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

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Pallottine News Agency

The last two General Assemblies of the Society, considering the importance and the current need for information, recommended the creation of a **Pallottine News Agency** in order to:

"inform widely – in real time – but also to try to overcome the isolation caused by language differences in some provinces , to share experiences and to enhance Pallottine apostolic consciousness in the Society and the Union of Catholic Apostolate".

Following up on this recommendation the General Council, in its session held on April 24, 2014, appointed Fr. Artur Karbowy (RJ) responsible for the Pallottine News Agency. The Agency's work can be seen through the website of the Generalate House www.sac.info.

On 22 January, when the Church celebrated the feast of our founder St Vincent Pallotti, the site was launched with a new look, improving some key aspects of the news items.

The site has two objectives:

- to inform about the main activities of the General Council, the General Secretariats, the Pallotti Institute and activities of the provinces and regions;
- to help to promote the Pallottine charism in the world.



The materials on the site are available in seven languages: Italian, English, Polish, German, Portuguese, French and Spanish. Unfortunately we have difficulty in translating every item into all 7 official [SAC] languages. The greatest problem is translating into Spanish and French, so these two news languages are not available. We ask all provinces and regions to send the most important events of the entities along with some photos electronically to the info@sac.info address so we can share these events with people from different countries.

On April 21, 2015 we celebrated 220 years since the birth of St Vincent Pallotti in Rome. We all know that the last years of his life were connected with the church of SS. Salvatore in Onda. In this church, which is also the spiritual centre of the entire Union, the relic of the body of St Vincent is preserved. We realise that not everyone can get to Rome to visit the places related to the life of our Holy Founder, so on his birthday we put on our website the virtual tour of the church of SS Salvatore in Onda, as well as of the museum and St. Vincent's room. So, from anywhere in the world, you can now visit these two places connected with our spiritual Father.



The sac.info site offers key information about the following:

- the life, charism and spirituality of St Vincent
- information on the General Administration of the Society and the UAC
- a Liturgical Calendar of the events of the Society and the everyday memory of deceased members, which will help all to recall important dates of our Society and pray for our departed members



- documents related to the identity of the SAC, the final documents of the General Assemblies, and the documents of the UAC
- General Secretariats of the Missions, Formation and Apostolate have their own spaces with information on their most important projects
- the Pallotti Institute in Rome has also published, in electronic form, all issues of the magazine “*Universal Apostolate*”
- a list of all books published on our Founder available at the library of the Generalate House
- the Postulator General pages have news, publications on canonization and beatification processes that are currently at various levels
- a list of parishes and Provinces/Regions of the Society helps find our houses around the world
- a photo gallery illustrating photos of the main events of the Pallottine world
- Pallottine Magazines so that you can easily see the latest issues of our magazines



Soon we will have also available the Complete Works of St Vincent Pallotti for study and research. We hope that in this way we are contributing to the spread of our Pallottine charism across the world.

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the BROTHER vocation

The vocation of a brother is firstly a call from God, a call to consecrate one’s entire life to God. By abandoning everything to embrace this life, the brother seeks to glorify God through a closer union with Him. His vocation is punctuated by numerous daily activities in which the mystery of a brother’s active life is hidden.

As a specific vocation, the life of a brother is focused on three activities: *prayer, community life* and *witness*. We should understand *witness* as the total gift to God in the place of one’s apostolate.



Over the 100 years of the history of the development of our mission in Cameroon, the Pallottine brothers have played a significant role. They have worked together with the priests as confreres in every field. They have been extraordinary missionaries and many have sacrificed their lives in this country to implant our Society and the Church itself. Malaria, a common illness in the early years, ebbed away the lives of many of them. May their souls rest in peace.

A pioneering youth training centre at **Elat-Mikom** is an initiative of **Brother Bert Meyer SAC** who came here from Germany and stayed 10 years. It continues to develop, both in infrastructure and staff. Just in my time, there have been two brother candidates, 6 carpenters, an accountant and 15 learners.

There is currently a woodworking shop, an administrative block, a youth centre, a classroom, a shop and a finishing room. Inside,

there are two main activities: youth training and production. As for training, it is about teaching learners new technologies in carpentry. Our aim is that, at the end of his training, an apprentice should be able to take care of himself.

The role of the brother is to ensure the proper coordination of activities. This indicates the place that is played by brothers in the Church. Finally, note that the training centre has already been in existence for 20 years. It is classed as a small-medium business, and is a source of funding for the Holy Trinity Region of Cameroon and Nigeria.

I myself was introduced into this profession by Br. Bert. After his departure for Germany, I carried on this activity with the same enthusiasm. Young people continue to be trained up until today and this enterprise continues. Missionary work demands, along with the preaching of the gospel, also acts of charity towards the most needy.



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