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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 8****FR JACEK BILIK SAC****TRIBUTE TO THE GREAT PALLOTTINE MISSIONARY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

In our lives we come across persons whom we happen to meet and who are remembered for a very long time. These are the people who, even after their death, continue to live in our memory. Without doubt, Fr Jacek Bilik SAC, the great missionary in Papua New Guinea, continues to live in my heart.

I met him for the first time in Poznan about one year ago. We were living in the same community; I was working in the parish and he was already very sick. I remember this meeting very well even today. His face radiated a deep peace, and at the same time, also great suffering. This touched me profoundly. I got the opportunity to speak with him on a few occasions. He spoke very little but that was enough for me. Often he showed interest in my life and the work in the parish. I think during his entire life he was always more interested in the lives of others rather than of himself. Probably it was for this reason that he left his native land and went to the distant mission in Papua New Guinea. During the conversations Fr. Jacek never lamented about his own illness but manifested a profound serenity. I admired his way of living the missionary spirit and confronting his totally unexpected illness. I admire that interior peace that was always present in him. I can affirm today that Fr. Jacek has taught me how to live my life in its fullness and to face the adverse situations with peace and patience. Fr Jacek will be a confrere whom I will remember for a very long time.

During my last visit to Poznan, on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2012, while I was preparing to celebrate the Holy Mass, I came to know that Fr Jacek had already left for his heavenly abode. Once again, the memories of my meeting with him and my promise to pray for him flashed through my mind.

Eternal repose grant unto him, O Lord...

**Fr. Kamil Kudelko SAC – Rome – ITALY**  
**[Member of the Poznan Province studying in Rome]**  
**24.02.12**

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**ITEM 7**

## Mission in Arunachal..

"The Wind blows where it chooses..." (Jn 3:8).

I was indeed reminded of its veracity when I landed in Arunachal for a short ministry of 3 months. Formerly the Christian missionaries were barred to enter into the main land of Arunachal and the Wind of God commissioned the laity to preach the Gospel over there. I must admit, therefore, that being with a Christian community taken root from the testimony of the laity and not founded by the orthodoxy per se was a unique experience. Being with them, I could sense that they are a people with a lot of life and enthusiasm for Christ. Their uncompromising faith suggests that they have already owned the faith. The presence of the priests and the sisters do not evade them from the mission entrusted to their forefathers. The *Gosplin* (Gospel tour to the villages) is never put on a hold. They are on a ceaseless mission. Their encounter with Gospel has already been crystallized into convictions and norms of conscience. That is very much evident in the status quo and the social life of the people. The yeast of the Gospel is at work and it will bear fruits in abundance in the days to come.

**Rajesh Cherian sac – Epiphany Province – INDIA  
20.02.12**

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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 (**

**吉望林 AN ROC - TAIWAN**  
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