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

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### mission in Mozambique

It is a great pleasure to express ourselves through this article. We want to talk about our Society's presence in Mozambique, how it has developed and its expectations for 2014. We are happy because we are the first Pallottine students from Mozambique studying theology in Brazil.



Our motivation to write came from an encounter with our Rector General, Fr Jacob Nampudakam, who visited Brazil recently. Four students arrived here in March 2013 – two for theology: **Eusébio Gastão Mauaie** (3<sup>rd</sup> year) and **Gildo Bumane Naene Nhone** (2<sup>nd</sup> year), two for Philosophy: **António Manuel Banguija** and **Celso Jochua Tsambi** (both 2<sup>nd</sup> year). We expect one more this year to commence theology, **Castigo António Psere**.

A Pallottine presence in Mozambique, through an outreach of Santa Maria Province, Brazil, commenced in January 1999 in Quissico, Zavala. It later extended to Inharrime, about 30 kilometers away. Pallottine sisters had arrived a year earlier in 1998, at Mambone about 450 kilometers from Inharrime. Currently the priests are only in one diocese (Inhambane), while the sisters have extended to **Maputo**, another diocese where they have a house with some students. We see potential for great collaboration between Pallottine sisters and priests of our province, Santa Maria. In fact they all contributed to the discernment about our entrance to the Society of the Catholic Apostolate.

We acknowledge and thank God for the Pallottine presence in our homeland. With their simple way of life they have managed to bring God to the people. When they arrived the country was still passing through very difficult moments following the end of a civil war [1992]. The people had lost hope – they really needed someone who could help, materially and also spiritually. Although there were other missionaries, the Pallottines brought a difference with their presence. They gave the people a message of hope. Today the good they are doing is evident. They are building churches, restoring communities which had been lost, promoting vocations and helping the poor, not only materially but spiritually as well. They also participate fully in the local diocese in different tasks assigned by the Bishop.

The Society has two parishes in Inhambane Diocese – Quissico and Inharrime. In Quissico two houses accommodate young people studying in the local public school, one for girls, another for boys. These young people come from different places around Quissico. In Inharrime we have only one house, accommodating girls. This is under the care of Pallottine sisters who also have nursery schools in Mambone and Inharrime.



Apart from this, it is in Inharrime that we can say our future lies. St Vincent Pallotti Seminary will be officially inaugurated this month, although there have already been students for the last four years. Before it relocated to Inharrime the seminary was 60 kilometers away in Maxixe. That is where we ourselves started on our journey, with Fr Casimiro Facco sac. Soon nine students will be going to Tanzania for philosophy. It is a great joy to see the number increase each year, and that gives us great hope.

Pallottine missionaries are not just building and doing things for people, they are developing a sense of participation by encouraging them to share of the little they have. This creates a mentality of not just receiving but giving, people learn to be part of the church also by sharing. This is a great lesson, and helps create a vision for the future. It's fruits can already be seen in small ways, for example when there is a building project at an outpost, people contribute with what they have, they don't just wait to be given.

For our part we see an urgent need to now deepen this Pallottine presence, especially among the youth. One possibility may be to use some air time on local radio stations in places where Pallottines are working. This is just an idea at the moment, but maybe it could be implemented as soon as this year if we speak with our superiors. It is part of our vision to have our own radio station as Pallottines.

Another possibility is the establishment of a printing house in our local area. There is a great need and it could even become a source of self-sustenance. We also see a need to promote the formation of Pallottine youth, and the Union of Catholic Apostolate, in Mozambique – another way of creating an awareness of the Pallottine spirit. We hope and pray that the mission now commenced continues to grow and flourish through the intercession of our founder St Vincent.

We conclude by thanking God for the gift of our Pallottine community. In a special way we thank our Rector General for challenging us to express ourselves through this medium. It is a great joy for us. May God, through the intercession of our holy founder and our Blessed Lady, Queen of Apostles, bless and keep our Pallottine family in constant growth throughout the world.



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## priestly ordinations in Ivory Coast

On January 11, 2014 in Ivory Coast, where the confreres of the Province of Christ the King (WA) are working, three confreres were ordained priests: NIMBA ACES Michel Clair, Yede YAO Richard Ghislain, CHABI AWE Rodrigue.



The ceremony was presided over by Auxiliary of the Diocese of Yopoungo, Bishop Jean Salomon Lezoutié in the parish church of Saint Laurent de Kouté. There were also present representatives of the Province of Christ the King: Fr Jozef Lasak ( Provincial Rector), Fr Jan Piotr Karp (Provincial Secretary) and Fr Grzegorz Młodawski (Secretary for the Missions)



Polish Pallottines have had a presence in Ivory Coast since 1991. They arrived that year in response to a request of Pope John Paul II to take care of the Basilica of Our Lady of Peace in Yamoussoukro – one of the largest places of worship in the Catholic church. Now Pallotines work in three locations: Grande-Bereby, Yamoussoukro and Abidjan and there are 9 students in formation.

The first Ivorian Pallottine was ordained in 2010. It is one of the promising missions in our Society.

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