

E-BULLETIN #117

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

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10 years experience in novitiate formation



Father General, Jacob Nampudakam, asked me to share with all members of the Union my experiences of ten years work in the South American Novitiate in Brazil. I would like to tell you that after these years I feel very happy to have been able to have helped in the formation of so many candidates who came to us in order to know and live the charism of St Vincent Pallotti.

We are heirs to a great charism: the universal apostolate, and everything we do is for the infinite glory of God. When I was appointed the Director of Novitiate in 2004 I was aware of the great mission that I had accepted in the Church and Society: helping candidates to discover the will of God in our community to better serve God and the Church. So I entrusted this task to the providence of God who knows everything about what we carry within us. I was always certain that God would do everything that, in my weakness, I could not do.

I thank God who helped me to form eighty seven young men from several areas of Brazil during these years in the Preparatory Formation. I am happy because forty two of my students still remain with us: six have been ordained priests, six ordained deacons, fourteen are doing theology and two are doing philosophy - these are the figures just for the Province of St Paul. Of the

Province of Our Lady of Victory, five are doing philosophy. From the Region of Uruguay, two are doing theology. From the Region of Argentina, one is doing philosophy. From the Delegation of Colombia, two are doing theology and one is doing philosophy. From the Region of Rio de Janeiro, one is doing theology and two are doing philosophy. Therefore, the total number of candidates to have completed the South American Preparatory Formation course between 2004 to 2013 and those who are still in the formative period are thirty .



For seven years I served as Director of Preparatory Formation of only the Province of Sao Paulo. However in September 2010 the formators of South America gathered in Curitiba, together with the major superiors and in the presence of the Secretary General for Formation, Fr Jacob Nampudakam and General Counsellor, Fr Gilberto Orsolin decided to have a *common* novitiate experience among all Pallottine entities in South America. At this meeting a formation programme was made that would contain all the formative realities of South America. I was then re-appointed as Director of the Preparatory Formation so that I could organize, up to 2013, the common formation program, along with Fr Egidio Trevisan, member of the Province of Our Lady of Victory, Santa Maria. At the end of my mandate, the Major Superiors gathered in Colombia and chose Fr Elmar Neri Rubira as Director of the Preparatory Formation, and Fr Salvador Leandro Barbosa, from the Province of Our Lady of Victory, as Spiritual Director.



For all these experiences I praise and thank God, especially for calling these young people to live the charism of St Vincent Pallotti in the Church. We ask God to make them consistent in their vocation and that he may invite more workers to the harvest.

In Christ, Apostle of the Father ,

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48 years of VINCENT PALLOTTI RADIO

Since 1965 *Vincent Pallotti Radio*, located in Coronel-Vivida, Paraná, at 255 Americas Street, has been a very powerful instrument of communication for the whole region. Today it is accessible via the internet from any part of the world.



It was founded by Fr João Justo Piovesan, with the aim of evangelizing the people around the region. Today this Radio station has 18 members/workers however during weekends there are others who come and contribute, but do not make up the 18 who work full time.

This is how the coordination team is constituted:

General Coordinator – Fr Lino Baggio: **Supervisor** – Fr Moacir Piovesan: **Administrator** – Fr Fabio Jr Batistella: **Executive Director** – João Luiz Garcia.

Among the commemorative events for its 48th anniversary, there was a kind of dinner on the 13th November at which there were more than 500 guests. It was more of a family event, because this Radio is basically a family Radio. As well our Radio car was repainted with our new *logo*, which has the image of St Vincent Pallotti. Changes were made to our website [<http://www.portalrvp.com.br/>] to provide better and faster access.

We can say that this Radio is expanding more and more into the vision for which it was founded. Its 'self-esteem' is growing more and more as well because people are gaining increasing respect for it. Its contribution is highly appreciated. We should remember also that this is the only Radio in the Pallottine world and it is starting to have a positive influence on communication in general. There is no doubt that it is already a very powerful instrument of evangelization. For this reason we feel that it should be valued and treated with care by all Pallottines.



We thank all our priests who have made up the coordination team from the time of its foundation. May St Vincent Pallotti intercede for all those who work in this Radio so that it can continue to develop faithfully towards the aim for which it was founded!

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you commented...

on #114 Thank you..I welcome Jacob's words 'Return to the Gospel...present Jesus just as he is'
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on #116 Many thanks for the thought provoking article in Bulletin 116 Fr Jacob. When you wrote of the three pastoral works of the *Heart of Jesus* Province and raised the question of whether we were content to stay within our UAC structures, I was reminded of two things. Firstly Vincent, while calling us to the Cenacle, never meant us to stay there and secondly the call from Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*. In section 29 he writes:

"Other Church institutions, basic communities and small communities, movements, and forms of association are a source of enrichment for the Church, raised up by the Spirit for evangelising different areas and sectors. Frequently they bring a new evangelising fervour and a new capacity for dialogue with the world whereby the Church is renewed. But it will prove beneficial for them not to lose contact with the rich reality of the local parish and to participate readily in the overall pastoral activity of the particular church. This kind of integration will prevent them from concentrating only on part of the Gospel or the Church, or becoming nomads without roots."

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