expressed it corresponding to the present time: “The Church today needs coherent witnesses and credible announcers of the faith so that Christians may experience life in Christ and may know how to discern divine and human realities according to the Spirit of God. As is affirmed by the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, in order ‘to live, grow and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the Word of God, we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be “working through charity” (Gal. 5:6), abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.’ (n.162) St. Vincent was convinced of this when he said that religion must be defended by its words, demonstrating its reasonableness.”

Obviously, we Pallottines the world over are delighted at our Holy Father’s words, but we also deeply recognize and acknowledge what he said to us that, “to announce the Gospel through the witness of life and verbal testimony, a deep Christian formation is required, which is nourished and sustained by continuous contact with Christ in prayer, through liturgical celebration, fraternal life in community, the exercise of charity, and theological reflection.”

In our next issue I will reflect on the second part of our Holy Father’s letter. Our holy Father’s beautiful praise and deep respect for St. Vincent Pallotti’s life, work, spirit, ideals becomes for us a mighty challenge.

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St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center Turns Fifty!

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

Originally envisioned as an ideal place for our Pallottine Novitiate way back in 1956, our Retreat Center near Elkhorn, WI has blossomed into a warm and welcoming retreat for high school students, confirmation classes, college groups, parish staffs and individuals simply looking for a quiet place to spend a few hours or a day or two to think and reflect.

This September marks the 50th anniversary of our retreat center. When



St. Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center with New Addition.

our Novitiate was moved from Elkhorn to Phelps, WI in early 1962 the Elkhorn buildings stood empty until members of the Pius XI High School faculty, aided by the School Sisters of St. Francis, set about to prepare the facilities for the demands of high school retreatants. In a very optimistic report from Fr. Francis Hueller, SAC was noted that “in the period beginning September 1962 to November 30, 1964, 1250 students have made a retreat at Pallotti Hall.” The success of the program generated favorable publicity for the retreat house as a respectable number of other Catholic high schools and groups began showing lively interest in our retreat work and booking many weekend retreats. The retreat house was becoming financially sustainable.

As time went on and the number of retreats and retreatants increased, plans were drawn up to expand the facilities. With great input from Fr. August Soemer and Fr. Raymond Naglett, bids were taken in the fall of 1965, with the final cost of the addition reaching \$132,000. By early 1967, the remodelling and building were completed and Archbishop Cousins, formally dedicated the 'St. Vincent Pallotti Center on September 27, 1967. And the rest is history.



Marriage encounter group meeting at Retreat Center.

And the rest is history.

We are proud that, over the past 50 years, we have been able to serve the needs of so many groups and individuals who are looking for a quiet place to be with God and away from the strains and stresses of everyday life. We look forward to a bright future as a place for faith-filled people from all walks of life. Come celebrate with us on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012 at St. Peter's Church in East Troy, WI at 1:00 p.m. Bishop Donald J. Hying will officiate at the Mass. After Mass you are invited to an open house at the Retreat Center from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. See you at the Center!



A view of the Retreat Center from the top of the hill.



The Fr. Robert V. Carney, SAC Performing Art Center Opens at Pius XI High School

Like a dream come true, the renovation of the old gymnasium at Pius XI High School has finally come to an end, and on Sunday, May 20, 2012 the long-awaited Performing Arts Center, dedicated to the memory of Fr. Bob Carney, SAC, was officially opened with a special Mass and ceremony.

Outside of two years in vocation and formation work, Fr. Carney spent his priesthood ministering to the staff and students of Pius XI as a religion teacher, head of the Big Buddy program, school chaplain and especially Alumni Director. When he died unexpectedly on November 3, 2003, great shock and sadness filled the Pallottine and Pius XI Communities. Because of his great love and dedication to Pius it soon became evident that many people were not about to see his memory just fade away into history.

A perfect opportunity for remembering such a beloved person of the Pius community presented itself once the new field house with a full gym had been completed. All eyes turned to the renovation of the old gym into an auditorium, something the high school certainly could utilize. Soon a campaign was started to raise money for the renovation. Due to the generosity of many donors and a substantial monetary gift by the Balthasar Family, which was granted the naming rights to the new auditorium, the Fr. Robert V. Carney, SAC Performing Arts Center is now a reality. Congratulations to the Pius XI Community.





The Balthasar family gathered around the Fr. Carney plaque inside the new Performing Arts Center.

The blessing of the donors assembled for the May 20th ceremony.



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.

Be Doers of the Word: “Few words and many deeds, and let them be done well.” (Lett., 1554, p. 339)

St. Vincent Pallotti was neither a mere man of words, not a mere hearer of the word, but also a man of action. He often said that one must speak less and do more. Though speaking and hearing the word of God was significant to him, he never stopped merely at speaking and hearing. As a Christian he did hear the word of God and spent time reflecting on the word of God. As a priest he spoke the word of God and communicated the contents of the scriptures to others. While doing these two in the right measure, he was more interested in putting into action what he heard and what he spoke.

In his spiritual life, he was constantly concerned about doing various virtuous actions that would make him live the life of the image of God, besides bringing the glory of God. In his apostolic life, he had set up a well-organized pastoral plan that would help him to serve the poor and the needy while working for their sanctification. Besides whatever he did, whether it was in his spiritual life or in his apostolic life, he did it in the best possible

way. Doing everything he did with right effort and pure intention, he made sure that it became the best offering he could give to God.

Questions For Reflection

- 1) Am I a mere person of words?
- 2) Am I a mere hearer of the word?
- 3) Am I a doer of the word?
- 4) Do I perform actions to live as God's image and bring God the glory?
- 5) Are my apostolic endeavours aimed at the service of the poor and the needy, while working for their sanctification?
- 6) Do I perform my actions in the best way possible?

Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror and on going away, immediately forget what they were like. (Jas. 1:22-24)

A Look at the World:

Aging with Grace

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

Now that I am the senior member of my local community, as some members here reminded me, I am more aware of articles related to aging and the effects accompanying the higher birthday numbers. I'm reminded that facing up to aging does require courage. And if we don't think we have that necessary courage, there's no time like to present to find it and strengthen it.

In an article recently circulated among members of the Pallottine province, a well-known Jesuit theologian, Fr. Walter Burghardt, wrote a year before his death about absence of fear or grace under pressure. At age 93, he had his share of debilitating physical woes, including deteriorating eyesight. Instead of dwelling on our limits, Burghardt wrote, we need to get beyond them or at least deal more effectively with them.

How many times have we been reminded that we need to live our lives one day at a time? That's all we have. And that's sufficient for each of us. But living one day at a time can require courage. For example, there are times when we need to speak up for the rights of others. But we may feel uncertain. Where will we find the courage to speak up? There may be repercussions.

Where will we find the strength to stand up? From our own faith in the Lord. That's what St. Paul tells us: "Even now I find my joy in the suffering I endure for you. In my own flesh I fill up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of his body, the Church." (Col 1:24)

We don't like sheer suffering, but Paul tells



us it can be offered for the children of God in need of divine compassion. The pain may remain, but we are likely to experience a peace that God alone provides. This applies to many situations, maybe a dry spell in our prayer life with the Lord. What we need, Paul tells us, are gifts of grace: "love, joy, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith" (Gal 5:22-23). To adapt a phrase from Ernest Hemingway, "Courage is grace under pressure."

There will always be times when I am afraid – afraid to love, afraid to forgive, afraid to cry out against injustice. Courage is not the absence of fear. We all have fears. But we need to tap these gifts of grace and find the inner strength to do what needs to be done.

Courage is like a muscle that develops with regular exercise. As a woman with cancer said, "The more courage I used to get through the day, the more courage I had. The more I embraced life, relationships, nature and the joys of every day, the richer my life became."

Everyone ages. Everyone dies. But everyone who really lives a Christian life uses these gifts of grace to find the courage needed to get beyond physical limitations that go with aging. That's the Christian meaning of aging gracefully. **11**

Ask Father

I'm Not Enjoying the New Mass Changes. Help!



Dear Father,

OK, I've given the new changes at Mass a good try since the beginning of Advent. I don't like them! All I do at Mass is keep looking on the "new cards" for all the changes. That is so distracting for me. What should I do? I don't go to Mass to leave angry!

Signed,

Jill R.

Dear Jill,

I can't tell you how many times I've heard comments like yours since the new changes took place. What can I say but "hang in there!" Things will get better and easier. Try to approach things with a positive attitude. Let me explain by telling you a story.

"Once upon a time" I really liked to play card games. However, I didn't know how to play Bridge. Some friends of mine invited me over to play cards. Bridge was their game - not mine! As much as I loved playing cards, I was quite frustrated trying to learn all the "new rules" of Bridge. As a result, I often went home saying that I wasn't coming back. I hadn't enjoyed myself.

However, I always went back and over time I slowly picked up the game, which I now enjoy.

I think the new changes at Mass are similar to my dilemma with Bridge.

In time you will have the new "words and phrases" memorized and you will get quite comfortable with them. (In fact, I'll bet you that you will soon forget how to say the old words.)

New things take time and, as I know only too well as I get older, they take even longer for me these days. I'd hate to see you going home from Mass angry or frustrated just because of some new words.

Try your hardest to respond and say the new words. That will help you memorize them that much faster. Also your ACTIVE participation at Mass is the best way to make the liturgy a positive and happy experience for you. Then you can go home happy!

Thanks for your honest comments. Peace.

Have a question? Write to:

Ask Father

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From a Cloistered Kitchen: Bran Muffins

by The Pallotti House Chef

Each week, one of our Pallottine Fathers says Mass for a convent of cloistered Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary. Over the years they have been very generous to us and recently provided our community with a batch of wonderful bran muffins - so delicious that I just had to have the recipe to share with all of you. So... direct from the kitchens of the cloistered Dominican convent I proudly present this treat for your delight and approval.



Here's What You'll Need:

15 oz. Kellogg's Raisin Bran Cereal
3 cups sugar
5 cups of all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp. of baking soda
1 Tbsp. of baking powder
2 tsp. of salt
4 eggs
1 qt. milk* (See note)
3/4 cup vegetable oil

Here's What You Do:

Mix together the Raisin Bran, sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.

Add & mix well: 4 beaten eggs, milk and oil.

Refrigerate overnight before first baking. Stir batter before scooping because

liquid settles at bottom. (Use an ice cream scoop to scoop into muffin pan. 2/3 full.)

Bake at 400 degrees for approximately 20 minutes. Batter may be refrigerated for up to 6 weeks. (Timing /temperature is for use of dark muffin pans. Increase either for light silver or light gray pans.)

One recipe yields 3 dozen standard size muffins. A 5-qt. ice cream bucket holds all the batter.

****(Milk: I use Carnation Evaporated Milk: 1 12-oz. can, with 12 oz. water plus whatever milk you have on hand to make one quart.)***

I bake 2 dozen at once and time for 10 minutes, then for the remaining 10 minutes switch pans: top one to bottom rack, bottom to top, and turn front of pan to back of oven.

Muffins are freeezeable! Can be warmed in microwave for 10 seconds on high.

Pallottine Gift Memorials: January 2011 thru May 2012

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**An Invitation
 to all UAC
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Bob &

Louise
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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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