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

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Dear and Very Rev Fr Jacob Nampudakam,

Greetings and prayerful wishes to you from your **Joji Babu Tuneti**, Vellore.

"I thank my God for you every time I think of you (who represent our holy founder for me in the Society); and every time I pray for you all (you and all the confreres of our Pallottine family), I pray with joy" (Phil 1:2-3).

With these words of St Paul, the untimely born Apostle, resounding in my heart and mind, I send this email to express my sincere gratitude to you in first place and to all the confreres of our Society for your sincere love, care and support that you rendered to me. You all proved and witnessed to what our Holy Founder said: *"All the members of our Society live in a spirit which is ever renewed by the love which Jesus brought to the Earth. As the Apostle of the Eternal Father, he makes known to the world that God is Infinite Love. He calls men and women, first created in God's own image, and later restored to grace through Christ's death, to give themselves entirely to God and to the service of humanity, and to work for the Salvation of the world"*. (SAC Law 10)

Therefore with heart filled gratitude I would like to thank each and every member of our Society for restoring God's image of my life through your generous hearts, and for providing me an opportunity to come back to the ministry and work for the Society and salvation of the world. Now I feel myself that I am all the more obliged to serve the Society and preserve and protect the interests of the Society. As our founder said: *"The Commandment of love bids us glorify God above all and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Therefore, we are obliged to care for our own eternal salvation and that of our neighbour in every way possible. In the observance of these commandments we imitate Jesus Christ, who is the Apostle of the Eternal Father"*. (OCC III 142)

Regarding my treatment, today is 107th day of the transplantation. The doctors advise that we have to wait for the GVHD (*Graft Verses Host Disease*, a kind of competition between donor cells and my cells. It will be a sign of the success of the transplantation), but it has not yet started so far. Doctors say that it can come within a hundred days called acute GVHD – or after hundred days, called chronic GVHD. I am going regularly to the hospital and doing blood tests.

I am privileged to be a Pallottine because you all showed great interest and care for me. Even my mother (who is the bread winner of the family after my father’s death) left her one daughter and son, who were studying B Sc nursing and Poly-technique respectively, and who are yet to be settled, has been with me for almost one year now looking after me in the hospital and cooking food, keeping the house clean and good. She testified that if I were with her she would have lost me long ago but ‘because I am with you all (Pallottines) I am saved’. I am thankful to her because no priest in his life has this privilege of staying with a mother so long except St Don Bosco and me.

Anyhow Father please convey my love to all the provincials/regionals who, at your request, came forward to help my treatment. I also thank you in a special way you for your personal interest in me and my provincial, vice provincial and the team and all the members.

Continue to pray for me so that we all may join together. Thank you.

with love and prayers

yours in St Vincent Pallotti

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thanks, now we’re returning



I would like to share with you something of our experience in the United States this summer. The Immaculate Conception Province opened its doors to four confreres from our International College in Rome, giving us the opportunity to complete a course in the English language.

Two Pallottines from Brazil, one from Poland and one from Uruguay participated in this exchange and collaboration with our confreres in the United States.

During these past three months, we began not only to learn new English language skills but also had the opportunity to encounter a new cultural and religious reality.

But we were also able to experience that, when one is ‘Pallottine’, the boundaries of our ‘nationality’ do not limit us in the same way that the borders of our countries do. For a Pallottine, our homeland is broader and more open than our nationality.

Our confreres of the Immaculate Conception Province made us feel very much at home. They showed us a fraternity and openness which we really appreciated. They were really generous with us and acted as true brothers towards us.

They made it possible for us to encounter and experience many of their communities of mission, their lifestyle, their challenges and their projects.

For us, this exchange was a chance to experience another reality of our Pallottine Community in the world, something of the current situation of the Church, and specifically of the Union in that country.

The collaboration between the General Council and the Immaculate Conception Province which allowed this exchange to take place is a bridge to a new way of expressing and living our charism and our specific international Pallottine identity.

In a world that increasingly emphasizes difference, the Pallottine charism – our way of being Church – is a symbol of unity in diversity.

Our choice to live in a community, especially to experience an international community, is a visible sign that challenges the individualistic lifestyle of our current culture.

Such openness, and solidarity in love, witness to the possibility of change in a world which is in crisis. Initiatives like this can be visible signs helping to revive faith and rekindle charity.

We thank the General Council and all the confreres of the Immaculate Conception Province, especially the Provincial Superior, Fr Peter Sticco sac, and the Rector of our host community, Fr Frank Donio sac, who welcomed us into their community with great hospitality and fraternity.

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