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# *And the Award Goes To . . . . .*

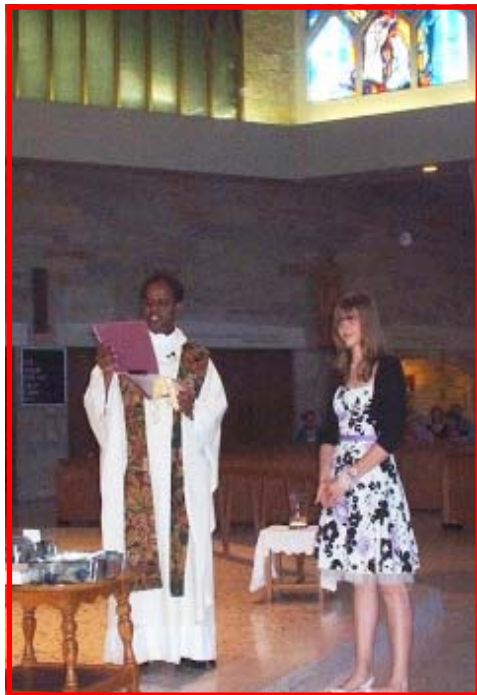
*by Gladys Williams*

Since the Pallottines arrived in Milwaukee back in the 1920's, we have been committed to the education of our youth and have been instrumental in establishing elementary schools at Holy Cross Parish, St. Anthony of Padua Parish and St. Therese Parish on the famed East-West corridor that travels along Bluemound Road from the Brewer Stadium to the County Zoo. Over the years we have expanded our concerns for the education of our youth by founding Pius XI High School, which, during the past 70 years, has become one of the premiere Catholic High Schools in Southeastern Wisconsin.

In addition to the grants that we have been giving to the schools at which our Fathers are stationed, in a recent decision by the Provincial and his council we have now taken our commitment to education one giant step further by establishing a Saint Vincent Pallotti Apostolic Scholarship Award.

Each year this award will be presented to a deserving student from St. Vincent Pallotti Catholic Grade School who plans to attend a catholic high school, and has exhibited leadership, service to the parish and community, and academic excellence during his/her years in school. The recipient will receive \$1000 per year for four years to help cover the rising costs of education at the high school level.

This year the scholarship was presented to Jenna Miller by the pastor, Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC at the 2008 Graduation Mass and Celebration. Congratula-



*Fr. Joe Koyickal presenting Jenna Miller  
the Apostolic Scholarship Award*

tions, Jenna! Best wishes to you as you begin your years at Pius XI High School in the Fall.

As the Pallottines continue to appeal for and receive more donations toward our special education efforts, we look forward to granting similar scholarships to students attending other parish grade schools.

In 2008 we raised over \$5000 for this worthy educational undertaking, and we hope to do even better in 2009 and in the years to follow.

There are no doubts in our minds that our young people today deserve to have access to the best Catholic education possible. Through our scholarship awards and grants we stand committed to helping them as much as we can.

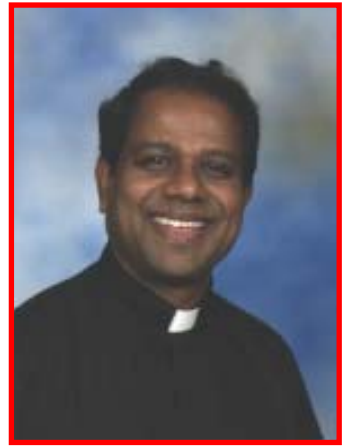
# *Saying Goodbye with a Sense of Gratitude and Joy*

*by Fr. Joe Koyickal*

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to loved and cherished people who you know loved and cared for you. On the one hand, there is a sense of excitement. Right now I do not know what I am feeling, as my feelings seem to be mixed up. But one thing I know for sure is that I am going to miss the people and parish I served. As I was reflecting on my past seven years, I was filled with a sense of wonder, awe and gratitude. I landed here on Jan. 31, 2001 in the middle of a severe winter, when we had 48 inches of snow! That was my first experience with Wisconsin winters and the first time I ever saw or touched snow!

Back then everything seemed different: parish, people, lifestyle, food and what not. But every difference slowly melted away as I came to know my parishioners, their love, friendship, care and support. Over the years, St. Vincent Pallotti Parish has become for me, "a home away from home." I loved being here, journeying with and ministering to you, in spite of all challenges. People have been so kind and generous. It was indeed an enriching experience pastorally, spiritually and personally. I have learned much and am very grateful to all.

I know many in the parish were surprised when I made the announcement, and many even asked me why I thought of moving on. One thing I made clear was that it was my choice and decision. I thank Fr. Leon Martin, the Pallottine Provincial, for accompanying me in the discernment process and supporting me in my decision. I have



been thinking, reflecting and praying over this for a while, and I believe that I have made the right decision at this point in my life. Although I enjoyed parish ministry, pastoral care of the sick and needy has always given me special joy and fulfillment. I had said to myself "maybe some day I will be doing this ministry." I must say that I felt the call strongly at this time, and found the conditions very favorable. This is going to be a new experience and opportunity, but I know eventually I will come back to parish ministry. Recently I had my final interview at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and was selected for the residency program there. I am looking forward to it. I will continue to be a member of the Pallottine community at Pallotti House and will be visiting occasionally for meetings and other events.

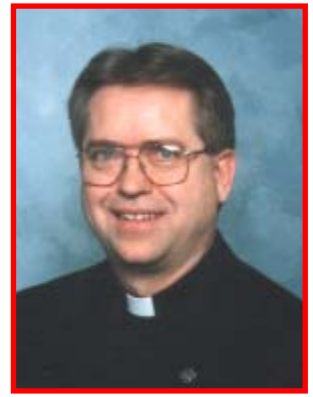
Yes, I go with very rich and pleasant memories and a heart full of gratitude to each and everyone in the parish and my community for your love, care and support. Thank you all so much! Please keep me in your prayers. You are in my heart every time I lift up my heart in prayer!

Goodbye and blessings to you all.

*Fr. Joe*

# *Our Neighbors Around The World.*

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



If you've ever been to Milwaukee during any of the past four years, you know all too well what I mean when I say the traffic tie-ups, jams and backups in the downtown area have been horrendous. Interstate I-94 at the Marquette interchange has been under construction forever (or so it seems). Well, I'm happy to say that as of August 31, 2008 the construction project has been completed, and once again "all roads lead to, through and around Milwaukee!"

It's amazing to me how over the centuries we humans have always shown great interest in traveling, and in our curious desires to go farther and faster we continue to "shrink" our planet. Just as our ships have brought the continents closer by months, weeks and days, so now air travel has brought our world closer by hours, minutes and seconds.

In mid July of this year I too became a traveler and ended up in George, South Africa to lead the Pallottine seminarians and novices in some formation presentations around the topic of Mary, Queen of Apostles. Shortly thereafter I flew a few hours north to Lusaka, Zambia. The Pallottines of the Epiphany Province in India (the same province whose members collaborate with us here in Milwaukee) staff a parish there, called The Holy Family, on the outskirts of the city. It is a parish with many active groups, but at the same time a people who struggle for the necessities of living. It is here that we Pallottines are

in the process of building a formation house (more on this next time).

Meanwhile, a few continents away, the World Youth Day was taking place in Sidney, Australia. This time the theme for the event was "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come and you will be my witnesses."

The Pallottines of the UAC (Union of Catholic Apostolate) worked hard to host the 169 pilgrims from around the world. In a recent newsletter, Alexius, one of the World Youth Day participants, shared his reflections on the experience:

"One activity was a huge highlight for me and, no, it was not one of the concerts. It was the vigil on the last night of WYD. I'm not sure how to describe it, but it was an amazing experience. I think it was the phenomenal number of people who were there, all praying together with the Pope, that really got me. That was the first time I had prayed in a public place, in front of thousands of people. I dropped all the constraints that youth culture, here in Australia, placed upon me and I went on my knees and prayed. And it was a deep and

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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*, by Steven M. Avella.

## **Question # 21: What is the Story of Queen of Apostles Seminary? Part VI**

Despite respectful pleas for flexibility in dealing with the future of the institution, Rector General Fr. Moehler persisted in his desire that the school remain a traditional seminary. Writing to Rector Joseph Heinrichs in April, 1963, he noted, "the solution most desirable would, of course, be to continue the seminary as an 'Apostolic School' of the Society and to replace the outgoing diocesan students with vocations for our own community. However, he realistically observed: "this seems to be a very difficult - if not impossible - undertaking, especially now with the new diocesan seminary in the city."

In reaction to the suggestion that the school ought to be open to non-seminarians, he noted: "I am not against such a solution in principle but seeing that such a setup involves some serious problems, I beg you and your Fathers to study the question thoroughly."

Responding to the General's advice to increase vocational recruitment, Fr. Raymond Naglett was appointed to assist Province Vocational Director Edmund Kurth in the summer of 1963. Liebl opined to the General: "If both working together can double what Fr. Kurth has been doing,

we will be able to keep QAS going as is." However, the rapidly approaching withdrawal of the numerically superior Madison seminarians compelled additional planning, and Liebl was obliged to consider other options. As he had done with the



**Fr. Joseph Heinrichs and seminarians at Mass circa 1963**

Elkhorn Retreat House, he commissioned a committee to ponder the future of the Queen of Apostles Seminary. They reported in a meeting on October 26, 1963, that the institution 'continue as a Minor Seminary having at least a four year resident minor seminary high school program.' Moreover, in keeping with the recommendations of the recently released "Ratio Educandi", they recommended the detachment of the junior college program of the seminary and having the seminarians attend "a fully accredited college while residing in our own House where proper

attention can be given to their formation." This would be finally enacted at the beginning of the 1965-1966 academic year. However, to address the key issue of enrollment, the committee proposed: "that intellectually and morally qualified young men who at this time have no intention of studying for the priesthood be accepted as resident students at QAS provided room is available after all the seminarians have been taken care of."

Liebl pondered these issues over the winter of 1963 and 1964, gathering as much information as he could and inquiring about a similar arrangement at the Eastern Province's Bishop Eustace Prep at Pennsauken, New Jersey. He then formally petitioned the Rector General for permission to admit non-seminarians. Moehler approved the proposals by cable, and acknowledged the need "to use the Seminary to its full capacity," especially since "you will not have sufficient vocations to do this." However, he gently warned: "I think that this may lead you into difficulties as you will have two programs to attend to for two sets of young men, and may be the cause of dissension amongst them." He nonetheless gave his approval. Liebl hastened to reassure the skeptical General that there would not be two programs. Non-seminarians and seminarians would be taking the same course work and be subjected to the same regimen and that even the athletic and social programs, designed for seminarians, would

not be altered. "Parents or students who desire modification in discipline or expansion in the athletic or social programs will be told to go to public school." However, he noted that the desire to open up the seminary to non-seminarians was in response to a real need in Madison. "The Bishop has done nothing to provide a Catholic High School education for children in his Diocese," he informed Moehler. "The laity have been fighting this for years and more so since he is spending millions for his seminary. For years individuals have begged us to give their sons a chance in our program. Our answer had always been "no vocation - no chance." Liebl promised that he would keep an eagle eye on the percentage of non-seminarians. "We realize that this is important. We want to keep away from a situation where the seminarians would be snowed under by non-seminarians."

Liebl reported on these developments at the annual retreat in the summer of 1964, telling the Province members, "As far as the future of the Seminary is concerned, a plan has been worked out for the immediate future which will guarantee its continuance even after the time the students for the Diocese of Madison leave. The course for next year is clear." He cautioned, however, "Should it become necessary to reconsider our present plan, at the end of that time, it will be done. The future remains in the hands of Almighty God. **And the story continues!**"

### **Next Time: Part VII: Queen of Apostles Seminary - A New Era Begins**

*If you want to learn more about the Pallottines of the Mother of God Province, 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

## I'm Just a "Holiday Christian"... So What's Wrong With That?

Dear Father,

I go to church on Christmas Day and Easter Sunday, and that's it. I don't feel any need to go every Sunday and I sure don't need to have somebody dictating to me when and where I have to go to practice my faith in God and Jesus. I'm proud of my faith in God. I just don't like all the rules that the Catholic Church has. So, what have you got to say about that?

Signed,  
Interested-in-your-Opinion

Dear Interested,

I'm not shocked or hurt by anything you said above. There seem to be many people walking around out there who feel just as you do. Should I play the angry parent who says to you, "You're going if I have to drag you there!"? I think not. Should I put on a black robe and try to scare you into going, "You'll go to hell if you don't go to Church!"? I don't think that would work either! So then, what do I say?

Well, that fact that you still go on Christmas and Easter makes me think that there are still some things that attract you to church services. Is it the decorations at those times of the year? Is it the beautiful music and singing? Could it be that the priest might just have great homilies on those two days? Could it be that you relate better to the baby Jesus or the risen Christ than you do to some of the other gospel stories? Could be! But whatever it is, you are attracted and come! That's good ... and you don't even feel forced to go!

I wish all church services attracted you



to come even if they didn't land on a Sunday. In other words, I'd bet that if you felt you were getting something out of going the church, you would be there in a flash and no one could stop you.

For myself, I find "going to church" helps me in three ways: 1) I feel a closeness to Jesus through receiving Him in communion. 2) By celebrating with others I don't feel alone in my faith - it's nice to know and see others who believe as I do. 3) Being in church allows me time away from the rat race of everyday living and helps me realize there is more to life than paying bills, working, eating and dying.

So... if two days a year you don't feel forced to go to church, I hope you can find others days too and you go because you want to or feel the need to. God wants us to stay connected with Him. Don't let some rules block that. Concentrate on bettering your relationship with God and let the rest fall into place. God love you!

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If you wish, you can also write to us and receive a reply without your letter being published.



# Lemon Drop Cookies

*Add to your Holiday Collection!*

*by The Pallotti House Chef*



Every Christmas I look forward for the wondrous smells and tastes of Christmas cookies. I can't get enough!

There are the old favorites that are a "must", and then there are those "new ones" that somebody will sneak in on their cookie tray. I always get a little cautious at this point.

Sometimes what a cookie looks like on a plate and how it tastes leave much to be desired, but then again sometimes a plain, simple-looking cookie can surprise the pallet in unexpected ways.

I'll leave it up to you to pass judgement on the following cookie recipe. If it suits your taste buds, then be sure to add it to your holiday cookie collection (My theory is: you can never have enough Christmas cookie recipes!); if not, well, there is always the circular file!

But I think you will enjoy this one. It comes from Mrs. Katherine Gunderman's Favorite Recipes book. It goes back a long time and was given to me by her son, Fr. Richard Gunderman, SAC, some years ago. I like passing on old family recipes!

## **Here's What You'll Need:**

1½ cups of sifted flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
½ cup creamy salted butter  
1 egg yolk

1 cup sugar  
4 tps. grated lemon rind  
1 egg  
¼ cup lemon juice

## **Here's What You Do:**

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.  
Mix flour, baking powder and salt.

In a separate bowl cream butter, add sugar gradually and mix until fluffy. Add lemon rind, egg and egg yolk and mix well.

Mix sifted dry ingredients alternately with lemon juice and the butter mix. Stir until well mixed.

Drop mixture by spoonfuls on ungreased baking sheets. Bake for about 15 minutes or until cookies start turning light brown. If desired, sprinkle with decorative sugar while hot.

Makes about 3½ dozen.

# Thoughts on Some World Events

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

Articles in the news about Islam abound. One recent article that was particularly interesting, “Christianity under siege,” was written by John L. Allen Jr. The combination of siege and Christianity that Allen describes is hardly new. Still, it’s interesting to watch as Islam moves into secular Europe. How does the religious landscape of Europe look for the near future?

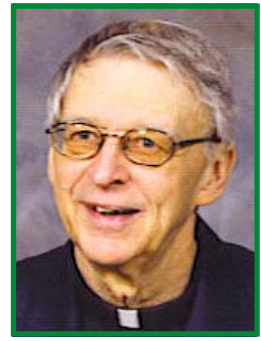
Pope Benedict has spoken often about how Christian-based European countries are becoming too secular. Another concern is the growth of the Muslim people who have migrated to Europe. With larger families, they are outpacing the growth of Christian families. Counting Muslims is inexact. Some are undocumented, and some countries do not ask about religion in collecting census data. By one estimate, the Muslim population grew from 5 million in 1980 to 15 million in 2005. That’s 200% growth. There are expectations the number will reach 40 million by 2030.

One cultural concern is that the cradle of Christianity could become part of a global house of Islam. There also is concern that Muslim demands for special treatment could work against the traditional privileges for established Christian churches in Europe.

Allen suggests that one of three paths or some combination seems likely:

— The rapid rise of Islam could be a final blow to Christianity.

— Competition from Islam could renew



Christian culture and morality.

— Christians and Muslims could unite to resist growing secularism.

A loss of Christianity or a takeover by Muslim culture seems unlikely. True Christian beliefs and morals are too deeply rooted, even when mere numbers of Christians diminish. There is, however, a strong likelihood of a Christian revival. There are many signs of renewed energy in Christian movements founded in recent years that have spread around the world.

In May 2006, the “Second World Congress of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities” was held outside of Rome. “The beauty of being a Christian and the joy of communicating this” was the theme. More than 300 delegates from 80 movements and new communities approved by the Apostolic See were represented. The pope called them “a bright sign of the beauty of Christ and the church” in the world today. He urged members of lay movements to carry the Gospel message everywhere, including the “social and cultural circles in which they live.” This missionary spirit helps keep the movement fresh rather than turning on itself and becoming “tired and egotistical.” In reference to established religious com-

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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 thoughts of our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti. We would like to share some of these reflections to help you on your spiritual journey.

### **Reflection: God - The Beginning and the End of All Actions**

"In all my actions ... I intend that there be no other beginning or end than God alone, even in those actions that are called indifferent (00CC,X, p27)

St. Vincent Pallotti recognized God as the beginning and the end of all his actions. In other words, for him, God is the origin and culmination of everything he did. He always attempted to perform his actions motivated by this truth. As a result, before he thought of performing any action, he looked towards God, who, in the final analysis, is the starting point of his actions. Similarly, when the action was executed and neared its termination, he fell back on God, in whom this act gets its completion. The attitude of looking up to God before, during and after an action is performed, made St. Vincent to do every action with the mind of God. His thoughts became similar to those of God; his will always chose those actions that were corresponding to the will of God; his sentiments were alike that of God; and his mode of action resembles that of God.

As a result, there was hardly any selfishness in the actions St. Vincent performed. He never performed any action for his own satisfaction or pleasure. But, his actions were done with the purest motivation. His actions were always aimed at bringing greater good to the other and greater honor to God. Spending his whole life for the twin purposes of

the glory of God and the good of all God's creatures helped St. Vincent to accept God as his first beginning and the end on a regular basis, in the context of his everyday living.

#### **Questions for Us to Reflect On:**

1. Do I recognize God as the beginning and the end of my life?
2. Do I perform my actions looking up to God as their origin and culmination?
3. Do I accomplish everything having God's thoughts, sentiments and mode of action?
4. Do I perform actions for my personal satisfaction or pleasure?
5. Do I perform every action with the purest intention?

*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending of all things," says the Lord.*

# *Pope Benedict XVI's First Encyclical*

## **"Deus Caritas Est" (Continued from Summer 2008 Issue)**

11. The first novelty of biblical faith consists, as we have seen, in its image of God. The second, essentially connected to this, is found in the image of man. The biblical account of creation speaks of the solitude of Adam, the first man, and God's decision to give him a helper. Of all other creatures, not one is capable of being the helper that man needs, even though he has assigned a name to all the wild beasts and birds and thus made them fully a part of his life.

So God forms woman from the rib of man. Now Adam finds the helper that he needed: "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." (Gn. 2:23). Here one might detect hints of ideas that are also found, for example, in the myth mentioned by Plato, according to which man was originally spherical because he was complete in himself and self-sufficient. But as a punishment for pride, he was split in two by Zeus, so that now he longs for his other half, striving with all his being to possess it and thus regain his integrity. While the biblical narrative does not speak of punishment, the idea is certainly present that man is somehow incomplete, driven by nature to seek in another the part that can make him whole, the idea that only in communion with the opposite sex can he become "complete." The biblical account thus concludes with a prophecy about Adam: "Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife and they become one flesh" (Gn. 2:24). Two aspects of this are important. First, eros is somehow rooted in man's very nature; Adam is a seeker who "abandons his mother and father" in order to find woman; only together do the two represent complete humanity and become one flesh,"

The second aspect is equally important. From the standpoint of creation, eros directs man toward marriage, to a bond which is unique and definitive; thus, and only thus, does it fulfill its deepest purpose.

Corresponding to the image of a monotheistic God is monogamous marriage. Marriage based on exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love. This close connection between eros and marriage in the Bible has practically no equivalent in extrabiblical literature.

### *Jesus Christ: the Incarnate Love of God*

12. Though up to now we have been speaking mainly of the Old Testament, nevertheless the profound compenetration of the two testaments as the one Scripture of the Christian faith has already become evident. The real novelty of the New Testament lies not so much in new ideas as in the figure of Christ himself, who gives flesh and blood to those concepts - an unprecedented realism. In the Old Testament the novelty of the Bible did not consist merely in abstract notions but in God's unpredictable and in some sense unprecedented activity. This divine activity now takes on dramatic form when, in Jesus Christ, it is God himself who goes in search of the stray sheep," a suffering and lost humanity.

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

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## *Our Neighbors Around the World:* (continued from pg. 5)



uplifting moment. I knelt there, with no thoughts but the words and teachings of God, with no care about what my friends would say if they saw me now. What was even more wonderful was that I was not the only one who prayed. Almost everyone there did the same thing, and I think it was this occurrence that really helped me to forget the stereotypes and now there was no shame in being a practicing Catholic and that I should not be scared of showing others my faith."

As this summer comes to a close, I'm sure our many experiences and travels during that time can be reminders for us to see the face of God in all times of the year: Fall, Winter and Spring.

Time to count our blessings! Peace,

*Fr. Leon Martin, SAC*

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## *Thoughts on Some World Events* (continued from pg. 10)

munities, the Holy Father repeatedly calls for a life lived in response to their own founding charisms. In the field of sociology, "high-tension" religious movements with clear goals and high demands of members are recognized as ones that grow most rapidly. In contrast, low-tension religious groups easily can get caught up in secularism.

Another possibility is that Christians and Muslims could work together to promote shared values. The Vatican and Islamic nations, for example, joined forces in opposing abortion during the United Nations conference on population and women in the mid 1990s. On other issues, Christian and Islamic leaders could find themselves shoulder to

shoulder in defending the right to religious expression in public debates.

Whether Muslims and Christians become allies depends on several starting points: Muslims need to rein in the radicals, the terrorists who incite the suicide bombers; Christians need to be open-minded. Can we accept Muslims and their leaders as authentic world people who are not out to destroy the Christian/non-Muslim world?

We do not anticipate a numeric takeover by Muslims in the United States, but successful foreign and domestic policy depends on our attitude toward people not of our own religion, culture or language.

*Fr. Bruce Schute*

# *Pallottine Gift Memorials:*

Jan. 2007 thru Sept. 2008

## **In Memory of the Deceased**

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## **In Honor of the Living**

### *50th Wedding Anniversary*

**Jim & Lucille Horning**

Jim & Jean Rebholz

### *Wedding Anniversary*

**Mr. & Mrs. Frank Boucher**

Gordon & Bernice Boucher

### *Birthday*

**Lorraine Klamert (90th)**

Chuck & Eileen Wolf

**Betty Lorbeske**

Marie Schoewe

### *Health*

Tracy Shenkel

Ms. Mary Sewalk

### *Successful Operation*

**Mary Margaret Hanson**

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and embrace his prodigal son these are no mere words: They constitute an explanation of his very being and activity. His death on the cross is the culmination of that turning of God against himself in which he gives Himself in order to raise man up and save him. This is love in its most radical form. By contemplating the pierced side of Christ (cf. 19:37), we can understand the starting point of this encyclical letter: "God is love (1Jn4:8). It is there that this truth can be contemplated. It is from there that our definition of love must begin. In this contemplation the Christian discovers the path along which his life and love must move.

13. Jesus gave this act of oblation an enduring presence through his institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. He anticipated his death and resurrection by giving his disciples, in the bread and wine, his very self, his body and blood as the new manna (cf. Jn. 6:31 - 33). The

ancient world had dimly perceived that man's real food - what truly nourishes him as man - is ultimately the Logos, eternal wisdom: This same Logos now truly becomes food for us - as love. The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving.

The imagery of marriage between God and Israel is now realized in a way previously inconceivable: It had meant standing in God's presence, but now it becomes union with God through sharing in Jesus' self-gift, sharing in his body and blood. The sacramental "mysticism" grounded in God's condescension toward us, operates at a radically different level and lifts us to far greater heights than anything that any human mystical elevation could ever accomplish.

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