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International Pallottine Youth Meet 2025: A Jubilee of Faith, Hope, and Global Unity
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Under the banner "Be a Pilgrim of Hope in the World Today", 66 young Pallottines from 20 countries gathered in the heart of Rome for the International Pallottine Youth Meet 2025, a vibrant celebration of unity, faith, hope and mission. The week-long encounter, held from 28 July to 03 August, coincided with the Jubilee of Youth, forming part of the Church's larger jubilee celebrations.

A Spirit-Filled Gathering of Global Youth

With hearts ignited by the Pallottine charism and inspired by the words of St. Vincent Pallotti, "As long as one lives, there is hope," youth from diverse backgrounds came together for an experience of deep formation, spiritual renewal, and joyful fellowship.

A Synodal Journey: Listening, Reflecting, Acting:

Structured around the "See, Judge, Act" method, the gathering created space for:

- Inspirational keynote sessions
- Personal reflection and prayer
- Group discussions (both intercultural and regional)
- Common discernment
- Development of concrete action plans to carry forward at the national and regional levels

This wasn't just an event—it was a 'pilgrimage of heart, mind, and mission'.

Highlights of the Week:

- Opening Ceremony

The gathering opened with a symbolic gesture: each national delegation processed into the chapel with their country's flag, offering it at the altar. These were received by Very Rev. Fr. Zenon Hanas SAC, Rector General, who placed them before the Lord—marking the international unity of the Pallottine family.

- Inspirational Talks

Participants were inspired by powerful sessions, including:

o Fr. Zenon Hanas SAC on 'Hope and the Pallottine Youth Apostolate'
o Fr. Daniel Rocchetti SAC on "The Mission Calls – A Beautiful Dream for Every Pallottine Youth"
o Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC, UAC President, reflecting on St. Vincent Pallotti and the youth mission

o Youth-led insights from Ms. Cristina Giangerelli (USA) and Mr. Darragh Kelehan (Ireland), along with other testimonies from across the globe.

Pilgrimage & Encounters

Visits to St. Peter's Square, San Salvatore in Onda, and the Pallotti Museum brought the spiritual heritage of Rome alive.

The special days titled "In Dialogue with the City" allowed participants to enter the Holy Doors of the Major Basilicas, embracing the Jubilee spirit.

Penitential Day at Circus Maximus

A sacred time of reconciliation, healing, and renewal deeply moved many participants.

Youth Vigil with the Holy Father

At Tor Vergata, under the stars, the youth joined Pope Leo XIV for a powerful vigil and Eucharist. His words rang in their hearts: "Dear young people aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less…"

Walking in the Footsteps of Pallotti

The event concluded with a reflective pilgrimage retracing the journey of St. Vincent Pallotti—reminding all of their call to holiness and mission.

Cultural Night: Celebrating Unity in Diversity

The vibrant 'Cultural Evening' showcased songs, dances, attire, and culinary treats from every continent—celebrating the diversity and unity of the global Pallottine family.

Outcomes & Looking Ahead:

This gathering was not just a celebration—it was a Launchpad for mission. Key outcomes include:

A renewed identity as young Pallottine apostles of hope

Concrete action plans for national and regional youth engagement

A commitment to stay connected via social media and online platforms

Plans for continental and national youth encounters in 2026

Preparations for World Youth Day 2027 in South Korea.

Heartfelt Gratitude:

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The General Secretariat for the Apostolate

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Pallottine Provincial/Regional Rectors, parish priests and youth coordinators

Pallottine Sisters from Porta Maggiore and Pia Casa communities

And above all, the youth themselves—for their faith, joy, and courage

Conclusion

We have lived something special. The spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti is alive among the youth of today. Let us now go forth – with hope, with boldness, and with love – to bring Christ to all and all to Christ.

Fr. Rahul Philips SAC, of the General Secretariat for the Apostolate, summed up the experience:

"This event was a spark — a spark of hope, faith, and unity. Now, you are commissioned to carry that spark into your own realities. Let it not fade, but burn even brighter, igniting the hearts of other young people around you. Be the light that inspires, the voice that encourages, and the witness that transforms. The journey doesn't end here — it begins anew, wherever you are."