

JOKE FOR THE WEEK

An Irishman moves into a tiny hamlet in County Kerry, walks into the pub and promptly orders three beers. The bartender raises his eyebrows, but serves the man three beers, which he drinks quietly at a table, alone.

An hour later, the man has finished the three beers and orders three more. This happens yet again. The next evening the man again orders and drinks three beers at a time, several times. Soon the entire town is whispering about the Man Who Orders Three Beers.

Finally, a week later, the bartender broaches the subject on behalf of the town. "I don't mean to pry, but folks around here are wondering why you always order three beers?" "Tis odd, isn't it?" the man replies. "You see, I have two brothers, one went to America and the other to Australia. We promised each other that we would always order an extra two beers whenever we drank as a way of keeping up the family bond." The bartender and the whole town were pleased with this answer, and soon the Man Who Orders Three Beers became a local celebrity and source of pride to the hamlet, even to the extent that out-of-towners would come to watch him drink.

Then, one day, the man comes in and orders only two beers. The bartender pours them with a heavy heart. This continues for the rest of the evening. He orders only two beers. The word flies around town. Prayers are offered for the soul of one of the brothers.

The next day, the bartender says to the man, "Folks around here, me first of all, want to offer condo-lences to you for the death of your brother. You know-the two beers and all"

The man ponders this for a moment, then replies, "You'll be happy to hear that my two brothers are alive and well. It's just that I, me self, have decided to give up drinking for Lent."

Thanks for the laugh Br Barry !!!

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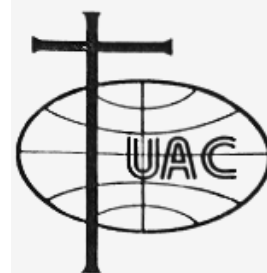
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ASIA – OCEANIA

INTERCONTINENTAL SAC DIALOGUE

The initiative of the April meeting of Pallottines from the Asia-Oceania block has received good feedback as having been a valuable experience. The Millgrove setting was spectacular and the kind weather a good stimulus for personal interaction.

This was the second time [previously 1994] the SAC has attempted to get some dialogue established with the countries bordering us in Asia. So at the urging of the General Council, who recognise the enormous potential of Pallotti College from their recent visits, we set about inviting leaders of neighbouring provinces, regions and delegatures, together with representatives of lay groups with whom they work. In all 18 people gathered:

from Rome:

Fr Zenon Hanas sac Vice General
Fr Jacob Nampudakam General Consulor

from Poland:

Fr Kazimierz Czulak Provincial [Poznan
Province - responsible for Sth Korea and PNG]

from India:

Fr Augustine Varickakal Provincial
[Epiphany Province]
Fr Bhaskar Madanu Prov'l rep
[Assumption Province]
Sr Josephine D'Souza Pallottine
Missionary Sisters
Sr Selin Kattapuram Pallottine Sisters
Ms Silvia Arokiaswamy Khristsevikas Lay Institute
Ms Joyce D'Almeida Khristsevikas Lay Institute

from S Korea:

Fr Zbigniew Wasinski Delegate

from Aust:

Fr Ray Hevern Regional
Fr Dean Bradbury Vice Regional
Fr Jude D'Rozario Consulor
Ms Cheryl Sullivan Mariana Community
Ms Mary Whiting Mariana Community
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Regrettably those from the Philippines and Papua New Guinea were absent. Similar meetings of Pallottines now occur regularly at continental level in Europe, Africa, North and South America.

Numerous outcomes were resolved and now require to be implemented. Two observations may be pertinent. The introduction of lay participation, a novelty at such gatherings, was valued by all. This format, now familiar to us in Australia, was recognised as an expression of our UAC charism inherited from Pallotti. It appeared to be accepted very comfortably. Secondly while, despite the increasingly multicultural nature of Australian society, some scepticism surrounded the concept of a viable asia-australia SAC bridge much of this was dissipated in the actual situation of being together and the exchange around common issues.

The overriding sense was of being at the start of something new. To quote from the former Australian Jesuit Provincial, Fr Mark Raper, recently appointed as the President of their own East Asia-Oceania Conference and now based in Manila: *"The world has changed. It will take some time to conceptualise better how we can cooperate internationally"*. We pray the Holy Spirit's guidance.



LIFE AT CORPUS CHRISTI, CLAYTON.

"Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has yet to come, we have only today. Let us begin.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

These are the sentiments evoked by the lives of two great ladies who died recently. Emmie Hevern, the mother of Fr. Ray and Tess Haaneberry, whose daughter Mary was member of the apostolic groups at Kew in the 50s.

Emmie was 99 when she went home to God and Tess was 96. Both ladies were full of positive optimism and life was very interesting for both of them

Life at Corpus Christi is "enriched by choices" each day. We all have a number of options---we can do art and craft, we can be involved in sport---bowls and fencing. Add to this a very committed staff of professionals and volunteers, and you have, I think, the most comfortable and enjoyable aged care facility.

I thank God everyday for leading me here and giving me the chance to experience the autumn years of my life as a real gift.

Sister Joan Chichester's book – 'The gift of years' will help all 'oldies' to enjoy life to the full.

Roger McGinley SAC

WE PRAY FOR ETERNAL PEACE AND JOY FOR:

Mrs Emmie Hevern, mother of Fr. Ray who died on 30th April, in the same month as she had celebrated her 99th birthday. At her funeral Mass at Corpus Christi Aged Care, Clayton, the symbols placed on her coffin showed that she had been an alert and alive lady. She had loved dancing, was skilled at all kinds of handcrafts and enjoyed music. It says a great deal for her spirit that she had been able to live independently well into her 90s' and then, when she moved to Corpus Christi, she was a lady of 'positive optimism and full of life'. (See Fr Roger's reflection)

Mrs Tess Hannebery. Born and bred in Moonee Ponds, her funeral Mass was at St. Monica's, where she had celebrated many important events in her life, including her marriage on 1st October 1935 to Pat Hannebery. She had also live independently into her 90s and Fr. Roger affirms her as another lady of 'positive optimism and full of life'. She was a lady of definite ideas and told her family---'no eulogy but make sure you introduce the con-celebrating priests'. Her family obeyed!. The Pallottine family came to know Tess through one of her daughters, Mary, who began her association when she joined one of the apostolic groups in the 50s.

Mr. Dick Wittman. Dick and his wife Pat were very much involved in the married couples' weekends at Pallotti College in Millgrove. They contributed generously to the over all hospitality, which set the scene so that all participants felt at home. They were therefore enabled to share the joys and the sorrows, the ups and the downs of their marriages leading to a real mutual enrichment. Dick had had a long illness, lovingly supported by Pat.

Cath Kyne. Another member of the Kew apostolic groups in the 50s., Cath was a teacher for a good many years and used her skills and her imagination for the good of the 'girls' in her group. In her post teaching days, she continued to do that, wherever she was and it seems that she did 'make a difference.'

Dick Reichertz. Dick and his wife Betty have been involved and enthusiastic members of the Pallottine family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA. We met them at International Congresses in Rome -- 1985, 1995, and kept contact by personal letters, by the exchange of our newsletters and, nowadays, by E-mail. Betty came to Poland in 2005 but at that stage, Dick's health was deteriorating and he was unable to travel. It has been very good to have this ongoing connection with people whose life styles are quite similar to ours and so we have ideas and views to share. We hope you are coming to Rome for the International Congress in April 2010, Betty!

Mrs Catherine Caruana Catherine was the grandmother of Executive Officer Patrick. In her 93rd year she was a shining example of love and devotion to her large family. She was an excellent teacher retiring in the late 1970's. Like many Maltese she had a particular devotion to Mary and her faith was an inspiration to her children, grand children and great grandchildren, she now rests peacefully with her beloved Pinu (Philip).

Warburton Harmony Festival

When this article comes out in the time after Pentecost, it's an appropriate time to write and reflect on the 5 day Harmony Festival we had here in the Upper Yarra Valley at the end of March. Though many different people and groups had been preparing for the Festival from the previous year, the impact of the recent fires was still very much in people's minds and experience.

As the stated aim of the festival was "to celebrate Harmony through Community, the Arts, Inter-faith dialogue and nature" the timing of the Festival was opportune to demonstrate and share a time of mutual support, healing, encouragement and hope for the future in peaceful mutual collaboration.

As the spiritual and inter-faith dimension was very much at the heart of this community event, I was very glad to be a part of it. Fr Ken Petersen OCarm, Sr Kathleen Murphy OP and myself collaborated together in Christian presentations, which included Taize chanting and prayer, meditation, workshops on dialogue with Buddhist and Hindu monks and swamis, all culminating in an inter-faith service of meditation, rituals and readings from various scriptures of the different traditions. All the sessions were well attended.

There were many and varied activities available for people to participate in, including a religious film festival, native art exhibitions, concerts including music, chanting and traditional dances by Tibetan monks, as well as healing and sacred earth concerts.

Various schools took part as well as our local Theravadin monks of the Thai Forest Tradition from East Warburton as well there were classes on Hatha Yoga and an Environment Forum, with the Tibetan Sand Mandela made by the monks as a symbol of harmony. The Festival brought great hope to all who took part.

Father Michael Mifsud.

THIRD ANNUAL WALTER SILVESTER

MEMORIAL LECTURE

The organising committee for the lecture is delighted to announce that Abbot David Tomlins of Tarrawarra Abbey has agreed to be our speaker for this year. The lecture will be held on TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2009 at 6.30pm at Australian Catholic University, Victoria Parade Fitzroy, our venue for the past two years. Abbot David will speak about the monastic life and the pastoral outreach of the monks to visitors at the Guesthouse. Please pencil in this special evening in your diaries or calendars. More details in the next newsletter!

LAY MISSIONARIES CELEBRATE 50 YEARS SINCE RECEPTION OF MISSION CROSSES IN THE SHRINE AT KEW

On the 5th April 2009 the first three lay missionaries to leave Victoria for La Grange Mission, now Bidadanga, celebrated the reception of Mission Crosses 50 years ago. Joy Conway (nee Tranter), Carmel Brown (nee Hodgkinson) and Kath Curtain were joined by Kevin Brown who travelled north with the first lay missionary men's team in September 1959. This team were accompanied by Father Brian Murray SAC en route to take up a position at Beagle Bay Mission. In the mid 1960's, on returning to Melbourne, Carmel and Kevin were married and have two children, Lisa and Katrina. To celebrate, the group were joined by Jim Conway, Joy's husband. The Conways have five children and both couples enjoy the delightful addition of grandchildren to their families. Kath Curtain is a member of the Mariana Community.

The recent celebration commenced with a simple, moving liturgy followed by the sharing of many happy memories and photographs. A celebratory meal followed.

The Mission Crosses were conferred by Father Francis Huegel, SAC. Father Walter Silvester SAC, who together with Barbara Shea, conducted the first lay missionary training at Millgrove, was ill at the time. Father Alphonse Bleischwitz SAC was present, having recently returned from decades in the Kimberley.

An account of the dreams, activities and achievements of these first Victorian lay missionaries can be found in:

FROM PATRONS TO PARTNERS, Margaret Zucker
University of Notre Dame Australian Press 1994
and

WE NYANGUMARTA IN THE COUNTRY OF THE KARAJARRI
Tommy Dodd and Father Kevin
Wangka Maya Pilbara Aboriginal Language Centre 2007



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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LEADERS – born and bred? Or created and called?

We all know what leadership is and we can all recognize great leaders when we meet them or see them in action. But if you were asked to describe leadership or give some indication of the qualities of an excellent leader, what would you say?

Maybe things like accepting responsibility, making firm decisions, using initiative, and so forth, spring to your mind. Maybe you'd start giving examples of what you consider are leadership qualities, or you might name people you think are born leaders.

Is there more to leadership than this? What is a Christian leader like? How do we lead others to follow Christ in our various UAC ministries and apostolates?

I found this short description of a great leader in one of our local papers:

Great leaders don't give orders. They supply inspiration. They encourage others to do their best, they demonstrate respect and gratitude and they gently, but firmly direct attention in the most appropriate direction. They also listen carefully to what people are telling them...and when they take the initiative, even they can be surprised at how much support they can command, and how much success they and their team can attain.

Leadership and administration are terms which are often used in combination in our communities, political, social, industrial and commercial, and in religious communities as well. It might help us to note that the word administration comes from the Latin word 'ministrare' which means to serve. In the Christian context, this makes a good deal of sense, for Christ as our Leader came to serve in order to save, and who admonished his disciples when they started wondering who was the greatest among them. And we know the answer: the greatest are those who serve.

Another example of leadership which I heard recently was a comparison of leaders with the conductor of an orchestra. Conductors are skilled, they know their task well by means of practice and experience, of trial and error till an exceptional standard of performance is reached, and they are prepared to stand alone, to turn their backs on the crowd and put their whole being into each episode, each performance. They can only do this because of the passion they have for the whole team's work to create the most superb music. Their love for the music is only outweighed by their acknowledgement and sharing in the work of creating and delivering, and their joy is fierce in the acts of creation and accomplishment.

Leaders offer themselves as the servants of the team in their single-minded pursuit of the team's goals. They are inclusive, they accept and acknowledge every individual in the team, they never regard others as rivals or competitors, and they love the work they do, fearlessly and utterly. We think of Mary in the Cenacle, of Peter preaching after Pentecost, of Paul travelling the world to let all hear the good news he has embraced so dramatically and so completely. We think of Jesus, whom Pallotti called 'the Apostle of the Eternal Father', and then we beg the Spirit who drives the whole Body into the heart of His own consuming love, to inspire us on the journey of apostleship and service.

Pat Heywood

QUEEN OF APOSTLES FEAST DAY 2009 – KEW

This special feast day for Pallottine Family members was celebrated all over the world, and of course, in various parts of Australia, in different ways.

In Melbourne, about thirty people gathered to celebrate at the Kew community house on Saturday 30th May, in a combined event, a Faith Development Day provided by the Mariana Community and at the same time, a joyous Cenacle experience for all participants.

Kath Curtain organized and conducted the day, leading us in prayer and song, in sharing her experiences of the historical Cenacle in Jerusalem, and especially in discernment of the central reality of the Cenacle for our own daily living.

We spent the morning in silent and prayerful exploration of the various insights which Kath provided for us, and then in the afternoon, Frs. Eugene and Kelvin concelebrated the feast day Eucharist. Afterwards, we extended our communion in a beautiful afternoon tea, which Mary Saunders had prepared and arranged.

We offer heartfelt thanks to the members of the Mariana Community for a very inspiring and uplifting day, which not only deepened our appreciation of Mary as Mother and Queen of the Apostles, but which also acted as a most appropriate spiritual lead-in to the feast of Pentecost the next day.

Pat Heywood



UAC DATA BASE

Currently, we are preparing a database that lists the names and addresses of all our Pallottine Family members. In the interest of privacy, we would like to check that our family members are happy with this arrangement. Therefore, may we ask you to let us know if you are NOT happy to have your name and address on our database. This would be much easier for you and for us, rather than asking you to let us know if you are happy with the procedure. Please note that this information will remain within the UAC and will not be passed on to any other party.

So, at the risk of being repetitive, would you let us know if you do not wish to have your details on the data base by contacting Merle Gilbo on 9 497 1691. If the phone is unattended, you can leave a message on the answering machine.

E mail: merle.gilbo@blaze.net.au

Reflection on the General Coordination Council Meeting of April 2009

The newly elected General Coordination Council met in Rome in Easter week. It was a time of new beginnings in so many ways – new life in the resurrection of Christ; spring flowers and tree blossoms heralding the end of winter and the promise of summer's beauty; the new council hoping to bring new breath and life into the UAC through its discussions and reflection on the many items brought forward by members all over the world.

Elections were held and Fr. Derry Murphy became our new president and Mr. Corrado Montaldo our new Vice President. Our grateful thanks go out to Msgr. Seamus Freeman for his many years of dedication, foresight and perseverance in making it possible for the UAC to have such a fruitful start. We wish Fr. Derry and Corrado the best in their new positions and keep them in our prayers. May God bless them abundantly with the gifts of the Holy Spirit that they may guide and direct the UAC firmly in the path God has willed for us.

During the course of the meeting Fr. Frank Donio was confirmed as General Bursar of the UAC and first steps were taken to establish a Financial Commission. Sr. Bernadetta Turecka, SAC, of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters and a member of the General Secretariat will take on the position of General Secretary 'pro tempore'. Since the final approbation of the General Statutes, several countries have reviewed and revised their National Regulations in light of the new Statutes. The revised Regulations of the Canadian NCC were given approval; the Regulations for the newly formed NCC in Colombia were approved, and the Reina de los Apostoles Community of the Argentine presented their Regulations to the GCC. Other National Coordination Councils are reviewing their regulations and will submit them to the GCC.

Collaborators play an important role in the UAC. They are persons who have a strong affiliation to the UAC in a spiritual way and often in very practical initiatives, though they may not be Catholic, or even Christian. These persons are drawn to the Union and live according to the spirit but do not take the formal Act of Commitment. And yet, because they feel so drawn to the charism, they want to be recognized officially in some way. It was decided look at ways in which the collaborators be formally recognized in the Union. The Mission of the Union is to the Church and to the world. Sharing on our understanding of the Mission was another central aspect of our time together. This sharing took place as we also reflected on the role of each of the members of the GCC and of our contribution to the Union. This will be taken up in the General Congress in 2010, the theme chosen is "From the vision to the mission in communion with Mary".

Plans for the Congress in 2010 brought about much lively discussion and many suggestions were made for the planning committee to consider. Participants will arrive at the Institute of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel just outside of Rome in Sassone on Thursday, April 8, 2010, take part in

the activities from that evening until Tuesday, April 13 when all will depart. To all members who attended the Congress in Poland in 2005, this will be a reunion with international UAC family members. For all those who will attend for the first time, it is a wonderful experience and opportunity to meet members from all over the world, to gain a sense of the international quality of our UAC, to develop long-lasting friendships, to deepen our commitment to the charism of the founder, to pray and celebrate as Church family in the spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti.

As always our prayer and liturgical celebrations were a central point of the gathering. Msgr. Freeman led the opening Mass on the 14th, on Wednesday 15th we joined in the UAC Mass at SS. Salvatore in Onda and prayed there for all the members of the UAC, on Thursday 16th we participated in the 1st anniversary Mass for Fr. Giuseppe Leonardi, SAC, together with the members of the Quinta Dimensione Community, and on Friday 17th we had an early morning Mass in the Irish Chapel dedicated to Saint Colombanus in St. Peter's Basilica.

Our General Statutes have been translated and printed in Italian, English, Portuguese and Polish. Further translations are in progress for German, French and Spanish. These are our guidelines and the premise from which we function in the Church. It is important that we take time to read and reflect on them, making them a living part of our life as UAC members. The GCC will continue to circulate supplementary texts that expand aspects of the General Statutes.

Maria Domke in collaboration with the General Secretariat.

THE PALLOTTINE ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST.

In the 1990s, when the Pallottines could no longer staff a hostel for aboriginal secondary students at Rossmoyne (a suburb of Perth) and the need for such a hostel was no longer present, some of the land on which the facility was built was sold. Thought the land had been bought with their own resources, the Pallottines wished to continue their work with indigenous people in a collaborative manner, encouraging positive interaction between indigenous and non-indigenous people. A substantial amount of the money raised was put towards the scholarship fund.

More information about monies held in the trust, legal aspects, the selection process and the future of the trust on www.Pallottine.org.au or contact Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Trust at 45 Ionic St. Shelley WA 6148

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Young women and men eligible to be granted support are aboriginal students post secondary who want to pursue further studies at University or TAFE colleges. The following are those who have been granted such support in 2009.

2009 PALLOTTINE ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANTEES

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY --
Perth Campus

CALEY, Stephanie Jade Education
MAY, Victoria Media

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME --
Broome Campus

BROCKLISS, Christi Roxanne Bachelor of Nursing
HOWARD, Joanne Bachelor of Arts

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME--
Fremantle Campus

HALL, Stephanie Physiotherapy

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Perth Campus

BROWN, Lauren Lillian History/Anthropology
CORUNNA, Cassandra Diane Science
COX, Zaccariah Leon Health Science
HILL, Jedda Rae Arts-Communication
HUNT, Emma-Jane Maree Landscape architecture
JACOBS-SMITH, Ezra Micah Engineering
KAISSIS, Joseph Harold Health Science
LELIEVRE, Matthew Phillip Human Movement---

MACAULAY, Daniel William Physiology
Human Movement---
Exercise/health
MAHER, Alarna Mary Louise Law
NINYETTE, Raymond William Animal Science---
Zoology

PITT, Leah Arts
PROUDFOOT, Benjamin Lane Architecture
ROGERS-ANGELES, Annika Medicine
TAYLOR, Hadyn James Dentistry
TRUSCOTT, Ashley Calvin Law
WILLIAMS, Crystal Nicole Medicine
WOODLEY, Hayden Jonathan Science

DATES TO REMEMBER

Reflection days at Kew

Tuesday, 7th July, Tuesday, 1st September

Taize prayer at Kew.

The first Friday of the month .. 8-9pm
July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th

SAC Assembly –Perth.

September 28th until October 2nd

Walter Silvester memorial lecture.

Tuesday, 27th October ...

FATHER MICHAEL RUNS FOR MYANMAR ORPHANS



Father Michael Gitner witnessed first hand the devastation wrecked by cyclone Nargus. "I was in Myanmar during the cyclone, and after seeing that nothing much was done for the people, a group of us decided to take care of the kids." said Father Michael who has been based in Singapore since 2007. " After visiting them again this year it still looked like a disaster zone, so I decided that more needed to be done."

And so Father Michael at age 49 started running marathons to help raise money for three orphanages in Yangon. The first one he completed was the full 42.19km of the Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon, raising \$35,000.00. He undertook the Addidas Sundown Marathon 2009 again raising \$35,000.00 which went towards the building of a permanent dining shelter for one of the orphanages.

Private sponsors and parish members from the St Francis of Assisi Church in Boon Lay have donated \$15,000.00 so far.

Readers who wish to help the Myanmar orphans can contact Father Michael via email at mgitner@gmail.com