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*"Fate risplendere la santità di Dio". "Let the holiness of God shine forth" (cf. Mt 5,16)*

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**ITEM 6****Pallottine Mission in Nigeria - International News**

I have just finished the visitation to our new mission in Nigeria. This seems to be a promising mission from many perspectives. The people are strongly rooted in their Catholic faith; they are usually very generous towards the Church. We have also experienced the generosity of the common people. For example, we have two pieces of land, both donated by the people. At the moment we have a postulancy with nine candidates in the diocese of Awka. Vocations are plentiful; there are hundreds of students in the diocesan seminaries. This is a country where we can build up our community also with a sound financial back up. It is possible to develop in the course of time specific projects and find many local benefactors. 11 members made their apostolic commitment in the Union on 12th February 2012 and many are under formation.

Certainly, the challenges are not missing, but it is a country where the Pallottine presence can be strengthened in an integrated way. Thanks to Fr. Peter Hillen, the pioneer missionary and the confreres who are working very hard to realise the Pallottine dream in Nigeria. As a whole, the Most Holy Trinity Region of Cameroun-Nigeria is a young dynamic force in the Society.

**Jacob Nampudakam sac – Rome ITALY**  
**16.02.12**

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**ITEM 5***Ad Infinitam Dei Gloriam*

我生活已不是我生活, 而是基督在我口生活!

Dear Friends!

Greetings to you from the Pallottine Community (普世使徒會 in **Taiwan**). It is now almost a year and a half since we, two members of the Pallottine Family belonging to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province, Bangalore, India, set our foot in the far eastern mission land of Taiwan on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Since then we continually have experienced the intercession of our Founder and Patron St. Vincent and of our

Blessed Patroness Mary Queen of Apostles. We are proud to say that in this time we have to some extent learned the language of the people and acclimatized ourselves with the Culture and life style here. While still frequenting the Language Learning Centre we also serve the Local Church to the best of our ability, thanks to all your prayerful support. Fr. Leo Antony resides at the Bishop's house rendering the needed help to the Bishop. Fr. Jesus Antony John resides at the Cathedral of Christ the Savior helping in all its pastoral activities.

Being a very small Island, Taiwan served the earlier Missionaries only as a very good transit point to reach China, Korea, Japan and the like. But presently we can say that although many a Religious Congregations arrive here to learn the Chinese language and culture so as to later serve in the neighboring China, Taiwan itself is seen as a land wherein to establish Christendom. As for us the Pallottines, the Diocese of Taichung is eagerly looking towards us, for Lay Animation and Collaborative ministry. We do hope in the course of time to make available a Lay Animation Centre, striving to make 'everyone an apostle'. We do see ample opportunities in this Island Nation to exercise ourselves in Universal Apostolate. To speak of Evangelization, Hospital / Prison Ministries, Youth Apostolate, Counseling, Vocation Promotion, etc., are only a few of the many ways we can engage ourselves in here.

As an 'Infant Pallottine Presence', we here in Taiwan are very much in need of your prayerful support and encouragement. We desire to make the 'Society will continue to grow' conviction of Pallotti our own, and work ardently for the Infinite Glory of God.

Thanking all and with the union of Prayer

**Fr. Jesus Antony John (**

**吉星洲 RSCC - TAIWAN  
14.02.12**

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#### **ITEM 4**

I am happy to read the Asia Oceania news from the new E-Bulletin sent out by Fr. Ray Hevern.

Since I am in Cameroun at the moment, I can add some background information on the Holy Trinity Region from where Fr. Thaddée Mbock comes (ref. News No.1).

This Region was erected in November 2008 with the name of its Mother Province in Germany, the Most Holy Trinity Region.

Cameroun has a unique distinction in the Pallottine world. The Pallottines implanted the Catholic Church for the first time in 1890; the patroness of this country is Mary Queen of the Apostles! The population is around 20 million.

At the moment this Region, consisting of Cameroun and Nigeria, has 126 members: 62 members of perpetual consecration and 40 members of temporary consecration and 26 candidates in Preparatory Formation. And it is growing rapidly. Here is one young Pallottine entity with a lot of promise as well as challenges.

### ITEM 3

#### **History of St. Antonio de Padua Chaplaincy**

The name of this place is Villa Angela Site. It is 6 km away from Bacolod City and is in the midst of sugar cane field. Bacolod City is the capital of Negros Occidental Island. This chaplaincy comes under the diocese of Bacolod Diocese. St. Antonio de Chaplaincy was started in 1999 and the chapel was constructed in 2000. The parochial house was constructed in December 2003. This chaplaincy takes care of the three villages. Some years back almost all the people worked in the sugar cane field. The people here are settled to work in the sugar cane fields by the landlords. The main village in this chaplaincy was started here in 1997. St. Jude Thaddeus was the patron saint of this chaplaincy before the Chapel was constructed here. But the donor's of the land for the construction of the church wish was that St. Antonio de Padua be the patron saint of this chaplaincy. And so, this chaplaincy has two patron saints, St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Antonio de Padua. It consists of above 450 families. These were the workers working in the land of Fernando F. Gonazaga. As the city started to develop his workers were brought here and given place to stay. However at present only a few people are working in the sugarcane fields as most of the land is sold to the city developers. The people here are mostly poor, working as house maids and construction labourers. The people here are of different Christian denominations, like, Baptise, Eglesia ni Kristo, Born Again Christians, etc. But 70% people are Catholics.

#### **Pallottines (Khrist Jyothi Region) In St. Antonio de Padua Chaplaincy**

The chaplaincy was entrusted to the Pallottines on March 7, 2010. With the help of a local priest, Fr. Ronaldo S. Quijano, Rev. Fr. Jacob Nampudakam (then General consuler) and Rev. Fr. Arogyadas Kottana (Regional Rector, Khrist Jyothi Region, Raipur, India) came in contact with the Bishop here. It was Vicar General of the Diocese, Msgr. Victorino A. Rivas, who helped us find this chaplaincy and consequently it was entrusted to Pallottines.

From 1997 to 2008 there were seven Diocesan priests who were appointed priest in-charge of this chaplaincy at different time. For more than a year no priest in-charge was staying here. However a diocesan priest used to come here on every Sunday to celebrate Mass and to take care of the spiritual needs of the people.

#### **Ministry**

Fr. Binay Bhushan Barwa and Fr. Sanjeeb Pani are involved basically in the pastoral ministry in the chaplaincy. Though 70% are Catholic, hardly 15% of the parishioners come regularly for Mass and participate in the celebration of other Sacraments. There are also only a few people who are active in the work of the Church. It is therefore both the priests are involved in the revival of the faith of the people. This is to say that we have made the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti, as described in the Preamble, our priority here. It is done in three ways:

1. Regular visit to the families and conducting prayer in their houses. It is during these visits we encourage the faithful to regularly take part in the Sacrament, especially in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Many have not received Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. It is during these visits we personally talk to them the importance of sacraments and encourage them to prepare to receive these sacraments.

2. Sunday Catechism classes for the children - Since one year we are having regular Sunday catechism classes. It is difficult to gather the children for Sunday Catechism classes as it was not done here but there is a sign of hope.

3. The main trust of the Diocese of Bacolod for the year 2012 is formation of Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) in every parish. This is our priority too in this chaplaincy for this year. Keeping this in mind we have kept a seminar for training the lay leaders to establish BEC.

The whole village is divided in 28 blocks and each block has its leader. The leaders of the block are the members of the Parish Pastoral Council. We have meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on every first Sunday of the month. We have also youth group here who are quite factitively involved in the ministry of the parish. Beside this we have the members of the Legion of Mary who are very active in the ministry of the parish, especially reaching out to the sick and praying for them, encouraging the people who have not received the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage to receive those sacraments and assisting the priests in house visiting.

**Binay Bushan Barwa sac – Bacolod – PHILIPPINES**  
**05.02.12**

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