

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

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Bishop Edgar Xavier Ertl sac

On 27 April 2016, Pope Francis nominated Fr Edgar Xavier Ertl sac, the Provincial of *Santa Maria* Province [Brazil], as Bishop of the Diocese of Palmas-Francisco Beltrão, in the state of Paraná. He was ordained on 23 Jul in the presence of a large number of fellow Bishops, priests and laity. Rector General, Fr Jacob Nampudakam sac, together with numerous Pallottine priests, brothers, sisters and laity, represented the Pallottine family.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (Jn 10:11).

On 23 July 2016, as

Mons. Edgar Xavier Ertl, SAC

is being ordained Bishop of the Diocese of Palmas - Francisco Beltrão/PR,
the prayers and the good wishes of the entire Pallotti Family accompany him.

May God anoint you, dear Confrere, to be
"a pastor according to the heart of Christ".

Congratulations and prayerful good wishes for your Episcopal Ministry as a Pallottine.

Jacob Nampudakam, SAC
Rector General



Following are some brief extracts from a longer interview conducted by SAC webmaster, Fr Artur Karbowy, covering aspects of the life and apostolic work of our newly-ordained confrere. Perhaps the most touching is that Bishop Edgar remains a Pallottine, deeply rooted in the charism of our Founder, previously as a member, then as a Provincial and now as a Bishop.



St Vincent Pallotti insisted that all need to proclaim the gospel in the place where they live and work. Will that spirit of Pallottine formation help you, Bp Edgar, in the exercise of your episcopal service?

My awareness of belonging to the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, to the Union of Catholic Apostolate and to the church, of being rooted in the charism inherited from St Vincent Pallotti, has been growing steadily in my vocation and Pallottine history.

- My identity and identification with Pallotti developed especially from the novitiate in 1991. Afterwards I discovered, through the vast literature available to us and from the conferences that I attended, how important the Pallottine charism is to the church's mission, and how important it is that every baptised person becomes an apostle in their own state of life. St Vincent wanted and promoted in the church community of Rome, the co-responsibility of all the baptized to revive faith and rekindle charity in the wider church and across the world and to lead everyone to unity in Christ Jesus. The apostolate of Christ can be the apostolate of all.....
- Certainly I can say that my identification with the deepest roots of our charism occurred in the period when I was living at the Generalate house in Rome, living with Pallottines from different countries. This charismatic universality enabled me to understand how we are serving the Church in the world according to the desire and vision of Pallotti....
- Another growth opportunity in our identity was provided by my own Province during the 10 years of my stay in Colégio Máximo Palotino [formation house in Santa Maria, Brazil] which contributed very positively to my role within a team of formators. Day to day interaction with students and confreres, together with studies/lectures, retreats, conferences and meetings, were of great importance for my growth in commitment to Pallottine life. The *Ratio Institutionis SAC* [formation manual] containing as it does the essentials of Pallottine formation, has helped to develop my understanding and experience of our charism.....
- Finally, I must emphasize the importance of the way we exercise our apostolate in the Church. The apostolic project of St Vincent Pallotti and Vatican Council II are points of both reference and departure, obligatory guidelines for us Pallottines, to the following of Jesus the One sent by the Father, and in realising the current mission of the church.....

And the pontificate of the bishop of Rome, Francis, also witnesses for us how to live the evangelical counsels and to serve the church with joy and hope. We live in a unique moment today in the ecclesial community. The ideal proposed in *Evangelium Gaudium* [Joy of the Gospel], of a church that is outgoing, strongly missionary, is in line with the very life of the early church, born on the day of Pentecost and strengthened by the Paraclete working in the lives of the disciples. The example too of the apostle Paul fills us with enthusiasm and courage. Pallotti quoted him often as a paradigm of missionaries. What does that mean? It means an invitation to identify with the apostle of the Gentiles.

I often feel like returning to the Upper Room. It helps us to receive the abundance of the Holy Spirit. St Vincent deeply desired that all – lay people, pastors, priests, religious, and the consecrated – can find in Mary, after Christ himself, the most authentic model of apostolic zeal and perfect charity. The mission originating from the Cenacle is the theme that has become so much part of my Pallottine identity. I am always challenged by the theology of the Cenacle and in and through it I have given my 'yes' to the demands and challenges that I have faced throughout my life as a member of SAC, within the bigger family of UAC.



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joy in Nigeria

Dear brothers and sisters, benefactors and friends of the Pallottine mission in Nigeria,

With a heart full of joy we present this photo of our newly ordained priests.



On 20 Aug auxiliary bishop Most Rev Dr Jonas Benson Okoye ordained 13 new priests, among them three of our confreres – Frs Anthony, Marcel and Josephat.

We give thanks to God and to all who, in one way or another, helped through prayer and finance to bring to a successful end their formation.

We wish them fruitful and joyful apostolate.

Thanks to all of you.

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