



PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2010

ADVENTUS DOMINI

Born of the Spirit and
borne by Mary, the Lord who was
her God-son,
No beginning and no End, yet
A beginning indeed, when
the Word
was made flesh.
And an end, for His Body given to death
became the
Beginning again
in the Cenacle of her love.

Her yes, a yes to all
for all.
Inflow of infinity and
outburst of
Divinity,
“I believe in the Holy Spirit
The Lord, the Giver of Life”
Radiant and irradiating, she carries
the God child within
to bless another child,
blessing every child aware and
waiting, desiring, expecting,
needing, wanting, hoping,
longing.
Come Lord Jesus
Come.

Come give us
Mary hands, arms, feet,
heart, smile, glance of
Love,
gracious mind and transparent
being.
Create us out of her
and in the morning
we shall see
His face.

Come Lord Jesus,
Come.

Pat Heywood



We pray that, despite the busyness of this time of the year, our readers will find some opportunities during Advent for prayerful reflection and that Christmas will bring to us all, to our families, our friends, our communities and our world the joy and peace for which all humankind longs.

**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!!**

**BEST WISHES
FOR MANY
BLESSINGS
IN 2011.**



Masses on Christmas Eve:

At Pallotti College, Millgrove 8.30pm

At Kew - 85 Studley Park Rd 8.30 pm

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THE ELECTION OF A NEW RECTOR GENERAL.

The Pallottine Fathers and Brothers have a new Rector General. For the first time in its 175-year history, an Indian, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, has been elected as the successor, St. Vincent Pallotti.

He is a member of the Prabhu Prakash (Epiphany of the Lord) province, Nagpur, India. Fr. Jacob was born on the 10th August 1955 in Ayyampara, Kerala, in the diocese of Palai. After finishing his schooling, he joined the Pallottines in 1972. He was ordained priest on October 20, 1981 by Mar Joseph Pallikaprampil, then the bishop of Palai. In his priestly ministry, Fr. Jacob has worked as spiritual director, novice master, director of the Pallottine Animation Centre, General Secretary of the Society for four-years and General Consulter. As well, he was a foundation member of the Secretariat for Apostolate and for Formation. Fr. Jacob holds Master's degrees in Philosophy and Spirituality as well as a Licentiate in Psychology from the Institute of Psychology, Gregorian University, Rome.

The other members of the new General Council are:

The first General Consulter is Fr. Adam Golec, from the Polish Province of the Annunciation.

The other Consulters are:

Fr. Francois Harelimana, from the Ruanda/Congo Region of the Holy Family.

Fr. Martin Mantis, from the Austrian/German Province of the Heart of Jesus. Fr.

Fr. Gilberto Orsolini from the Brazilian Province of Santa Maria.

Let us pray with and for Fr. Jacob (*below*) and the members of the Council as they undertake these important responsibilities.

The election of the new General Council took place during the recent Pallottine General Assembly, where the Australian delegates were Frs. Pat Jackson and Ray Hevern. Fr. Pat writes about that experience and other wonderful events in Rome. Thank you, Fr. Pat.



“It’s great to be back. In Rome it was a privileged experience for me at our Pallottine General Assembly with 81 Pallottines, brothers and priests, sisters and lay people from around the world. It was an added privilege to be at the canonisation of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop and to take part in all the ceremonies beautifully prepared by the Vatican and the Sisters of St Joseph.

I arrived in Rome, 20 hours travel by plane, late Friday night, 17th September. After two nights in the Pallottine Generalate we left by mini-van on Sunday for Ariccia, 26 kilometers from Rome to the House of the Divine Master, a large congress centre run by the Paulists. It overlooks Lake Albano an extinct volcanic crater 5 million years old. On the other side of the lake was Castel Gandolfo, the pope’s summer residence, where we went the following Sunday for an audience with Pope Benedict XVI.

Our Pallottine Assembly is the decision making body for the next six years. It ratifies decisions made at the last Assembly and works towards decisions and future directions. The Pallottine Assembly ran from Monday September 20th to Friday 15th October, almost 4 weeks; rise at 6.00am, Mass at 7.00 and then plenary and group sessions, interspersed with prayer till dinner at 7.30pm and Adoration 9.00 – 10.00pm, with a short siesta after lunch. The weekly schedule was Monday to Saturday. There were five languages spoken: Italian, English, German, Polish, Portuguese / Spanish. Translators were needed for the sessions. Italian which was the main language for most participants.

The program was well planned. The reports from the General Council and from Provincials and Regionals from America, Italy, Brazil, Switzerland Ireland, Rwanda, Germany /Austria, Poland, India, France, Argentina, Bolivia, Australia, as well as the mission projects taken on by the provinces: Portugal, Croatia, Taiwan, the Philippines, 9 countries in Africa, Korea, PNG, to mention only a few. It opened up the whole Pallottine world for me of daring and dedicated mission / apostolate. We spent a day discussing how to consolidate the missionary presence of the SAC in Africa which is exploding with possibilities.

The theme of the Assembly was: “To revive faith and enkindle love: Apostles of Jesus in a changing world.” Three Pallottine Bishops, one from Amazonia, and other experts, highlighted the task facing all of us. It was a prophetic gathering: calling us to analyse the present situation, where we find ourselves and find a way of going forward.

Collaboration and cooperation between priests, brothers, sisters, lay people was a key idea for Pallotti and found expression in many ways. Connect-cooperate-contribute is at the core of our identity. We want to concretise this in international communities, such as our Continental Meetings in the various continents where Pallottines work together. Our continental area takes in a vast region in the Asia Oceania. In a day of sharing with other UAC groups, sisters and lay people, we affirmed that our identity and charism is the UAC which we serve. We came together another time to explore the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St Vincent in 1963, which is in 2013.

Individual Pallottine Brothers spoke of their work, one as Mission Secretary developing trades schools in Africa, another a principal of a high school in America, another with UAC members in organised help for the poor in Cologne.

A significant moment for me was the election of our new Rector General. We spent a day before the Blessed Sacrament on the second Sunday and engaged in a process called *murmuratio* which meant no politicking, but reflecting on the qualities needed for the task of General. He could be drawn from the members at the Assembly or even from outside. On the Monday, after two ballots we elected an Indian Rector General, Fr Jacob, who then took his place as president of the Assembly. The election of General Consultors was held on Thursday, and again, in a significant shift southward, they came from Africa, South America, Ukraine, Ireland, Germany, and Switzerland.

The Irish Pallottines have opened their formation house to novices from America and Australia, forming a larger interactive community. Part of the program includes two months in Rome to experience the life and spirit of St Vincent among prisoners, youth, soldiers, the poor to revive their faith in God and in themselves and to be empowered by love to serve others in their turn.

When the Assembly finished on the Friday the 15th, Fr Ray and I went to the indigenous celebration at the Vatican Museum. Tim Fisher, Australia's ambassador to the Vatican was there. Saturday night was a magnificent night portraying the life of St Mary. Kevin Rudd spoke very well. Sunday crowds filled St Peter's Square as six saints were canonised. The exuberant spirit of at least 8,000 Aussies filled the square. Monday at St Paul's outside the Walls, cardinal Pell spoke very well and situated St Mary in history. I found the whole experience deeply moving."



**Father John Winson celebrates 80 good years!
Congratulations!**

Below picture courtesy of AP/AAP



**Excited Aussies galore!!
Look carefully next to the banner of Mary Mac Killop!!
See Frs. Ray Hevern and Pat Jackson right there.**

WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2010

We were very fortunate this year to have Dr. Donna Orsuto, co-founder and director of the Lay Spirituality Centre in Rome, for our guest speaker. Donna is also a lecturer in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and besides all that, she is a great friend of the Pallottine family.

Donna spoke to an audience of 160 people at the Australian Catholic University on the topic, "Called and Committed: Lay People at the Heart of the Church for the World" We were thrilled with that topic, for what could be more suited to the vision and mission of St. Vincent Pallotti?

Participants were welcomed by Bishop Les Tomlinson on behalf of the Archdiocese, and by Dr. Robyn Horner, on behalf of the University. The lecture is not an obituary for Walter, but is an extension of his pastoral outreach, and an offering to the Archdiocese as well as to other Pallottine family members and friends, from all over the State.

In her address, Donna spoke first of all about the 'wisdom of the past', looking at the lives and writings of two 19th century champions of the lay vocation, John Henry Newman and St. Vincent Pallotti. We were stunned and most appreciative of the co-incidence that these two great men lived at the same time and shared the same vision.

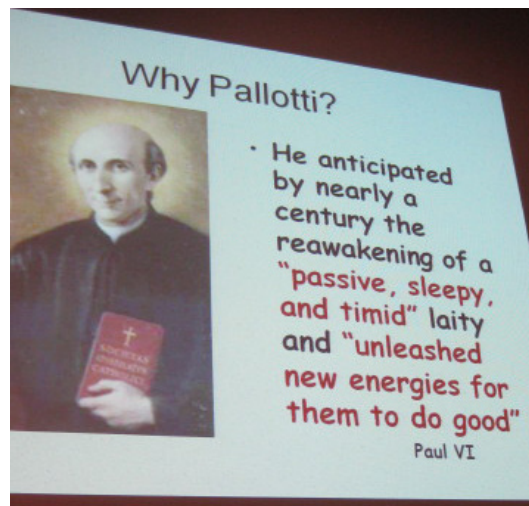
The second part of Donna's lecture was concerned with 'hope for the future'. Donna stressed the three salient aspects of Pallottine spirituality and ministry, namely lay people's realization of personal vocation; the need to work together; and engagement with the secular world, without any particular political polarisation or assimilation of worldly values.

Donna's verve, scholarship and insights were inspiring. She left us with plenty to think about and put into practice, both of which we could say, demonstrate the effectiveness of our annual lecture program.

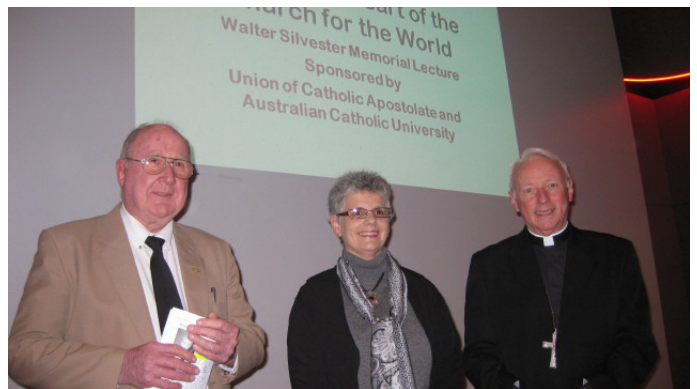
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- a. download it from the Pallottine website on www.pallottine.org.au
- b. download it from the Archdiocesan website on www.cam.org.au/melbourne-news/donna-orsuto-walter-silvester-memorial-lecture.html
- c. email Pat on patron2@dodo.com.au or ring her on (03) 9459 1798.

The lecture committee is most grateful to Fr. Ray Hevern, SAC, who acted as MC for the evening, and to Anne Dowling, of the Mariana community, for giving the vote of thanks. Our thanks also to Chris Sheargold, Assistant Vice-Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University, and Dr. Robyn Horner, from the University's theology department.
Pat Heywood.



Father Ray Hevern, Professor Donna Orsuto and Bishop Les Tomlinson (below)



A TIME TO GATHER AND SHARE

A group of over twenty UAC members gathered at Cheryl Sullivan's home on Sunday 3rd October to reflect share and have some fun time together. We spent time reflecting and sharing on the paper "Living the mission with the Church today" presented by Fr Angelo Londero at the UAC Congress in Rome last May. We shared on the questions posed by Fr Londero, such as "What is the Church of your dreams, and what is your project for the Church." A question we can all contemplate.

This gathering was seen as another way for us to be together, recognise our mutual bonds and have time just to BE together. At the conclusion of the day those who came recognised that it was a valuable time and were enthusiastic about having similar gatherings in the future. Margaret Jones offered to host the next function in February 2011. We thought that coming together every three months or so was a good time frame, so the next such gathering will be at Margaret Jones's home on Sunday 20th February. Marg has a large home and there is plenty of space for all to come, the more the merrier, please take this as an invitation to attend and bring a plate for us to share a meal together.

**SO DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SUNDAY
20TH FEBRUARY 2011, 15 LAMBERT PLACE,
DONCASTER EAST 3009 AT 4.30PM,
MARG'S PHONE NUMBER IS 9842 8953**

NEWS FROM THE WEST

Lots of good things have been and still are happening in the Pallottine Family in Western Australia.

On the official side of things, the Local Coordination Council has elected Trish Wisoloth as their president, and we congratulate her, assuring her too, of our prayers for her future work in this capacity.

John Nagle, the previous LCC president, has undertaken a new role, that of UAC Formation Coordinator. John will be the contact person between formation committees in Rome and anyone connected with formation, either initial or ongoing, in this country. In this capacity John attended the first gathering of all those involved in formation, in Rome, at the end of July. The only decent photo we have of him during that time is one where he is drinking a cold beer with a good mate of Fr. Joe Butscher's! We wish John every blessing in this new role, and will keep him in our prayers.

The travellers from the West have been active during the last six months. Marlene and Kelvin travelled extensively 'around' Australia, and we were lucky enough to meet up with them on the Melbourne leg of their tour. Lovely to see you both, thanks for dropping in!

Fr. Joe Kearney came to Melbourne at the end of September, on a sad occasion, to celebrate the funeral Mass for his brother, Kevin. Although a sad time, it was good to join Joe at the Mass, and to catch up with him again, in the following week.



Some of the members of the National Co-ordination Council meeting in Millgrove. Trish Wisoloth (R) new president of the LCC west, attends for the first time.



Marlene and Kelvin O'Connor visit Melbourne.

Denise came and went, on 'annual leave', at the end of June till early July. We were glad she could be present at both the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture, and the celebrations for Fr. Kevin McKelson's 60th anniversary of priesthood.

Laurel Nannup has travelled to New York for an exhibition of her art work. Congratulations, Laurel; we hope it was a most enjoyable time for you.

Fr. Ray attended the SAC Assembly in Rome in October, and was therefore able to join in with 8000 other Aussies at the canonization of St. Mary of the Cross, (MacKillop). We congratulate him on the collar!

Ray then travelled further afield, to Africa and Ireland, fitting in these visits on his way home. We hope to hear more about these travels, at a later date. Meanwhile, welcome home Ray.

Pat Heywood



John Nagle, hard at work!.. (above)

Then, enjoying a drink with Fr Gotlieb Seifer, Fr. Joe Butcher's 'mate' from seminary days. (below)



NEWS NEAR YOU

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Father Mac honoured

CATHOLIC Archbishop Barry Hickey visited Banksia Hill Detention Centre in Canning Vale last week to mark the second anniversary of the passing of the centre's former chaplain.

The Archbishop was a special guest at the memorial service for the late Father Michael "Mac" McMahon who died in July 2008.

More than 100 detainees and staff prayed for Father Mac's family and spoke of his commitment to helping young people.

Centre and re-entry programs



Michael McMahon

co-ordinator Desi Duguid said a plaque made in honour of Father Mac's work was blessed by Archbishop Hickey during the service.

"Father Mac inspired and supported a lot of young people who passed through the centre, and to honour his memory, we had the plaque installed in the gym where he spent a lot of time mentoring the boys," Mr Duguid said.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AS PRIESTS.

9th July, 1950 - 9th July, 2010

The Emeritus Bishop of Broome, John Jobst, returned to the town of his baptism, Brennberg in the beautiful state of Bavaria in southern Germany. He had grown up on a nearby farm, joining the Pallottines just before the war. Following the interruption caused by the compulsory military service he resumed his studies and after ordination, he was appointed to Australia. At first he worked at Beagle Bay but was then appointed to the house of studies in Sydney and it was while he was there—in 1959—that he was appointed Bishop of Broome, a position he filled for more than 50 years.

The celebration was a truly Bavarian one. Bishop Jobst was driven in a horse-drawn carriage, accompanied by a procession of 40 servers, a uniformed brass band and a throng of people carrying banners and dressed in traditional Bavarian costumes. Two bishops, fittingly Bishop Christopher Saunders—his successor as Bishop of Broome and Bishop Manfred Muller, Emeritus Bishop of Regensburg and 12 priests concelebrated Mass with him. Many of his family were present, including his sister Amanda, a Pallottine sister who had worked many years in South Africa. The festival atmosphere continued by all present enjoying true Bavarian hospitality, including the music of the oom-pah-pah brass band.

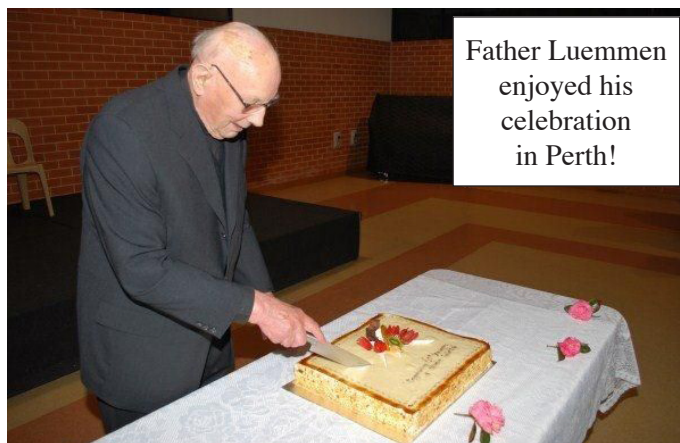
It is our pleasure to add our congratulations to the many Bishop Jobst has already received and to wish him contentment and joy in the years ahead.

(Thanks to Kimberley Community Profile for allowing us to tell this great story.)



Emeritus Bishop of Broome, Bishop John Jobst (centre), Bishop Manfred Muller, Emeritus Bishop of Regensburg (R) and Bishop of Broome, Bishop Christopher Saunders at the Mass of Thanksgiving.

Photos: Mittelbayerische.



Father McKelson celebrated with his confreres and family and friends in Parkville, Melbourne.



We'd love to hear from YOU!!!

It's really encouraging to receive articles, letters, book reviews reflecting the varied lives and situations of the members of the Pallottine Family. Maybe you have ideas or questions that you would like us to follow up - perhaps some aspects of Pallottine life?

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MEMORIES OF FATHER McKELSON'S YEARS IN THE KIMBERLEYS

Fr McKelson Shield won by Saints.

The annual Fr McKelson Shield, celebrating a football match between Broome Saints and Bidyadanga Emus, was won by Broome Saints in a closely contested match before a large crowd at Haynes Oval, Broome. Bishop Saunders presented the shield to Saints captain Matt Sear (L) while congratulating Bidyadanga Emus captain Nathan Hunter (R) for providing a spirited game on the day that saw them narrowly defeated.

Photo: V Mills

REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

In spite of the cold, rainy, blustery weather, twenty-five Pallottine Family members attended our annual Remember in November Mass, on Saturday 13th November. We gathered in the Pallotti room, with Fr. Eugene as our celebrant, after inscribing the names of those who have died during the past year, in our special Remembrance Book.

Eugene presented us with a beautiful homily, inspired in part from an article written by renowned theologian, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI. The Little Flower, St. Therese, got a mention too, and we were uplifted by the thought of the Saints spending time in heaven caring for those still working in the vineyard of our present reality.

As usual our communion over the cuppa was a most effective catching up time; people working at Pallotti College met up with several who'd worked there in the past; some of us, members of the 'old' family groups, enjoyed seeing younger family representatives, who, like the rest of us, had come to pray and thank God for their parents, no longer with us. We welcomed several Communita members, who are also associated with our UAC, and appreciated the effort of Fran and Bree, coming from Mt. Dandenong to be with us.

We are glad to be establishing this day as a regular event, to be continually involved with each other on our journey with and through our Pallottine heritage. Our thanks go to Eugene, to Ronnie for organizing the liturgy, and to all who came to pray, give thanks and share this special time of remembrance.

Pat Heywood



Father Eugene



Ruth McIsaac, Brother Kevin and Mark Brolly (above)

MARY QUEEN OF APOSTLES.

In his writings Vincent Pallotti's devotion to Mary, Mother of Jesus, shows itself in his ardent and tender expressions, so much so, that they may be compared to that of a great lover. Mary is his "most beloved Mother", to whom he dedicates himself "with a perfect and loyal offering".

Mary is a human person but exceptionally beautiful since coming directly from the hands of God. Thus she is a special creation of God's mercy. And that is why by his filial love of Mary and recognizing the role she has had in the divine plan of salvation, Pallotti longs to sing the very mercy of God forever. So ardent that he intends to love this Mother in the same way that God Himself loves her!

(from the Preface of "Tutto per la Gloria di Dio" by Henryk Hoser SAC)

Father John Winson

**YOU'RE WELCOME TO SHARE A DUAL
CELEBRATION ON 22ND
JANUARY AT KEW!.**

Yes, it is the feast of St. Vincent Pallotti, and we're pleased to say there will be Mass at 2pm, followed by afternoon tea. (Please bring a small plate!)

What's this about a dual celebration?
By a happy co-incidence, this date is very close to Fr. Kelvin's birthday—and not just any birthday but a 'significant' one (can you hear me whisper –60?)

**So, let's make this truly double celebration
a memorable one and join in saying:
'Congratulations and many blessings', Kelvin.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ST.
CHRISTOPHER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL!.**

Planning for celebrations for its 50th anniversary have been a high priority for many people all through this year. The collection of photographs, building plans, lists of students and teachers, and so on and so on. Most of all, arranging opportunities for all concerned to gather and remember. As we give thanks for the blessings of these years, let us pray for vision and guidance for this great school in the years ahead.

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REST IN PEACE.

We pray for all who have gone to eternal rest in the last few months, especially:

Sid Brick
Marjory Clark (nee Shea)
Eileen and Frank Gooden
Kevin Kearney
Mary Meyer
The mother of the new Rector General, Fr. Jacob.

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