

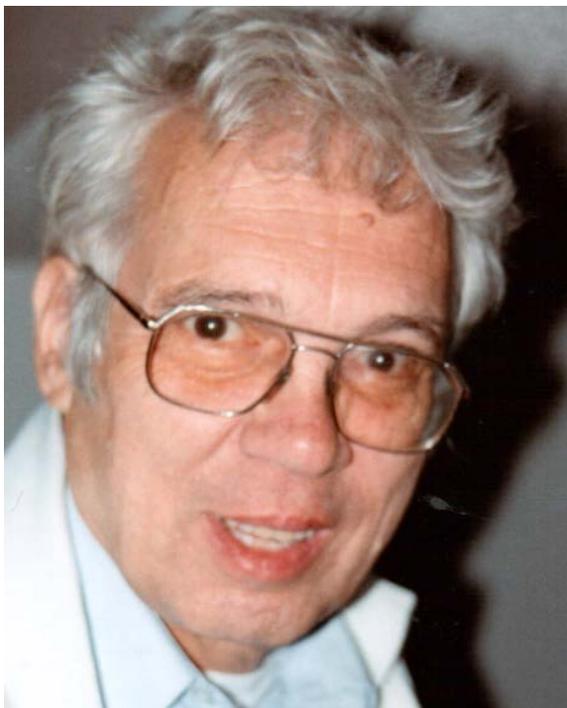
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*"Let the holiness of God shine forth" (cf. Mt 5, 16)*

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item 365

## a Pallottine for all seasons!



### **Can you say something about your place of origin?**

I was born in Frankenstein, a little town in Silesia, where the Pallottines of the Limburg Province started after World War I. Many young men from Frankenstein and surroundings joined our Society at that time.

### **Did World War II affect you in any way?**

After the war we – my mother together with my two brothers – had to leave Silesia and came to a little village in West Germany. Later also my father joined us. He had to do military service and was a prisoner of war in France.

### **What have you learnt from your parents?**

Well, my parents had lost everything through the war and had to start again – but they always, even in very critical situations, maintained a good sense of humour and the will to start again - to make the best of the given situation.

### **How did you come to know the Pallottines?**

As I said in my hometown was the house – minor seminary and church – of the Pallottines. It was the place where the Mass for the golden wedding anniversary of my grand-parents was celebrated – they wanted that the grandchildren serve Mass. And often we went on Sundays or for special devotions – month of May – to the Pallottines

### **What is your best memory about your time of formation?**

The trust of our formators – novice master, spiritual directors, prefects and professors

### **What do you remember about your day of ordination?**

I remember the whole day very well and I couldn't point out something special - it was a great day

### **Where was your first appointment as a priest?**

Canada. In May 1963, together with Fr. Henry H Rosenbaum, we left for Canada and started our studies at the University of Alberta in Edmonton.

**When and by whom and for what you were invited to Rome?**

In preparation for the Extraordinary General Chapter Fr. William Möhler, Rector General, visited at the beginning of 1967 all Pallottine entities to encourage them to participate actively in this great program of renewal. Since he needed help for all the work in the Secretariat he invited me to come to Rome.

**What impressed you about our former Rector General, Fr. Möhler?**

His kindness and his determination to promote the renewal of our community, as requested after Vatican Council II, returning to the sources – to Pallotti.

**What are the different functions that you have assumed in the General Administration over the years?**

private secretary and driver of Fr. Möhler 1967 – 1971  
Secretary General 1977 – 1989  
General Councillor 1992 – 2004  
Private secretary to Fr. Kretz 2004 – 2010  
at present Vice-Rector of the Generalate

**How has your association with the Sant'Egidio community helped you?**

To become aware of the “other” Rome – not the Rome of tourists, but of the poor people, the forgotten elderly people, the people living at the periphery, people looking for asylum, etc – and the many possibilities to help them.

**What has been your most cherished ideals as a Pallottine?**

The universality of the apostolate - the love of Christ which should leave nobody indifferent - apostolate as responsibility.

**Which was your happiest day as a Pallottine?**

I can't single out a special day.

**What makes you always cheerful in your life?**

I am grateful to be a Pallottine and a priest

**From your vast experience, what should be the priorities of our Society today?**

To tell the people that God loves all and everyone with a love without any condition - and to do this with all the means we can muster; and that following Jesus, being a disciple of Jesus, gives meaning and joy to our lives.



**What message will you give to the young Pallottines around the world?**

It is worthwhile to be a Pallottine.

**What do you think about the Asia Oceania Bulletin?**

I read regularly and I am grateful that it exists.

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## greatness in littleness

**Stanislaw Marek Maliszewski** was born in 1927, one of the eleven siblings. He made his first consecration in 1950, as a member of the Annunciation *of the Lord* Province. He was ordained in 1954. So, as one can well imagine, he lived through many hard days during World War II. He now resides at our novitiate house in Zabkowice.



### MAIN APOSTOLATE

Practically the whole of Fr. Stanislaw's priestly ministry was dedicated to seeking out and organising benefactors for the Polish Province. This was not only about raising funds but an apostolate in itself. His task was to respond to the numerous letters sent by benefactors assuring them of prayers for their various needs. On special occasions, like Christmas and birthdays, he would send greetings and good wishes. His was an apostolate of communication and prayer. The Mass intentions received supported the ongoing life of the novitiate community.

### VOCATION STIMULUS

The origin of Stanislaw's vocation can be traced back to his reading a book by Fr. Majewski SAC [founder of the Pallottine mission in Poland] describing his trip to Africa. He was deeply inspired by his missionary journey and really wanted to imitate him. His superiors decided otherwise. He was to remain in Poland and work with their benefactors.

### MOST IMPORTANT VALUES

Asked about his cherished ideals, Fr. Stanislaw was reminded immediately of his novice master Fr. Alojzy Zuchowski from whom, he relates, he learnt four values: Pallotti's infinitism, the centrality of charity, the meaning of apostolate as participation in the mission of Jesus, the importance of considering the Society as a family. For him the SAC is the "Central moving force of the UAC".

### ADVICE FOR YOUNG PALLOTTINES

What advice does this elderly confrere have for a younger generation? Live a holy life, based on faith and in the context of the community; utilise one's talents for the good of the Society and the Church; live a balanced life [a lack of balance can be seen, for example, in addiction to alcohol, a very prevalent sickness today]. It is also important to enter into a dialogue with the modern mass media which is capable of much manipulation. You cannot avoid them so the best response is to enter into dialogue with them.

### HAPPIEST MEMORIES

Asked about his happiest memories as a Pallottine, he recalled once again his novitiate days - two unforgettable years! Also his family, with his many siblings, and the many books he read bring back fond memories of his past. Particularly memorable for him was a book on St Theresa of Child Jesus.

### **SADDEST MEMORIES**

The saddest experiences were associated with the Second World War. So many boys, as young as 11 and 12, were taken away and eventually killed in the war. Those memories of the war still haunt him.

### **MESSAGE FOR PEOPLE?**

As a message he would say that it is so important that people maintain their faith in Jesus. So many families have been destroyed and many young people just live together without proper Catholic marriage. But, as priests, we must guide and accompany them with patience – not abandon them but walk beside them as a good pastor.

Fr. Stanislaw had so many other stories to narrate, especially about his time in the novitiate. As we can see from the interview, he has a vivid mind and is well updated regarding the situation in the Church and the world. He is an enthusiastic pastor who also spends many hours in hearing confessions.



But his main passion is to write letters to his many contacts assuring them of prayers. This is his way of living his priesthood as a Pallottine. His understanding of the Union is also closely connected to his work with the benefactors who support and sustain the apostolic activities of the Society. In return, he supports them through prayers and good relationships.

Fr. Stanislaw still enjoys rather good health. He continues to work even at the age of 88. He is joyful and looks after all his personal needs. His presence in the novitiate community continues to be an edifying witness. This itself is a great act of evangelisation!

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