



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

ITEM 17

Come... on...East...

"I cannot rest from travel; I will drink life to the lees...."

Though much is taken, much abides; and though

we are not now that strength which in old days

Moved earth and heaven, that which we are,

One equal temper of heroic hearts,

Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will

to strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

(Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

Can the poem be a clarion call of the Church for the east? From the parallels drawn between the Church and the poem, I would like to think so. The first lines of the poem shows the indomitable spirit of the Church that she cannot rest from travel because she, by her nature, is missionary. She is the pilgrim, carrying close to her heart the jar of the Gospel. But the successive lines paint realistically the actuality of her sojourn and the situation she finds in. The west, her cradle and the mould, is gasping. The heroic missionaries are visited by old age. Therefore to strive, to seek and to find, today she looks at the east. Come on east.....raise up to the time... It is your turn to carry the jar to the destinations hitherto unknown. You can redraw the fate and destiny...

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ITEM 16

News from Nigeria

In the first week of February 2012, five novices from Nigeria who have just finished their first canonical year of novitiate at South Africa, came to Cameroun to start their language course, in

preparation for their philosophical studies at Mukasa Philosophical Institute Nkolbisson. Also the four candidates who were successful in their postulancy programme came with them. They will as well engage in a language course on French before going to Rwanda for their novitiate. All of them are staying at Nkolbisson while undergoing their language course on French.

Fr. Francis Efobi SAC (a brother candidate), has returned back to the community at Mbaukwu Nigeria after his philosophical studies at South Africa. We thank God for his guidance over him so far and sincerely pray for God's wisdom on him as he awaits the next assignment from the community. Francis renewed his temporary promise on the 13 February 2012 during the Holy Mass celebrated at Mbaukwu, with the Rector General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, who was on a visit to Nigeria, as the main celebrant. In this Mass also, the new Postulants for the year 2012 will be welcomed into the Society.

As at the end of January 2012, Rev Fr John Ndidi Nwaocha SAC, finished his pastoral ministry at St Joseph's Catholic Parish Ekwulobia where he was working as a parish vicar for one and half year. We thank His Lordship Rt. Rev Dr. Paulinus Ezeokafor, the Bishop of Awka diocese, for his fraternal gesture exhibited in the posting of our brother in one of the biggest parishes in the diocese. Our prayer is that God may bless His Lordship for this and the many other wonderful acts of love he has been showing to our Society present in his diocese. We also thank in a special way, Msgr. B.C.B Muojekwu for all the fatherly training and guidance he gave to our brother while he was living with him. And to Fr John we say, thank you for maintaining the good image of the Society while working in this parish. At the moment, Fr John will be going for a language course at Enugu while waiting for his next appointment.

The next edition of 'The Pallottine' the magazine produced by the Nigeria Pallottine community, will come out before Easter. The theme will be focused on Divine love and mercy. Therefore, people are invited to write and submit related articles on the said topic as early as possible. Articles can be forwarded to the editor through this e-mail address: hillenpjsac@yahoo.com.

The Pallottine daily prayers (Monday to Sunday) in the Pallottine prayer book, has been translated into Igbo language. Copies are already available as the Community has printed 1000 copies of it. This will be of great help to the members of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate in Nigeria and the many others who may wish to share in the spiritual banquet of our Father Founder 'Vincent Pallotti'. We are grateful to all those who worked tirelessly to see to the realization of this project, especially, Rev Fr. Cosmas Onwukwe SAC.

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