

PEOPLE OF GOD NEWSLETTER

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*Rejoice,
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the Savior of the World is Born!*

Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Winter 2010



The Pallottines



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"Let the decorations of Christmas enlighten our hearts during this holy season and throughout the coming

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Find 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: Love in Action

"In dealing with our neighbor we should be cordial, foresighted, patient and calm without dejection. We should give attention without flattery and condescension without human respect. (OCC, XI, p.322)

St. Vincent Pallotti stressed the importance of showing a person's love for his neighbor in concrete action. There must be a sense of balance in the way one deals with his neighbor. He suggested that in dealing with one's neighbor, one should be cordial, foresighted, patient, calm with dejection, giving attention without flattery and having condescension without regard to human respect. Firstly a person must be cordial with his neighbor. Cordiality consists in being sincere and friendly with ones' neighbor. Secondly, a person must act with foresight towards his neighbor. This involves knowing the nature and sentiments of the person and acting toward him accordingly. Thirdly, a person must be patient towards his neighbor. Patience implies that a person is unruffled and undisturbed when the behavior of one's neighbor is unacceptable and unwanted. Fourthly, a person must be calm without being dejected. In dealing with his neighbor, a person must maintain a calm and serene profile, despite the failures of his neighbor, but must avoid dejection at all cost. Fifthly, a person must give attention to his neighbor without flattering him. While taking sufficient care of his neighbor, one must not act towards him for the purpose of

pleasing him. Finally, a person must have condescension towards his neighbor, but it must not be done out of human respect. In this manner, a person can reach out to his neighbor with sincere love and care.

Questions for our further Reflection:

- 1) How do I express my love for my neighbor?
- 2) Am I balanced in the way I express my love for my neighbor?
- 3) Am I cordial, foresighted, patient, and calm with my neighbor?
- 4) Do I avoid flattery and acting out of human respect in dealing with my neighbor?

Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. (Is. 58:7)

Reflections on My Celebration of 50 Years as a Priest

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC



Fr. Bruce during opening procession

On Saturday, June 5, 2010, musicians gathered and started their final preparation, altar people finished the display in the sanctuary, and all the printed papers were set up ready to hand out.

I had thought about this 50th anniversary celebration for a long time - the plan of gathering in the church of my ordination, my 25th celebration, and many other community events - and it was about to start.

Priests from the area and Pallottine community came. My family, including my sister and her youngest son, sat up front along with my cousin's wife, now constrained to a wheelchair and many of their family. People started filing into the church and I was inwardly very excited and a bit nervous that all would go as

planned. At the appointed time the musical prelude began and all settled down to listen to the choir and organ. When the entrance hymn began "God We Praise You!" the organ soared, the choir sang, and the people stood to welcome me, the celebrant, in the entrance procession.

This holy Mass was my public response of gratitude for 50 years as a priest. This gathering of people from all years and ministries of my life was a liturgical act of prayer and song, only done one time. Much of my life was symbolically here this day. St. Boniface, patron of my first Catholic grade school, was the celebrated saint. Notre Dame Sisters from Mt. Mary College represented the community that taught me from 1st through 8th grade, and especially my music background. Classmates from that school were also present. Long-standing personal and community ties with the Carmelite Sisters, School Sisters of St. Francis and also the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls MN (formerly at Trinity Memorial Hospital in Cudahy) brought members from these convents to the Mass.

Friends, from members of the choir to various ministries throughout the Mass, were

part of the act of praising God in word and making a joyful melody to the Lord. (The gospel type music, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, and "La Valle" after communion certainly added to that wonderful sound.)

Each part of the liturgy, from the readings to my homily, was truly a spiritual grace-filled time and now a fond memory. After communion, my sister, Maryrose, had a few words to say from her personal feelings and also our family influences, especially our mother.

The afternoon time following the Mass was a perfect weather-gathering time for food and visiting. Ample plates of vegetables, fruits and chicken wings, and more, were specially prepared by the kitchen staff at the parish and served with an abundant supply of beer, wine, soda, etc. Truly "this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad." This theme was also used by Fr. John Becker in the homily at the celebration of my first Holy Mass.



Procession at the End of the Mass

Thanks to all who made this day possible for me - those who helped prepare the celebration and see that it went on without a hitch, and all of you who partook of the festivities. God bless and keep you!



Family and friends gathering after the Mass for refreshments on the back lawn at Pallotti House.

And Now You Know!

A followup article to a section of 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 25: What happened at the Provincial Chapter of 1968?



On January 23, 1968, fifteen capitulars began their deliberations (on renewal in the province). Included among their numbers for the first time was a representative of the community's handful of brothers in the person of Brother Robert Sullivan. Also in attendance was Father Francis Bogdan, Secretary

General of the Community

from Rome. The first day was devoted to a wide-ranging discussion on the nature and purpose of the Pallottine Society in preparation for the deliberations of the General Chapter of Renewal that would take place later that year. It was this discussion that was the most pivotal of the assembly and the difficulty the capitulars had in coming to grips with it reflected the uncertainty that would characterize the future.

In the first session, the capitulars struggles with the question of what in Pallotti's thinking was "super-temporal" enough to be able to assist the community in the present moment. An answer to this was necessary to try and retrofit the community for the future and especially to give it direction in searching for a new outlet for the Apostolate of the laity.

Perhaps reflecting the relatively limited amount of exposure many American Pallottines had with the historical Pallottine, the capitulars were unable to come up with concrete ideas. Instead, they chose to leave the weightier discussion of what Pallotti actually intended to the "periti" who would be available to the international society at the General Chapter. In hindsight this unwillingness or inability to engage the theoretical question of who they really were was not helpful to the Province. At some deep level, perhaps because the old "Pious Society of Missions" model of practical, missionary pragmatism still prevailed, American Pallottines saw no need to delve into this decision -- even though it meant foregoing a critical reflection of who they were and where they were going. The Chapter gladly moved on from these highly abstract matters to the nuts and bolts of updating and structural changes in religious life mandated by Vatican II.

Subsequent sessions of the Chapter were given over to a discussion of the fundamental structures of the Society. In the course of their discussions the capitulars recommended the possibility of combining all Pallottines in the United States into one Province, establishing one house of formation, and pooling information among those engaged in similar Apostolic works. Equally dramatic, the capitulars urged the bestowing of active and passive voice on brothers in the government and works of the Society. It also was willing to consider the admission of co-workers in the Society on a temporary basis.

A more substantial discussion ensued over the "Spirituality of All Members of the Society" and the "Formation of Members." In the spirituality section, much concern was expressed over the understanding of the evangelical counsels of poverty and obedience, both stressing a more personal, free-willed approach on the part of the member. With regards to the expectation of obedience, emphasis was placed on its lineage with the idea of "Diaconia" or service. Hence, "all traces of authoritarianism and paternalism are to be ruled out." With regards to poverty, suggestions were made to recast its terminology to "simplicity of life" or "a simple way of life." It encouraged experimentation with forms of communal prayers, the mitigation of fasting periods outside those of the Universal Church, and abandonment of the practice of carrying the New Testament and the Imitation of Christ on one's person.

With regards to formation, the capitulars struggled again with the same questions of freedom and self-direction that undergirded the deliberations on spirituality. The discussion soon focused on the experience of the novitiate with some sentiment being expressed that the old "closed" novitiate might be better modified by an experience more closely approximating the life the young Pallottine would lead after consecration.

The question of the education and formation of brothers also received attention with the admission that "temporarily professed Brothers have not shared

in a program that continued their social and cultural education and intellectual refinement ...in a way comparable with that offered the candidates for the priesthood."

A grab bag of other proposals ensued, all changing the contours of Pallottine life: a mandate to rethink the way in which apostolic assignments were made with a call to match people with jobs for which they have appropriate skill, and the use of the habit only as liturgical apparel. Finally, the capitulars insisted that in Province administration, "decentralization in general should be stressed. As much autonomy as possible should be delegated to the lower levels of administration." Specifically, they sought the right to elect the Provincial and his consultors and develop greater local control over house finances. They also required greater openness about Province finances directing the Provincial administration to hold a meeting of all members to discuss Province finances.

The completion of the chapter's work represents, at least on a organization level, an important shift in Pallottine life. Preparations soon got underway for the Extraordinary 12th General Chapter that would meet in Rome from Oct. 1968 thru Mar. 1969. Harold Liebl, Joseph Heinrichs, and Lawrence McCall represented the priests of our Province. As one of its first actions, the brothers of the Society were given active voice in the Chapter, and Br. Robert Sullivan together with nine other brothers represented their number in the Chapter. Fr. John Haas joined the American delegation as a translator.

Next Time #26: What happened at the Extraordinary 12th General Chapter in Rome?

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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"I Ask to Begin My Preparatory Formation ..."

by *The Pallottines at Pallotti House*



With these words at a special ceremony held in our chapel at Pallotti House on August 15, 2010, Stephen Weber, who has been in our postulancy program since January 2010, takes his next step, as a novice, toward becoming a full member of our Pallottine community.

But there is a new twist to our novitiate program this time around. On September 2nd, Steve and Fr. Leon Martin, our provincial, will board a plane and travel across the Atlantic Ocean. For Steve this will be a whole new adventure as he, along with two other men, will not only be starting his spiritual year as a novice, but he will be doing it in completely new surroundings at the House of Formation in Dublin, Ireland. From there he will spend two further months in Rome with other candidates coming to know the history of our Society and our founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, by walking in his footsteps in the City he loved dearly. Prior to the start of the program, he and Fr. Leon will participate in a Pallottine retreat given at Thurles near Dublin. I guess this time the word "novice" will truly live up to it's meaning "NEW".

Why Ireland? In recent years it has become beneficial to both novices and provinces to combine novitiate programs whenever feasible to cut costs and allow for a greater number of novices to go through the program together. Since our Irish Pallottines will have a novitiate program with only a two men and since we have but one novice this year, it seemed reasonable to pool our resources. For the novices this will mean better support, help and encouragement during their time as novices. (It's hard to be an 'only child!') It also gives them the added advantage of gaining a more international outlook on what it means to be a Pallottine in different parts of the world. As technology continues to "shrink" our planet, we need more members who have a better feel for the global apostolate.

Steve, we wish you well and Godspeed as you begin this next part of your journey with the Pallottines. May this coming spiritual year afford you great opportunities to learn more about St. Vincent Pallotti and our Pallottine way of life. When you come back to us in a year, we won't mind if you have taken on the "wearing of the green", but please try not to come back with too heavy an Irish accent! Peace!

Your Brothers in St. Vincent

A Message from the Provincial

by Fr. Leon Martin, SAC

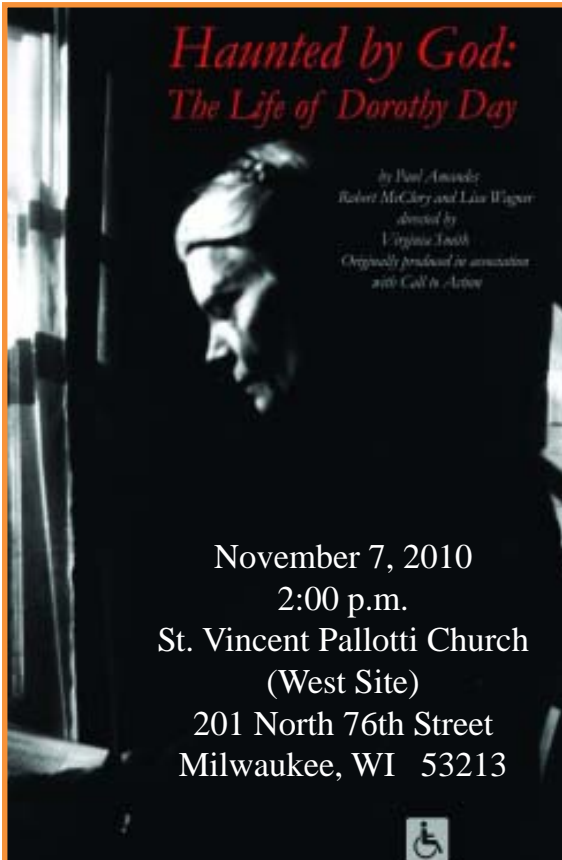


Dear Friends,

By the time you read this newsletter, I will be in Rome attending our Pallottine General Assembly. We gather from over 40 countries every 6 years to look at our response of faith through St. Vincent Pallotti's message to revive the faith and re-ignite charity. During these days as we share our stories, pray and worship together we grow into a unity of purpose and life ready to return to our individual countries in the service of the Church.

I will remember you in my thoughts and prayers at the altar of St. Vincent Pallotti. May God bless you all!

Fr. Leon Martin, SAC



Mark Your Calendar!

For an entertaining and inspiring afternoon.

HAUNTED BY GOD: THE LIFE OF DOROTHY DAY

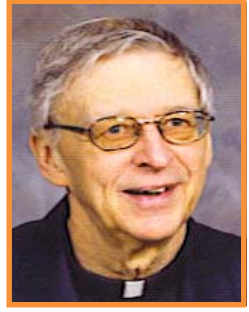
is a compelling one-woman show about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. After her death in 1980, the New York Times eulogized Dorothy as a “nonviolent social radical of luminous personality.” Don’t miss a second of this exciting play! Suggested donation \$10.00. Produced in association with Call to Action.

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Celebrations & Memories

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC



The closing of the declared year of the priest and my own celebration of the 50th anniversary of my ordination coincided this past June, prompting me to review the direction of my ministry. It was with a mix of great joy and relief that I celebrated the golden anniversary of my ordination with Mass and a gathering of friends and family. My Thanksgiving was expressed in prayer and music and shared by the people who were with me.

The very next day I was off to Rome to join a group of Pallottine priests from Brazil, Rwanda, Germany, the U.S. and Italy. One purpose for our meeting was to learn more about Pallotti's life from talks and discussions and to walk in his footsteps around Rome and other places he stayed, including Camaldoli, the hermitage just outside of Rome.

A second purpose was to take part in the closing of the year for priests. The highlight was an outdoor Mass at St. Peter's Square, celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. About 15,000 fellow priests were there, sitting under the hot sun. Water bottles that freely were dispensed were much appreciated. The liturgy was entirely in Italian, which I don't speak. I wasn't able to understand the homily until afterward when I found a translation on the Internet.

Benedict portrayed God as audacious in entrusting himself to humans. Conscious of our weaknesses, God nonetheless considers man capable of acting and being present in his stead. This audacity of God is the true grandeur concealed in the word priesthood. When I read this I immediately thought of the prayer by St. Teresa of Avila that was sung during the prelude of my ordination celebration.

Christ has no body now on earth, but yours. No hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

These images encompass much of what the priest is called to do. Looking back on my 50 years of ministry, I note that the first third was devoted to teaching secular subjects in the social field and in music and, at the high school level, the subject of religion. After several years in the high school I branched out to parish ministry and then moved into pastoral care as a chaplain. Most recently, I was in parish ministry in Canada.

In reflecting on what has been most important in my spirituality, I look to Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's *The Holy Longing, the Search for a Christian Spirituality*, in which he writes of four non-negotiable essentials of Christian spirituality: private prayer and private morality, social justice, mellowness of heart and soul, and community as a constituent element of true worship.

As I reflect on the year of the priest and my 50 years in the priesthood, this question above all is on my mind: How do I live in the joy of the Lord while incorporating these four essentials even through suffering and ultimately death?

A Holiday Treat:

Sour Cream Coffee Cake

by The Pallotti House Chef

Looking through my highly organized cookbook (by which I mean MESSY), I came across an interesting recipe that had been tucked away in a small envelope. I thought to myself, "Well, this is just what the doctor ordered for the holidays - a nice coffee cake."

I know 'tis the season for cookies", but a little variety during the holidays can only add to the excitement and surprise of a party or dinner.

So, why not give this coffee cake a try. Besides, coffee cake goes a lot better with a morning cup of coffee. (That's why they call it COFFEE cake!) I think you will love it.

Here's What You'll Need:

FOR THE CAKE:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) of softened butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3/4 cup golden raisins
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups flour
- 1 & 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 & 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt

FOR THE TOPPING:

- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbls. flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

Here's What You Do:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.



Grease and flour a 9" x 13" x 2" baking pan.

In a large bowl cream butter and sugar together. Add one egg at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine dry ingredients and add to mixture while alternating with the sour cream. Mix well. Then fold in the raisins.

Pour mixture into the baking pan, and sprinkle pecans evenly over the batter. Mix topping ingredients together and sprinkle evenly over the nuts.

Bake for 35 minutes. When done, cool pan on a wire rack. Enjoy!

Merry Christmas and all those other holiday greetings!

Pallottine Gift Memorials: Jan. 2009 thru Sept. 2010

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In Honor of the Living

60th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. V.L. Thompson

Nancy & Bill Sybeldon

50th Wedding Anniversary

Jim & Lucille Hornung

Jim & Jean Rebholz

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

Ann Panlener

Birthday

Betty Lorbeske

Marie Schoewe

Sr. Verda Kraemer, FSPA (90th)

John, Barb & Christopher Hansen

Family

The Jeffrey Donohue Family

Suzy Spencer

Health

Marge Cronce

Beverley A. Arnold

Olga Hagedus

Ms. Mary Sewalk

Tracy Shenkel

Ms. Mary Sewalk

Love

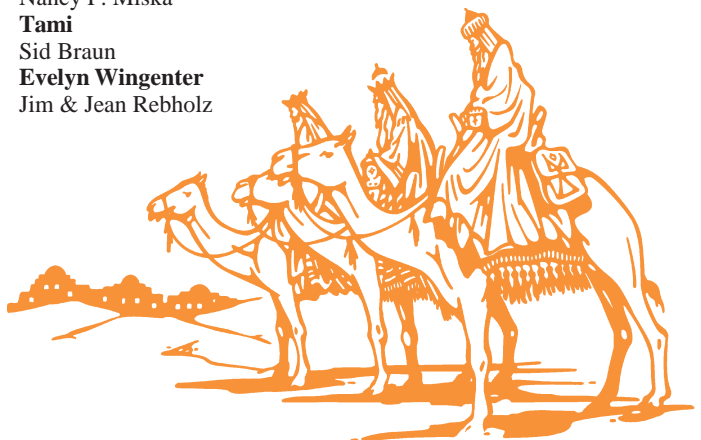
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Marie Schoewe

Successful Operation

Mary Margaret Hanson

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Boucher



Ask Father

Changes are Coming to the Mass

Dear Father,

Call me old-fashioned, but it took me many years to finally let go of the Latin Mass for the English we now have. So what's this I hear that Rome is now going to change some of the English at Mass?

Are we going to have to learn new prayers? Is Mass going to be different so that I will have to learn when to stand and sit all over again? Aren't there more important things the Church could be doing beside messing up the Mass?

**Signed,
Jenny P.**

Dear Jenny,

I wish I could tell you that all you've heard about upcoming changes in the Mass was just a big rumor, but indeed changes are coming --- it's just that they aren't going to be as radical or different as some would like you to believe. Hang on to your faith!

The priest will have a few more things to worry about at Mass, but the changes that directly affect you are small. How about some "For examples"?

Right now, when the priest says, "The Lord be with you." you are used to responding, "And also with you." Well, with the changes, your response will be "And with your Spirit." It's a closer translation of the original Latin. But as simple as that may be, it will take some time for us all to adjust to the new words. (I guess we will have to think

about what we're saying again!). There will also be some new words and phrases added to the penitential rite (Lord have mercy) but the two biggest changes will come in the "Gloria" and in the "Creed". If you once though you had those two prayer committed to memory, well, you will probably be reading them from a card until you get used to the new translations." Never fear, in time you will know them by heart! I'm sure your parish will be putting out copies of the new translations as the time gets closer for the changes to take effect.

As the Mass goes on, you will hear the priest saying familiar prayers with a new word added here or there, or some new sentences replacing more familiar ones. It would be interesting to see how many people catch all the "new" changes in the words at Mass.

In the meantime, while we wait for the new Mass books and missals to come out, hopefully your parish will get going on bringing everyone up to date as to what's changing and when it will change, and then instruct you in the new words and phrases that will be used.

Changes are indeed coming, but what would life be without them? Boring? In a rut? I know changing always upsets my comfort level, but once I get going, it's amazing how quickly I can adapt to new things. Hope you can too. Peace!

**Send your "Ask Father" letters to:
Ask Father
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Milwaukee, WI 53208**

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

On the Lighter Side of Life!



A Toast!

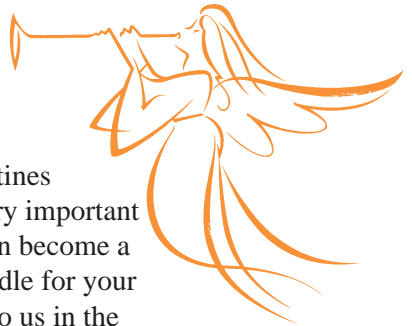
Here's to you as good as you are.
 And here's to me as bad as I am.
 But as good as you are
 and as bad as I am,
 I am as good as you are
 as bad as I am!

A Brain Teaser!

On horses we find two legs behind
 and two we find before.
 We stand behind, before we find
 what the two behind be for!

(Cut here)

Loving Vigil Lights for the Holidays



There are many Christmas traditions that we Pallottines enjoy. Lighting candles for our loved ones is a very important act in our community. This holiday season you can become a part of our Pallottine family by lighting a vigil candle for your loved ones. Complete the form below and send it to us in the enclosed envelope and we will light a **7 day vigil light for you and your intentions** at the statue of St. Joseph in our house chapel during the holidays.

Please light a vigil candle for my holiday intentions:

(circle a month and a Monday
 you would like us to start the
 7 day vigil light for you.)

Oct.	04	11	18	25	
Nov.	01	08	15	22	29
Dec.	06	13	20	27	
Jan.	03	10	17	24	31

I would like to make a donation of: \$3 \$5 \$7 \$10 \$Other _____