

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

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two years of mission in Peru

Our life is truly animated by God? How many things do we do for God every day? (Pope Francis)

In February this year we completed two years of Pallottine mission in the province of Vilcashuamán – Ayacucho, Peru.



When we arrived the situation was that not only had both churches been abandoned, but also the faithful had been without the presence of a priest for sacraments and other support necessary to live and strengthen their faith.

At first it was our plan to take care of just three communities, because of the huge distances from one to another. Today we are serving the entire Province of 1178 sq. kilometers.

Even though we were having great difficulty in the beginning speaking fluently the native language of the region we have managed, with the grace of God, to make great progress. Today language is no longer an issue. We have celebrated Masses in villages that had



never seen the presence of a priest. Numerous sacraments have been administered and patronal feasts held in all villages.

A parish that appeared to have no life now has a new face. Young people are attending Mass. We visit their colleges, celebrate Mass and instruct them in preparation for the sacraments and in the formation of human and religious values. We have a project with teenagers called "St Vincent Pallotti" where, through sport and educational lectures, we help teens come to God, to know their church and to be better people in the future.



The Pallottine Sisters, with their own charism, have also given a new face to this mission. They are women of prayer, great support in preparing for the celebration of Mass and fully involved in all the activities of the parish. They are more directly responsible than ourselves with young people. Through Indian dance they are attracting girls to see a new way of being church, building in them a greater sense of responsibility and giving them a joyful vision of church.

Thank God we already have a young vocation, and if it is the will of God, in two thousand and seventeen he will start his formation in our house in Brazil.



While we are conscious that much has been done, we also realise that much more is needed. We thank all those who pray and support this mission and pray that, through the intercession of our founder St Vincent Pallotti, God may bless each of you.

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whom shall I send?

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" [Is 6:8]



It is my pleasure to share with you the inspiring call that I have received from baptism. When we are given gifts we must not hide them, but use them. We must nurture and water them until they can spring forth as a seed does from the ground.

In the process of growth we need several types of nourishment: spiritual, physical and emotional. When God calls He does not force, but allows an individual to discern by his/her free will to follow Him. Where there is freewill we learn how to love freely, when there is no love there is no freedom of heart. Internal freedom is very essential to

respond happily to God's call. The Apostle Paul said: "When a person is in Christ Jesus, they become a new person. The old qualities in them pass away."

God has called me to come to this congregation, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters. My spiritual journey as a Pallottine began in 2004 and I made my perpetual vows August 15, 2015.

My name is Sr Catarina Tush sac. I am from the beautiful village of Aguacate, Belize, Central America. I was a very shy individual. Surely, I thought, I was never made to live in a community that goes out evangelizing. So I was giving myself all kinds of reasons why this was not for me and yet deep inside I had a strange sense of joy. But, when God has a plan for your life, no matter what you do that voice will still be there.



I was becoming aware that God was inviting me to deeper intimacy and to become part of Jesus’s mission of proclaiming God’s love to his people. I was really touched by Jesus’s word when he said, “I lay down my life freely.” I can’t even think of comparing my life to Jesus’s sacrifice, but despite that I am called to be his faithful companion in laying my life down too by responding to His invitation. His love for me was so deep that I could not resist, I had to respond. Jesus himself showed us by example, giving His life freely: “not My will but Your will...”



Through the ceremony of making my perpetual vows the joy was so overwhelming! God poured down his blessings on me that day, with beautiful sunshine and in the midst of God’s loving people. I conclude with the words of our holy founder:

“Of myself I can do nothing but with God I can do everything, I will do everything for love of God. To God be the Glory.”

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It was wonderful to read both of the articles in last week’s bulletin. Living in a country where we have not experienced the presence of the Sisters can limit the view of the breadth of the vision and charism of Saint Vincent. Thank you for continuing to live your particular call and sharing that gift with us.

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