

PEOPLE OF GOD NEWSLETTER

LAITY, RELIGIOUS AND CLERGY LIVING THE VISION OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI

*We must try to become
even more like our
Lord Jesus Christ,
our first born.*

St. Vincent Pallotti



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The Pallottines



Wishing you a very blessed
Thanksgiving
and
Christmas season

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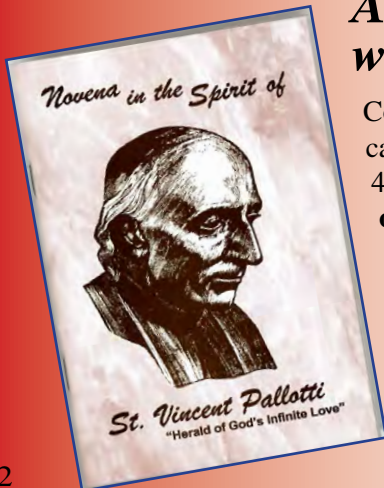
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Another Way to Touch Base with Saint Vincent Pallotti!

Continuing our 50th anniversary celebration of the canonization of our founder, we are happy to offer this 4 x 6 inch, 52 page, booklet: **Novena in the Spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti** for \$3.50 (this includes postage and handling.) This book contains 9 days of prayers and reflections in the spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti. 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!

First National UAC Congress Meets at Marquette University - Milwaukee

by Fr. Greg Serwa, SAC



Fr. Greg and UAC members at Marquette University.

“As members of the Union we are called and sent again into the world to build the Kingdom.” Our theme came from the Gospel of the 15th Sunday in ordinary time and couldn’t be more fitting for the Congress - Jesus sending his disciples out two by two.

We are grateful for the Holy Spirit working in our midst as we celebrated our relationships with each other in the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC). The Congress took place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 13-15. Bob Gay opened the Congress with a welcome to all, and Bishop Don Hying, our newest Auxiliary Bishop continued that welcome, reminding all of our Baptism in the Lord. Speakers were Maria Domke from Canada, who shared her journey in faith that led to the Union and invited everyone to share their journey. Linda Barikmo from Milwaukee reminded us that our commitment naturally leads to service, and Maureen and John Rotramel, also of Milwaukee, shared their reflections on the coming year of Faith and the New Evangelism. Fr. Rory concluded our weekend with a very thoughtful Liturgy in which we made

a recommitment to the Union and were sent out again to continue the building up of the Kingdom. (Go to <http://my.opera.com/gpserwa/albums/show.dml?id=12249002> for more photos of the Congress. Some talks and material will also be posted on this web site as well.

During our days together we also had a chance to visit the churches in Milwaukee in which our UAC communities had their origin and continue to develop. The UAC members shared the symbolism of the art in our worship spaces there and told of their history. Saturday evening we were introduced to Dorothy Day and her struggle to be faithful to the Gospel by Lisa Wagner of “Stillpoint Theater,” who presented her presentation of “Haunted by God.”

I am sure that many went home renewed and more aware that the journey continues, and however God calls us, he also blesses us with companions on the journey, sending us to collaborate in bringing the Gospel to others.

I am grateful to God and to all who made this Congress possible and successful.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

HIGHLY PRAISES

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI –
CHALLENGES PALLOTTINES!

PART 2

AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY

FR. JOSEPH HEINRICHS, SAC FOR THE
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF ST.
VINCENT PALLOTTI'S BIRTH (1795-1995)



Last issue I began a reflection on the beautiful praise and deep respect Pope John Paul II expressed for St. Vincent Pallotti in his letter to the Very Rev. Seamus Freeman, SAC, Rector General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate.

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I suggest now that the Holy Father's praise and respect for St. Vincent's life, work, spirit and ideals, calls directly into our hearts and minds. All of this becomes a mighty challenge for us: laity, priests, sisters, and brothers.

To be announcers of the Gospel "through the witness of life and verbal testimony" we must enjoy a deep on-going Christian formation, "nourished and sustained by continuous contact with Christ in prayer, through liturgical celebration, fraternal life in community, the exercise of charity, and theological reflection."

Nothing of this which our Holy Father urges is new or unknown to us. But his message at this moment in time makes an unusual demand of us, what we Pallottines must be, men and women of prayer, charity, community and of on-going study. We cannot ignore or rationalize away this message.

We are announcers of the faith, and this should prompt us to become all that which our Holy Father holds out before us. The call to the foreign missions is the first: "A challenge of the new evangelization is that of bringing the Gospel of Christ where it is not known," the Pope urges. He is fully aware of the Pallottine commitment to foreign missionary activity and, he insists, the Church is grateful.

"The proclamation of the faith leads one to rediscover that

God is love. (cfr. 1 Jn. 4:8).” This was a theme of the continual and untiring preaching of St. Vincent Pallotti, which had its foundation in his personal experience of being loved by God, unconditionally and without limits. His meditations never cease to resound in the hearts of his spiritual children. God the Infinite Love is ever present and everywhere. God, Charity in essence, created ‘human beings in his image and likeness; the human person is not an image painted on canvas, ... but a living, rational, spiritual substance; Jesus Christ is the manifestation of God’s Love who gave his only begotten Son to re-establish with sinful humanity a new covenant; to live in Christ, thus to live in the love of the Father.’” (cfr. Opere Complete III, 34-40).

Pope John Paul II concludes these reflections by reminding all Pallottines that it was in the light of Pallotti’s convictions about the Infinite Love of God that our Saint chose for himself and us as a motto the words of St. Paul:” “The love of Christ impels us” (cfr. 2 Cor. 5:14) Then our Holy Father continues with a subject dear to his own heart as well as certainly to St. Vincent’s: “On this occasion I would like to exhort each and every member of the Union to contribute in a concrete way to the realization of the Founder’s desire expressed in these words: ‘in seeing or thinking of the poor... I would like to become their food, their drink, their healing tonic, their clothing ... I would like to be transformed into light for the blind, speech for the mute, hearing for the deaf, health for the sick.’ Love for the poor must constitute, therefore, an intrinsic and primary concern for the Union.” Whatever the works and programs intended to help our neighbors in their bodily and spiritual need, they will be like those of St. Vincent’s which “gave witness to fraternal charity and contributed to the building up of the civilization of love.”

Then Pope John Paul II proceeds to speak about what he salutes as the Pallottine Identity Card in the Church - the Union of Catholic Apostolate. He expresses his joy for the dedication shown in developing and promoting this prophetic vision of St. Vincent’s. The Pope draws on the Final Document of the XVII General Assembly, 1992, in which it is affirmed that “the Union of Catholic Apostolate, a gift of the Holy Spirit, is a communion of individual persons and of communities which, according to the Charism of St. Vincent Pallotti promotes the co-responsibility of all the baptized to revive faith and rekindle charity in the Church and in the world and thus brings all to unity in Christ.

His Holiness prays that each member of the Union may aspire

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to this school, that each be committed to the realization of the intended goals of the Union of Catholic Apostolate so that in our Founder's own words "it might perpetually be in the Church of Jesus Christ an evangelical trumpet that calls all, that invites all, that awakens zeal and charity in all the faithful."

As St. Vincent Pallotti would have all of us members of the Union, lay, religious, priests united with Mary, Queen of Apostles in the Cenacle, so our Holy Father wishes that all the communities of the Union of Catholic Apostolate may be real "Cenacles" where truly the Holy Spirit is felt and active.

Obviously, Pope John Paul's letter brought great joy and encouragement to all Pallottines. Nor should one be surprised that we were indeed proud. However, as I mentioned earlier in this article, now begins the "living of the Letter."



Scene: The Coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost inside the Church of Sancto Spirito, Rome.

Janet Smith Celebrates 50 Years Working for the Pallottines.

Back in 1962, a young girl fresh out of high school filled out an application for a job with the Pallottines. Little did she or we suspect that she would become the longest working employee in our Province.

Janet Smith has, in fact, been associated with Pallotti House longer than any other of our members, priests or brothers. And she has seen it all.

From the early days of her employment copying names and addresses out of the obituaries in newspapers, she has grown along with technology. Remember the days of IBM punch cards? Janet punched and handled tens of thousands of them. Remember when standard mail was called 3rd class mail? Janet sorted, boxed, bagged, labeled, stickered, strapped, rubber-banded and counted enough envelopes to open her own post office or stationery store!

If people sent in requests or donations, Janet was the diligent one who answered all the mail, and kept the department accounts



in order, accurate and up-to-date. If there was a job to be done in the Development Office, she was often the one who added it to her list of “things to do.”

Over the years she has become quite an expert when it comes to dealing with people and handling the mail, and as much as we would like her to continue working with us for many years to come, we know that one day she will be looking forward to those relaxing years of retirement. She is, indeed, deserving!

God bless you, Janet, for all you have and continue to do for us. There is so much we couldn't have done without you.

Special anniversary cake presented to Janet by the Pallottine Community at Pallotti House.



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 four)

Upon Becker's reassignment, Father Lawrence McCall was appointed principal of Pius XI High School. Negotiations began for the purchase and outfitting of a faculty residence near the high school to which the Pallottine teachers could repair as they vacated property owned by the parish and the rectory of St. Anthony's.

"Together with the Archbishop, the members of the Province realize that your new assignment is not the most pleasant one," Liebl observed. "Your present position is indicated solely to allow Father DeMaria to remain there." True to his word, Cousins secured the former Colonial Apartments, located near the high school, and began renovation of them as the permanent residence of the Pallottine priests teaching at Pius XI. The Fathers moved into the new facility during the Thanksgiving holidays. Ultimately, the Province would purchase the residence and make it their own.

As 1964 came to an end, the contractual relations between the archdiocese, which had finally and definitely assumed direction of the school, and the Pallottines were greatly clarified. In the Provincial Chapter of 1964, which met shortly after the move-in, Father Lawrence McCall noted the history of the Province with the high school, a commitment begun single-handedly

by Schroeder and carried forward by DeMaria, but one, he suggested in his report, that was of supreme worth. "No son of St. Vincent Pallotti," he stated, "could have more opportunities placed before him than do those who serve the Parish and the High School." McCall noted that the archdiocese was now ready to enter an informal contractual relationship with the Province, and that the Chapter had to give assurances that they could effectively staff the high school. Responding favorably to McCall's pleading, the Capitulars went on record assigning a minimum of eleven men at Pius XI and a maximum of thirteen. The Pallottines, however, were aware of their limited numbers and were never able to bring the contingent up to full strength. Moreover, they determined to restrict themselves solely to the teaching of religion and guidance.

On one level, the strenuous Pallottine efforts to keep hold of the Pius XI apostolate seemed to be vindicated as the school continued to prosper. However, the nagging doubts regarding the extent to which the Pallottines were effectively deployed in this ministry continued. Specifically, the self-evaluation process found some dissatisfaction with the work as an outlet for distinctly Pallottine ideals. As the report noted this discomfort was "due to the fact that duties presently being performed have little or nothing to do with a priestly Apostolate

or even remotely related to Apostolic Training.” By a vote of six in favor and three abstaining, the committee recommended “that the Province reconsider our continuation of this Pius apostolate.”

The soul-searching vis-a-vis the Pius XI High School commitment provoked by the Province’s internal review did not result in withdrawal from the high school, but a rethinking and reconfirmations of the religion and guidance programs - areas where a growing concern for distinctively Pallottine values could be felt. In the late 1960s, a task force of Pallottines headed by Father Francis Hueller redesigned the religion program, reworking curriculum and further attach-

ing the high school to the work of the retreat house.

For some reason, the Pallottines never assumed the all-important role of school chaplain, and their communal presence at the busy high school was somewhat diluted as a result. Some vocations to the priesthood did come forth from the high school including James Heisler and diocesan priest Bryan Massingale, however as a source for vocational recruitment, it never produced the number of young men actively entering Pallottine life as young woman entering the School Sisters of St. Francis. Pallottine priests serving at the high school would continue to decline nonetheless.



New Field House and Chapel entrances to Pius XI High School

Next Time: The Building of the New St. Anthony of Padua Church.

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.

To receive a copy, send name, address and payment to:

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.

“The Union of the Catholic Apostolate [is] like an evangelical trumpet perpetually calling everyone... and awakening the zeal and charity of all the faithful of every class, rank and condition.”

St. Vincent Pallotti’s inspiration, with regard to the apostolate, is Jesus, the Apostle of the Eternal Father.

Looking at Jesus, his Model, he understands that the apostolate is the reason for Jesus’ life here on earth. Hence, for St. Vincent, the involvement in his own apostolate, in the context of his concrete situation, is nothing else but a fuller imitation of and a complete configuration to Christ, the Apostle of the Eternal Father.

Since the life of Jesus is His Apostolate, any person who takes upon himself the task of being an apostle of Jesus, should model himself after Christ in accomplishing God’s plan for men as an apostle. Hence, the more one gives himself to his apostolate, the more he imitate Jesus in His apostolate. Jesus’ life of apostolate did not merely imply his doing individual acts such as healing, preaching or doing an act of kindness, but rather its also involved the total giving of Himself to others.

Thus, being an apostle in imitation of Jesus means that the apostle should not limit himself to performing one or

the other action to the people entrusted to his care, but rather he must entirely give himself to the service of the Lord and his people.

Questions For Reflection

- 1) Do I realize that my engagement in the apostolate is a fuller imitation of Jesus?
- 2) Do I accept Jesus as the model of my apostolate?
- 3) Does my apostolate make me more like Jesus?
- 4) Does my involvement in the apostolate imply a total gift of myself to God’s people or merely doing a few acts of kindness for them?

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may accomplish my course and the ministry which I received for the Lord Jesus to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. (Act 20:24)

A Look at the World:

Some Thoughts About “New Evangelization”

by Fr. Bruce Schute, SAC

On the Sunday following my birth in 1933, my family brought me to church for baptism, and sponsors answered questions about our faith. From then on I was a member of the believing Catholic Christian community and as I grew in age, physical stature, and gained wisdom from family, school and church I was able to state what it is that I believe in.

I was easily trained in the usual “prayers by heart,” the Apostles Creed and the rosary, but always longed for personal conversation with Jesus. Often, my prayers dealt with things I hope would happen, or not happen. When I studied to become a priest I was presented with clear logical ideas about God and all aspects of our Catholic beliefs, as well as classes in spiritual development that addressed conversing with Jesus. That conversation may simply echo a desperate Peter: “Yes Lord, you know I love you.”

After years of instruction in spreading the Good News that we are saved by the Lord Jesus, we’re turning our attention to new ways to evangelize. Dave Nodar of the Maryland-based Christ-Life Catholic Ministry for Evangelization, recently wrote about characteristics of the “new evangelization” called for by John Paul the Great. There’s nothing new to say about the Good News. Our faith is fundamentally the same today as when I entered the priesthood and as when Jesus commanded his apostles to spread the Good News.

But there’s no denying that times have changed. The evidence of change in the church is all around us: empty church pews and dwindling vocations.

Nodar points to new approaches to spreading that Good News in these new times.



In the “new evangelization,” Nodar says, the good news centers on the clear proclamation that in Jesus Christ salvation is offered to all people as a gift of God’s grace and mercy. This isn’t just a duty for missionaries or priests. It’s for the entire people of God, something central to St. Vincent Pallotti’s Charism: All of us -- laity, religious and clergy -- must be apostles. The church is a society of the Apostolate. John Paul the Great taught that not only individuals but whole cultures need to be transformed by the Gospel. In her missionary activity the Church encounters different cultures and becomes involved in inculturation. By that, John Paul meant cultural values can be transformed by Christianity.

This call to bring the gospel of the Lord Jesus to the world and shape cultural values challenges all of us to take on a missionary spirituality. We need to listen to the Lord in our hearts and cooperate with the Holy Spirit as we create what John Paul called a “civilization of love.” “It is not possible,” John Paul said, “to bear witness to Christ without reflecting his image, which is made alive in us by grace and the power of the Spirit.”

In order to pass on the Gospel to others, it must have first permeated our lives.



Ask Father: Should We Be Praying for the Dead?

est days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins, she offers her suffrages for them.” Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective.

Dear Father,

A friend of mine disturbed my “peace of mind” when she said to me, “Why bother with praying for the dead? They’re gone and we can’t do anything to help them anymore. It’s enough to take care of the living!”

Is she right? The way I was brought up tells me she is very wrong. Can you help out here?

Signed,
Eleanor S.

Dear Eleanor,

I will put this as simply as possible: You’re right and she’s wrong!

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church it states: “in full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earli-

Simply put, the Church has upheld the connect between the saints in heaven, we here on earth and the faithful departed. Christ joins us all together into his mystical body. So... Don’t let your friend’s statement upset you. You just keep right on praying for your departed loved one and for all the deceased.

Love for others does not stop with the grave. Christ conquered death and loves us and his entire Church today as much as he did when he walked with his disciples. Our love continues on too!

This November 2 (All Souls Day), I will be thinking of you as I too pray for the faithful departed.

Have a question? Write to:
Ask Father
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Banana Bread from Scratch!

by The Pallotti House Chef

I found this issue's recipe in an old cookbook I purchased at Pius XI High School back in the 1980s. This quick bread sounded so good and easy to make that I thought it might come in handy for the holidays. It comes to us from Todd Schlenker's mom's kitchen. Hope you enjoy it!



Here's What You'll Need:

- ½ cup margarine (or butter)
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup mashed bananas
(about two very ripe ones)
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup crushed walnuts.

Here's What You Do:

Mix margarine with sugar. Add eggs and stir until creamy. Add flour, salt, baking soda. Stir until mixed thoroughly. Add mashed bananas, walnut and vanilla. Mix well.

Place mixture in greased bread pan. Bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees F. or until done. (Check center with toothpick.)



Hot Off the Press

Since 1995 we have printed one recipe in each edition of our newsletter. Many of you have asked if we would ever put all those recipes together in a cookbook.

Well, the time has come. Presenting "The Pallotti House Chef's Cookbook." This 5½" x 8½" book opens flat (a great help when you're cooking) and contains 62 recipes with a colored photo of each. The cost is \$9.00 which INCLUDES postage & handling. Use the postage paid envelope in this newsletter to send for your copy today. Please include your name and address, payment and a note stating you want the cookbook. Supplies are limited.

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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 your intentions at the statue of St. Joseph in our house chapel during the holidays.

Please light a 7 day vigil light for my intention:

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