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#### Misssion Talk 2021: Pallottines.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am Fr. Joe Koyickal, from the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, based in Milwaukee, WI. Pallottines are an International Religious community of Priests and Brothers serving missions in over 57 Countries. It was founded by St. Vincent Pallotti in 1835 in Rome. Our Community in Milwaukee support the missions in India and in Zambia.

Arunachal Mission, in India is a challenging mission among the tribal people living in the mountainous terrain in the North East of India bordering China. They still live a very primitive way of life. Though the people are poor and uneducated they are very open and eager to know Christ. Our apostolate mainly consists in evangelization, pastoral ministries, education ministries, providing hostel facilities for students and engaging in socio-charitable works among the poorest people of Arunachal Pradesh. The Priests, Sisters and Catechists have to walk miles through narrow and mountainous terrains to reach these interior mission areas. They go from village to village preaching and teaching the word of God. The eagerness and enthusiasm of the people to receive Jesus and his message is a great source of inspiration, motivation and joy for those serving there. Educating the poor children in these areas is a major need there. We need to build Schools, hostels, clinics and churches there in addition to providing the basic necessities of life for many. Our ministry there has been very fruitful and successful. But the Covid 19 pandemic has hit us hard and has affected the normal running of these missions. We are badly in need of your generous support to sustain and continue our ministry there.

The Pallottines began their Mission in the African country of **Zambia** in 2005. **Zambian Mission** focuses on four main areas of Mission: Parish ministry, education of the poor children, health care for the needy, and sociocharitable works. Pallottine missionaries take care of two big parishes with eight substations. These parishes are very vibrant and active and is actively involved in the mission work. But the eight substations of the two big parishes are simple huts with no basic facilities. Almost all of them are of thatched roof and many do not have even walls. We need at least over \$ 25,000.00 to build a small prayer hall /Church for the faithful to gather for prayers and Holy Eucharist.

We have two primary schools and they are being upgraded every year with additional classes. Many students are coming from far away places and remote villages. Education apostolate is an effective and lasting means of apostolate. We need to build an additional class room every year to accommodate the growing number of students. The average cost for building a classroom is about \$8,800.00.

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In addition, we need to build other infrastructures for the school. We also provide scholarship for poor university students. Supporting poor orphan children for higher studies is another major expense.

The Primary health Centre (Clinic) we run plays a major role for the better health of the people especially for the poor in the remote areas. There are many cases of HIV/AIDS patients and they are provided with medicine, nutrition as well as some simple professional training to earn a living. But the present Clinic in Zambia Mission is functioning in one of the rooms of the Pallottine Sisters 'Residence (Convent). During the last two years, it has become a solace for more than six thousand patients. As the number of patients is increasing, we are forced to relocate the Clinic from the Convent to another place. Luckily, we have the land but we need to construct a new building. The estimated cost for the clinic would be around \$62,525.00

Last year we opened a Seminary to train students from Zambia to Priesthood. The Possibility of local vocations from Zambia gives much scope and hope for the future of the Pallottine Mission there. One of the priorities of Zambia mission is the formation of these Seminarians. We recruited the first batch of students in 2019. At present we have facility to accommodate only six students. As a result, we are not able to recruit a second batch in 2020 or in 2021. We are looking forward to buy a plot of land and construct a seminary for the future Pallottine students. In order to purchase a plot and build a seminary we estimate about \$300,000.00 In addition, the tuition fee, food and accommodation of a seminarian per year would cost over \$1800.00.

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ, as you can see, we are in great need of your support. I request your partnership and collaboration for the support of these missions. You can make a difference for this poor people. Your contributions can bring some hope and new life for these people. Jesus is inviting us to bring His love, compassion and care for them. And I am sure that you will be generous in your support. I sincerely thank the Pastor and the entire Community for your Generosity and support. We are immensely grateful to you. And I assure you our sincere prayers for you and your family and the parish. May God bless you all in Abundance.

Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC

For, Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, Nagpur Province, India.

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# Pallottine Fathers and Brothers Serving the Poor Around the World

Clergy, Religious & Laity United in Christ

#### **Our Ministry**

The Pallottine Fathers and Brothers is a religious community of Catholic priests and brothers founded by St. Vincent Pallotti in 1835. Dedicated to spreading the faith and bringing God's infinite love to the poor, the Pallottines serve in 57 countries around the world, including the United States. In 2021, the Pallottines are celebrating 100 years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and serving in 21 parishes in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

#### **Our Mission Focus Abroad**

Arunachal Pradesh, India

The people of India need a Boarding Home for girls and a Village Chapel.

1. Boarding Home for 75 girls: \$75,000

2. Village Chapel: \$15,000

Pallottines are committed to evangelizing the tribal people living primitively in the foothills of the Himalayas. With 13 priests and 80 villages, priests sometimes walk for 2-3 days on foot, encountering landslides and challenging vertical terrain, to celebrate sacraments, catechize children, and encourage the involvement of women. To meet the needs of the growing faithful, Pallottines hope to construct one village chapel per year. We need \$15,000 to build one village chapel with a sturdy roof and long-lasting materials like brick for 100 parishioners. To promote the importance of girls receiving an education, the Pallottines hope to build a Boarding Home for 75 more girls. With parents being uneducated and financially impoverished, we need \$1,000 per year for each female student to provide an education, living expenses, and catechesis.

Zambia, Africa

The people of Zambia need a Health Clinic and a Seminary/Seminarian Fees.

1. Health Clinic: \$60,000

2. Seminary and 5 Seminarian Fees: \$124,000

At the Pallottine's Marian Health Post, one Pallottine Sister who is a certified nurse, along with an aide, have provided care for 7,312 sick during the past 3 years. Cramped in one small room of the Convent and not having the proper medical facilities, the Pallottines want to build a Health Clinic to better help people with HIV/AIDS and other illnesses. \$25 gives 100 people much-needed medical check-ups. \$60,000 can build a Health Clinic with hospital beds, ultrasound machines, a pharmacy, and multiple consultation rooms with an indoor waiting area. To train priests native to the area, the Pallottines hope to build a Seminary and offer scholarships to 5 seminarians to cover their \$4,800 yearly expenses for living and tuition costs. A seminary would need to be built for \$100,000 to accommodate more seminarians.



#### Training much-needed priests

The Pallottines began educating candidates for the priestly vocation in 2019. Due to facility constraints, we cannot accommodate any more students. Our goal is to help

seminarians with tuition, and build a seminary where they can live, learn, and pray. Our college fee is \$1,800 per seminarian annually and we need \$100,000 for a seminary.

For Christmas, we offer a Holy Mass for youth. Our last Christmas Mass had over 1,500 children in attendance. They walked miles with their plate and cup to receive the gift of a warm meal and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

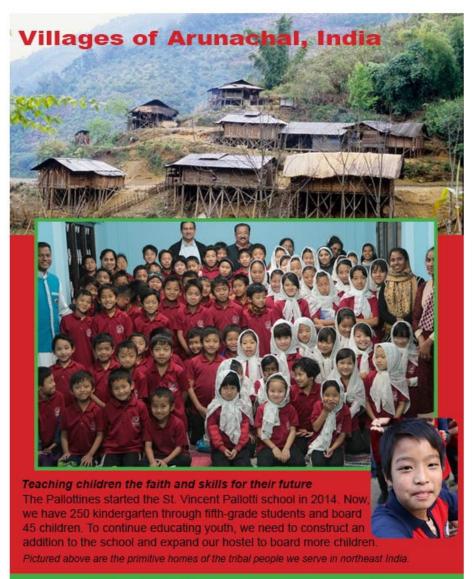


## **Build a Seminary**



of the Sister's Convent. Since opening three years ago, one Pallottine Sister who is a certified nurse, along with an aide, have served 7,250 people, by providing life-saving medicines, vaccines, prenatal care, medical check-ups, tests for HIV/AIDS, malaria, and pregnancies, counseling, and health education.

### **Build a Clinic**



**Build a School** 



#### Giving people a place to worship

The Pallotines were entrusted with the Daporiji Mission in 2011. We built a new church in 2017 and have 700 vibrant parish families. For Sunday Mass, we fill the church and reach 900 faithful. To get to our 21 village chapels, like the one pictured above, we must travel far distances, which becomes difficult during the rainy season. Many villages do not even have a village chapel to gather and worship. We are hoping to construct churches, so that all may have a place to go and be with Jesus.



**Build a Church**