

EDITOR'S NOTE

The year 2022 was marked by an important event for the Society of the Catholic Apostolate. In fact, the XXII General Assembly gathered in a Pallottine house in Poland the approximately 70 Pallottine delegates, including priests and brothers and a team of other confreres who contributed to the realization of the event. The preparation of the Assembly took place for many months, starting from an interesting *Instrumentum Laboris* elaborated by the previous listening groups. During the days of the event, among the great themes presented and worked, the election of a new General Regime centralized the discussions: a new government that would help the entire Society of the Catholic Apostolate to live the coming years *Moved by Compassion*.

Both to deepen the central theme – *Moved by Compassion* – and to help the discernment of the new general government, two experts were invited to help the assembly body. P. George Augustin, our Pallottine confrere, led the days of retreat and spirituality. And so, its place is presented here to all, under the title *Moved by compassion: I will try to arouse in me an active compassion for all*. His contribution helps us to understand the centrality of faith in a God who is Love/Mercy/Compassion, and therefore, His following – as a Christian, should never ignore this experience and practice of compassion: *Moved by Compassion!* All the time!

P. Jacek Poznanski, Jesuit of formation and congregation, helped in the discernment for the election of the Rector General and his team of consultants. His reflections are also in this edition of the Universal Apostolate. The points on which he worked in that *Discernment for the XXII SAC General Assembly* can help each of us, individually and communally, to exercise a good discernment to choose people, define paths and decide plans.

The result of this discernment led by P. Jacek was the election of the new Rector General of the Society, P. Zenon Hanas. That is why here are presented the speeches of the two Rectors General, that is, the one who has finished his service to the Society and the one who has just been elected and who has begun his work. At this moment, we take this opportunity to thank P. Jacob Nampudakam for all the support to this Pallotti Institute in Rome and to others around the world. We also thank you for the many writings and texts shared in this journal *Apostolato Universale*. To the new Rector General, P. Zenon Hanas, we express our

welcome. As an Institute, our mission is to help deepen and disseminate the themes and aspects related to St. Vincent Pallotti and his work, so we make ourselves available to publish your texts and communications concerning our saint.

Also in the environment of the XXII General Assembly, the then director of the Pallotti Institute, P. Denilson Geraldo presented a report on the activities of the Institute in recent years up to that date. Thus, the title *Chronicle of the activities of the Pallotti Institute in the years 2018-2022* helps us to recognize all the work done in that period under the direction of the confrere, now Monsignor Denilson Geraldo, auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese of Brasilia / Brazil. Another important pronouncement during the period of the XXII General Assembly was the *Message for Pallottine Mission Sunday 2022*. Romuald Uzabumwana, then Secretary General of the Missions. This text is also here, presented to readers.

In this edition of the *Apostolato Universale* we highlight some important texts and pronouncements made during the XXII General Assembly. The Final Document may also be known, in a separate booklet, already printed and distributed to the members of the Society. We encourage reading and studying.

In any case, we cannot fail to highlight the two articles presented in this issue. Juliano Dutra takes up the interesting *disputatio* on the *Biographies of St. Vincent Pallotti*: the third article of this conversation, it is worth rereading the other two that were published in the years 2018 and 2020. Perhaps it would be interesting for others to enter into this circle of conversation, as the author himself invites us. The other article, *To guarantee the unity and apostolic efficiency. The task of the three Communities of foundation in the Union of Catholic Apostolate*, was written by several important hands – those of the Superiors General of the Foundation's Congregations: this also deserves our attention.

A good read. A good study.

Once again, we hope that this number of the journal *Apostolato Universale* will help us to fall a little more in love with St Vincent Pallotti and his foundation.

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