



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

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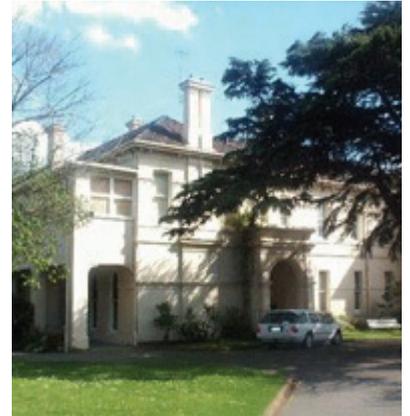
Dear Friends,

It gives me no pleasure to write this notice to you. Due to the ongoing fallout from the Royal Commission into Institutional Sexual Abuse we, the Pallottines, find ourselves confronted with the need to continue to liquidate Assets. This means the sale of our house at 85 Studley Park Road. This will not come as a surprise to many of you.

Although we have a long history at Kew (more than 90 years) and many of our Confreres and members of the wider Pallottine Community have a great lived experience and history at Kew, we have had to bow to the inevitable. We are now in the final stages of gaining the required permissions from Church Authorities and we anticipate the sale to happen before Christmas.

We intend to have a farewell Celebrations prior to the new owners taking over. As the details are finalised, we will advertise this on our website pallottine.org.au. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of us over the years and pray that you will continue to support us in the future.

*Fr. Dean Bradbury SAC
Regional Rector.
11th August 2022*



WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2022

Speaker: Vincent Nguyễn Văn Long O.F.M. Conv.
Bishop of Parramatta Diocese

Nationally, Bishop Vincent is the Chair, Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. He came to Australia as a refugee. We are grateful that he accepted our invitation as he is very much in demand and has a lot to offer as the Church goes forward.

Title of lecture: yet to be confirmed.



Tuesday, 25 October

6.30 p.m. in person and via Zoom

Note - changed venue:

**Knox Room: Catholic Theological College,
Thomas Carr Centre**

278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Register for Zoom by sending email to

wsmi@uacpallottines.org.au

In this magazine, we share news, views and reflections of the way the UAC (Union of Catholic Apostolate) lives the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti here in Australia.

New leaders elected for UAC

The retiring world leader of the Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, Fr Jacob Nampudakam, is the new President of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate, the official name of the Pallottine Family.

Fr Jacob, from India, succeeds Ms Donatella Acerbi, whose term had expired. Donatella's sister, Ms Gabriella Acerbi — a retired senior executive with the municipality of Rome — was elected Vice-President of the UAC, succeeding Brazilian Pallottine Fr Gilberto Orsolin.

The elections were held at the first annual meeting of the new UAC General Coordination Council in Rome, which was elected in March, from 16-19 June. They cover the term from 2022-25.

Thirteen people are members of the GCC — the leaders of the Pallottine priests and brothers and of the two congregations of Pallottine sisters plus 10 other members, including married and single laypeople, from places as diverse as Australia, Brazil, Cameroon, India, Poland and the US.

Mark Brolly is the third Australian to serve on the GCC, following many years of service by Cheryl Sullivan of Melbourne and Tricia Wisolith of Perth.

A message from the GCC published after its meeting said that apart from the elections, “we gave ourselves ample opportunity to get to know

each other, particularly because many were participating for the first time”.

“Always guided by prayer, in the light of the Holy Spirit, we identified challenges, which are never lacking in this service of animation; however, enlightened by faith and the desire to build together we will also be able to face even such obstacles.

“The proposals and decisions made in the last UAC General Assembly (in March this year) were considered with great care. Together with other things that emerged during the meeting, this material allowed us to establish guidelines for action and animation, and to plan concrete activities, for the whole Union, involving the different realities of the Pallottine Family. However, they will bear good fruit only through a broader synodal process in the Union at every level.”

Mass at the tomb of St Vincent Pallotti in the church of San Salvatore in Onda marked a moving end of the meeting.

The next annual face-to-face meeting of the GCC will be held from 24-29 March 2023, again in Rome.

AN INVITATION AND CALL TO APOSTOLATE

For personal reasons both Wojtek Nowicki and Steve Kay have resigned from the NCC. So, we are looking for a Treasurer and a Formation Coordinator

TREASURER

Wojtek has looked after our financial matters as treasurer for the last nine years. I thank Wojtek for his faithful support, work and time over these years

If money matters are your forte and this is where your apostolic gifts take you, then I would love to hear from you. Email or phone me for more details.

FORMATION COORDINATOR

Steve has been the Formation Coordinator for the last 3 Years. During that time, he and his team have consolidated the Formation programme by making it available electronically. Advent, Lenten and Baptismal programs with a Pallotti message have been run and are offered to Parishes. I thank Steve for his valuable contribution to our UAC Life.

If you have a Love and knowledge of Pallotti and a desire to impart relevant adult faith formation in today's world, this could be where the Spirit is calling you. Email or phone me for more details.

Or if you know of anyone with these gifts that might need a little nudge, give them that extra encouragement to help the cause and share in our apostolic endeavours.

In our shared Charism

Mary Whiting.

President NCC

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REST IN PEACE, Barbara Shea.

Barb's family, fellow parishioners and friends gathered at her parish church, St. Michael's, Berwick, for her funeral Mass celebrated by Fr. Jeff PP and Fr. Dean Bradbury SAC. Her nieces and nephews--Diane, Damian, Brenda and Andrew and their families participated fully in the Mass in which Barb expressed much of herself in the hymns, readings and prayers she chose. After she was laid to rest in the beautiful garden cemetery, it was 'open house' at the Cardinia Park Hotel. Thinking of a future newsletter, I should have had pen and paper to help me remember the many people who remembered Barb--- the mothers' group, the apostolic groups in Kew, training as lay missionaries, being 'week-enders' at Pallotti College!! It was often hard to recognise faces after long periods---especially with the grey or non-existent hair—recognition with much laughter.



Here are just some! - Apologies to the many left out: Matt. and Anne Fleming, Michael Rath, Ria and Nicol Van der Haar, Mary Jackson, Mary Ward, Paul Riggs, Lorraine Cosgriff, Therese Ryan, Mary Anne Dooley, Maureen Fordyce, Jen Callanan, Mary Whiting, Bernadette and Michael Potter, Michael Bodey, Kathy and Bob Munro, Christina and Paul Robinson, Marie Medlicott, Cheryl Sullivan, Daphne Scammel, John Malone, Karen and Bernie Morrissey, Wally and Faye Vandenberg, Ronnie Maloney, Mary Saunders, Anne Dowling plus so many, many more—in body or in spirit .

She would want us to continue to pray, with her, the 'Prayer of Trust'.

You know the way for us, you know the time,

Into your hands we trustingly place ours.

Your plan is perfect, born of perfect love

You know the way for us, Your way is love.



UAC Prayer Promoter in Australia

The members of the National Coordination Council appointed me to this new volunteer position at their June meeting. The first part of my job will be to recruit others, maybe you, to be part of a team bringing different talents, prayer styles, languages and generations to this task.

Prayer is essential for the life of the Union of Catholic Apostolate and in the personal lives of its members, collaborators and those associated with it. You may already be familiar with Pallottine Cenacle Prayer, Feast Day celebrations, and retreat days. These are some of the ways that we come together to pray and deepen our relationship with our God and with each other. We will also look at individual ways of communicating with or being in the presence of our God.

On the UAC website, that is under construction, there will be a prayer page with prayer suggestions, prayers and prayer requests. I will need support to keep this constantly up to date. If you have suggestions or are able to offer support in some way, please email me at prayerpromoter@uacpallottines.org.au or leave a message with your contact details on 03 9304 2926. - Anne Dowling

“Everyone has a story. . .”

Everyone has a story with a history of ups and downs, adversities, challenges, accomplishments, celebrations and everything in between which adds to the diverse nature of their personality.

Personally, I feel I had a rich childhood and upbringing in terms of traditional celebrations, family values, Catholic morals, good education and what you would consider the average modern day Australian childhood.

I had hardships along the way with bullying in school, my father walking out on the family before my mother gave birth to me and then divorcing. I had a beautiful rich relationship break up in 2010 and plummeted myself of sense, confidence,

and tarnish my dreams. I went through a phase of questioning life, purpose, identity, Catholicism and although I always hold on to hope and communicate with God personally, I found myself seeking purpose.

With a strong desire to be a mother I fell into a very toxic what I prefer to call a ‘situationship’ in 2013 and this very nearly destroyed my life but in a twisted way also provided my greatest blessing. 2013-2016 were years that stripped me of my voice, personality, confidence, reputation, friendships, family contact, I lost jobs, had to give up the house I was building, fell into financial hardships and was being repeatedly beaten during a pregnancy I didn’t expect to happen. I had always vowed to wait for marriage. I clung to God silently and internalised my conversations and prayers, pleading with him daily to keep myself and my child safe from harm, I had faith He was listening, and we would get through this part of the journey.

I had a beautiful baby girl, who is my whole world, best friend, daughter and all-time greatest blessing. Through a couple of years of health issues and further turmoil we finally managed to find our way out, I always protected my daughter but when she turned to her I was out!



And so began the road of recovery and rebuilding our lives. To this day I am still rebuilding, it feels like it won’t leave us sometimes and constantly dragging us down with stigma and the scars both physical and emotional for myself, but I know through my faith and supports and the steps I’ve taken so far and strength I’ve gained it and anything is possible.

I heard about the Clinical Pastoral Education course from a friend who had studied it themselves and they thought I was ready for this knowing I was a nurse my profession and passionate about my faith and helping others with a natural charismatic and empathetic nature. I wasn’t sure if I was ready emotionally so I discerned it for a short time and then thought I would see how I go however there was no way I would be able to afford it financially being thousands of dollars it

seemed impossible, I was barely able to afford food, had PTSD so wasn't able to work outside of school hours as I didn't trust anyone with my daughter for fear the ex would find and harm us.

I was recommended to contact the Pallottines and apply for the St Vincent Pallotti scholarship. I am forever grateful that I followed through and applied and eternally thankful for receiving the very generous scholarship. I can easily say completing the Clinical Pastoral Education course has completely changed my life, it renewed my confidence, I found my voice again, I formed life-long friendships, my clinical confidence was restored, I was reminded of my purpose. I threw myself completely into the program without walls and I dug deep, really deep, the conversations were incredible, there was laughter, tears, shame, growth, rollercoaster of emotions but constant support and direction to strengthen ourselves from within. It is truly a phenomenal course and will forever have a

place in my heart and memory. Without this I'm not sure where I would be today on my journey.

Finding my voice was everything! I can now share this skill with those who need someone to listen and truly empathise with them and just HEAR and BE with them without judgement and agenda. I graduated in 2021 in the middle of the Perth peaks of Covid. I have regular catch ups with my fellow group members and consider them like sisters.

I am so very thankful to the Pallottines for giving me this incredible and transformative experience and life changing opportunity with the St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship. I hope and pray they get continued support so they're able to offer others this opportunity and spread the work and actions of Jesus further across our beautiful communities and impact the lives of others.

Rosemarie Parker

The Scholarship to which Rosemarie refers comes from the St. Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust which was set up some years ago to offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leading/ministry or a specialised promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

Annual UAC RETREAT DAY

with Renewal of Act of Apostolic Commitment

Saturday 29 October
10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

You are invited to participate and bring others along!

Speaker: Brendan Connell CP PP
A Passionist Priest, he is an ex-Pallottine Lay Missionary and a member of the UAC.

Theme: "Synodality in the Vision of St. Vincent Pallotti"

All UAC members are encouraged/expected to renew their Act of Apostolic Commitment annually at Mass during this event.

Venue: St Andrews Parish, Clayton South: Cnr Springs & Bunney Rds.



Morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch will be provided, but we need you to let Fr Leenus Neetany know by 22 October that you will be coming:
lccpresidentvic@uacpallottines.org.au

Ron Charles RIP

Ron, originally from Williamstown, Victoria, was a hard-working Lay Missionary at La Grange for about 7 years from 1969. He drove the truck from the Mission to the Broome wharf each week for the supplies. He looked after the Big Boys and the Little Boys and gave opportunities to some of the Bidyadanga boys to travel and experience life beyond La Grange, which in those days was a rare thing.

Ron also spent time in America and Peru, working with people in need. Over those years he made and maintained some very strong relationships.

When Ron returned to Melbourne, he became a foster parent to 40+ boys over a period of 15 years, whether that was for a few days or a longer period. Mark, who lived with Ron, and Cody, who also spent years with Ron in recent times, gave testament to him being a very generous, gentle, and caring figure in their lives who handed on some very handy life skills to them. They, along with Daniel and Kelly who also share Ron's home,

cared for Ron in recent times so he could be at home as long as possible. These 4 young people were just amazing and were privileged to be with Ron at his death.

Ron's wonderful lifelong friend Ila Saunders from Tasmania also did a Eulogy giving a broad picture of Ron's life. Ila cared for Ron's needs over the last couple of years directing him through the Hospitals and Nursing Home systems and events up until his death on the 16th June.

A special time for Ron in recent years was spending Christmas day with Fr. Kevin McKelson's nieces Mary and Louise and their families. The attached photo is from the last occasion. Farewell Ron! Well done!



Rest in peace also those whom we can name as having entered eternal life recently---: Mary and Frank Walsh, Tony Medlicott, Dorothy Wynne, Vince Catteral, Brendan Cook and the many others, names unknown but in heart and spirit, members of the far flung Pallottine family.

CELEBRATING MILESTONES

St. Christopher's, Syndal have been thwarted (by Covid, of course) in their plans to celebrate
60 YEARS of PARISH LIFE

As we go to press, the big day is already tomorrow (14th August) We pray in gratitude for all who have supported St. Christopher's in those years and that will be abundantly blessed in the future.

The people of St. Andrew's, Clayton South are looking forward to celebrating
40 YEARS OF THEIR PARISH LIFE on 1st October.

Our very best wishes for a wonderful celebration and for many blessings in the future.



**AFTER A COUPLE OF YEARS OF CANCELLING THIS RETREAT
TIME – PERHAPS NOW IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOAK IN THE
BEAUTY OF SPRING IN MILLGROVE**

WHEN: Friday 16 September 2022, arrival from 4.30 p.m. – starting
at 6.30 p.m.

Returning home after lunch on Sunday 18 September 2022

WHERE: OAK MAREE. 5 McNamara's Rd Millgrove

**THERE WILL BE OPPORTUNITIES FOR: GUIDED MEDITATION,
PRAYER AND SHARING WITHIN THE GROUP AND PERSONAL
TIME TO REFLECT, WALK, MEDITATE, GO OUT FOR A COFFEE
– WHATEVER YOUR INNER SPIRIT IS CALLING YOU TO “IN THE
MOMENT”**

Want to know more or to book?

Contact – Cheryl Sullivan: (03) 9416 7138, 0417 386 706 or
cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com

Cost \$60 per day

All meals provided with a “help yourself” breakfast.

Bringing nibbles and some drink to share is always welcome

*Let us be protectors of Creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in
Nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.*

(Pope Francis – Laudato Si)

Pallottine Cenacle Prayer: East. Sessions start at 7.30 p.m.

22 August Monday, 85 Studley Park Rd, Kew. Leader: Cheryl Sullivan

22 September Thursday, St Christopher's, Doon Ave, Syndal

22 October: no session due to closeness to WSML and Retreat Day

22 November: Tuesday, St Anthony's GlenHuntly, cnr Grange & Neerim Rds.

"Remember in November" Leader: Merle Gilbo

If possible, kindly bring something to share for light supper after prayer.

Anne 9304 2926 or Merle 0409 964 899

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