



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

ITEM 11**Fr Sarjit Xalxo – the confrere from the East in Uruguay**

Although Mass Media and technology have reduced the distances and we are in a position to know rapidly whatever is happening around the planet, this does not mean that we are now more united or that the communication has become more human. Often we hear terms like “foreigners”, south, north, east and west. In some countries disunities and fundamentalism are ever on the increase.

But for us, as Pallottines, where does a country begin and where does the other end? Where is the boundary that separates one continent from the other? Which is the boundary that separates one community from the other?

The boundaries that divide and the walls that separate are all human creations, often forced by fear. The indifference towards others and the fear to open oneself to new life do not come from God.

The first Pallottines who crossed the oceans and continents knew little of regionalism. The world today needs our testimony of being and belonging to a single family that lives and works together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

For this reason our little Pallottine community in Uruguay has received with much joy and hope the generous presence of **Fr Sarjit Xalxo**, coming from the former Region of the Light of Christ (Raipur, India). This collaboration opens the way to great enrichment and is also for us a clear sign that we are not alone. We hope that this collaboration will continue to grow and will eventually enable us to realise the Pallottine charism as a living reality in Uruguay.

Our community in Uruguay remains grateful for the generosity of the confreres of the new Province of the Light of Christ, Raipur, and the evangelical spirit of Fr Sarjit. Let us hope that this new venture will lead to a growth in our missionary and international spirit, and will enable us to serve the People of God always as a single Pallottine Family.

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ITEM 10

THE INDIAN PALLOTTINES GATHERING IN ROME

Since God is perfect in loving man, man must be perfect in loving his neighbor.

Saint Vincent Pallotti

A gathering of Indian Pallottines was held in the Generalate of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate in Rome, Italy, on the 26th February 2012. The gathering was attended by about forty Pallottine sisters and priests. It was a day highlighted by both spiritual and fraternal communion. The day began with an ice-breaking session, followed by the spiritual input by **Rev. Sr. Serena Campiagi**, the Mother General of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate. In her sharing she emphasised the *call to holiness in communion for the mission*. The call, she said is to experience God, that is, to be holy as God is holy, and to journey together in holiness to the mount of perfection. In this process Jesus ought to be our guide, Who is the apostle of the Eternal Father, the Truth, the Way and the Life.

After the spiritual nourishment we had the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Mathew Thonickal. **Rev. Fr. Jacob Nampudakam**, the Rector General of the Pallottine fathers and brothers broke the word. Fr. Jacob in his inspiring homily highlighted the need to free oneself from the temptation of being caught up with oneself. And as Pallottines we should not be afraid of being missionaries, to give life. He stressed that God's grace helps those who go out in doing God's work. Fr. Jacob also encouraged this kind of a gathering, as it helps to cultivate friendship, communion and collaborative spirit among the young Pallottines, which in turn sets a good foundation for future collaborative efforts. After the Eucharistic celebration we had sumptuous Indian food; the agape was followed by a small cultural programme and games where the members displayed their talents and exhibited their sporting ability. Overall it was a wonderful experience of togetherness, prayer and fellowship.

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ITEM 9

Language studies – New opportunities for the young confreres

The spirit of collaboration seems to be getting more and more concretised in our Society. Our entities, one by one, are embracing collaboration as the best means for the present times in order to induce new life into our communities and apostolic endeavours.

A few concrete examples prove my point. Four young confreres from our International College in Rome are leaving for the Immaculate Conception Province during the summer months to learn English, and all the expenses are being met by the same Province. The process has commenced to create an International Community in Washington, to collaborate with the works of the newly-established "Catholic Apostolate Centre". We have already found three young confreres for this new project. Similar possibilities for studies, especially of languages, were also provided on different

occasions by the Mother of God Province, the Heart of Jesus Province, the Swiss Province, the Italian Province and the Australian Region.

Learning of many languages by our young confreres, beyond doubt, will contribute to our efforts at building up a new Pallottine culture of internationality and universality. The exchange of confreres among entities will also build up good understanding and relationships between the entities. "Interculturality" should be always seen as an essential aspect of Pallottine formation for our times. Therefore, young confreres should be encouraged to learn modern languages. Italian and English languages should be given priority and must be taught in all our formation houses, as it is advised by the XX General Assembly of our Society. These languages, certainly, will become instruments of good-will and collaboration within our Society.

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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, 2nd 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...

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