



**E-BULLETIN #200**

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*"Let the holiness of God shine forth" (cf. Mt 5, 16)*

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## **first African SAC Province!**

My name is **Fr Jean Népomuscene Nimwizere sac**, currently in Rome for theological studies. I belong to the *Holy Family* Region [**Rwanda-Congo**] which will soon – 27 Dec – be erected canonically as a new Province of the Society, the first African SAC Province!

We thank God at this historical moment, and I happily share my great joy.

This decision is a sign of a long and mature discernment. After 42 years of Pallottine presence and apostolic mission in the Great Lakes region it is time to take a step forward. As St Vincent Pallotti said clearly: "The Society will grow..."



In the first place this is a moment to look back and to salute the efforts of many of our priests and brothers who worked in this part of Africa. There are many and we owe them respect and much appreciation – both those alive and those who are resting in peace.

A new Province implies new challenges. While we appreciate the dynamic growth that has brought the Province into being we acknowledge as well there is a long road ahead. So it is vitally important that each of our personnel shares the same vision, and is aware of the goals to be achieved.

It is my view that, at this time, there is certainly a place for Pallotti's charism within the people and church of this region. So there is much potential, both in terms of the ministry to be developed and the infrastructure to support it. Those from the new Province who have already done further study will have a huge role to play.



Some examples – reaching out and establishing communities in neighbouring countries such as Burundi and DRC [Democratic Republic of Congo], modernizing our printing house [Pallotti Press], strengthening collaboration with other Pallottine entities for our mutual enrichment – all imply an urgent need for specialised formation for specific apostolates. Our modern times need pastors who are informed, who are strong and able to face challenges and defend the truth proclaimed by the Church.

My wish for the new *Holy Family* Province is that it opens new doors, both in reviving faith and re-kindling charity within the entire People of God, so that soon there may be but 'one flock and one shepherd'.



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**you commented...**

**on #199** Thank you ...a sobering reminder of the roots of humanity - ALL of us made in the Image of God

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I am greatly enriched by reading about the lives of many saints at work in today's world, as well as learning about some from the past. Each Sunday I look forward to your offering and I am never disappointed. Pallotti has inspired so many as they live out the Gospel in such diverse places and by such diverse means. These stories and reflections inspire me to reflect on how I respond in the situations to which I am called and challenge me to strive to be a better follower of the apostle of the Father. I pray that you may be inundated with articles to choose from in the coming year, or at least receive sufficient for this ministry to continue.

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