

**IT'S GOOD TO LAUGH**  
**AT...OURSELVES**

**The Donation**



Farmer McCarthy lived for many years with only his dog for a companion. One sad day he found his dog dead from old age. He went to his parish priest and asked if services could be said for his dog.

The good father said "oh no, we can't have services for a dog here, but there's a new church down the street that might be willing."

"Father do you think \$50,000 might be enough of a donation?" asked farmer McCarthy.

"Well man, why didn't you tell me your dog was a Catholic!!!"

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**PALLOTTINE FAMILY  
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NEWSLETTER**

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

**WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL  
LECTURE 2009**

This year's Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture will be held in Christ Theatre at the Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy, on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm. The speaker will be Abbot David Tomlins, OCSO, of Tarrawarra Abbey, Yarra Glen. The topic Abbot David has chosen is:

**"MONASTICISM AND MINISTRY: INSIGHTS FROM ST.  
BENEDICT ON PASTORAL CARE".**

As usual, refreshments will be served between 6pm and 6.25pm in the foyer outside the theatres. Entry is via Young Street and car parking can be found in the surrounding streets or in the commercial car park at the end of Young Street. (Melways, 2C A12) This is a free public lecture but for catering purposes we ask you to book by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October by phoning Pat Heywood on (03) 9459 1798 or by emailing [patron2@dodo.com.au](mailto:patron2@dodo.com.au)

Everyone is welcome, and in an age when many people are seeking spirituality in their lives, the contribution Abbot David will make promises to be of great interest and importance to all, whether Catholic or not. So bring your relations, friends and neighbours for an inspiring and uplifting lecture and make sure you book SOON.

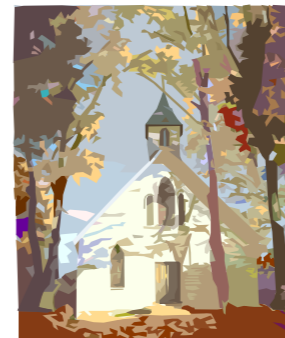
Pat Heywood.

**REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER**

Again this year, we invite all our Pallottine Family members to join us on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November at Kew at 2.30pm to celebrate the lives of our loved ones in a special Eucharist for the commemoration of the dead, in the month of the Holy Souls.

Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Eugene and again, the names of family members and friends may be inscribed in the memorial book beforehand.

Afterwards over a cuppa together, memories and stories can be shared and enjoyed.



**XII SAC REGIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The three-yearly Regional Assembly of the Pallottines has come around again. It will happen Perth in the week Mon 28 Sep to Fri 02 Oct. An Assembly is described in our SAC Law as a "representative body of the members of the Society [who] witness to its unity, and strengthen a deeper sense of responsibility for the mission of the entire Community...[they] endeavour to create an atmosphere of confidence in which they discuss the issues of the Society, fraternally and objectively".

Due to the exigencies of age and ill health the expected numbers are around 17 this time. And, in recognition of the fact that the SAC sees itself as an integral part of a larger reality, namely the UAC, a representative body of non-SAC people have been invited in similar numbers, nominated by their respective Local Coordinating Council. They can contribute to the agenda and will join in the conversation in the first days, offering their own reflections on matters they consider significant for both the Union of the Catholic Apostolate and the Church as a whole. Two factors likely to significantly impact the discussion are the presence now of four Indian Pallottines in the Region, and the recently held SAC Asia-Oceania intercontinental meeting at Millgrove.

Although you may not be one of those present please see this event as a moment of grace for us all, and prayerfully support it, both in its preparatory phase and throughout the week itself.

Fr Ray Hevern

**WELCOME FR LEENUS**

My full name is Leenus Pathrose Neetany. I was born in the year 1961 in a village 20 Kilometers away from the city of Trivandrum, Kerala, a Southern state in India. I did my schooling in my own state. I joined the Pallottines as a student in 1977. To complete my studies to Priesthood I was sent to Seminaries situated in different states in India. I was ordained a priest on 18 May 1988. As a priest I worked all 21 years in different Northern states in India, first two years as Assistant Parish Priest, 18 years as Parish Priest and last year a member of the staff in Pallotti Bhavan Seminary. Now I am sent to the Australian Region to work.

I arrived Melbourne on 17th July 2009. now I am at Holy Spirit Parish, Nth Ringwood with Fr Eugene San.

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## NEWS FROM THE WEST

WELCOME Fr. SHIBU JOSEPH FROM INDIA, WHO WILL JOIN THE SAC COMMUNITY IN THE PARISH OF RIVERTON, AND GOODBYE Fr. JUDE WHO WILL BE JOINING THE SYNDAL PARISH COMMUNITY.

WELCOME HOME DENISE AFTER A WELL EARNED HOLIDAY FOR SIX WEEKS IN THE EMERALD ISLE. THANK GOODNESS THEIR SUMMER IS THE SAME (PRACTICALLY) AS OUR WINTER, SO NO ACCLIMATISATION WAS NEEDED! WE HEAR THOUGH THAT THE DAYLIGHT SAVING MADE THE NIGHTS A BIT LONG - ALL THE BETTER FOR CELEBRATING???



WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOSTING THE SAC-UAC ASSEMBLY AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND ASK ALL OUR PALLOTTINE FAMILY MEMBERS FOR THEIR PRAYER FOR ITS SUCCESS, BOTH BEFORE AND DURING THE DAYS OF OUR CONFERRING.

MORE NEWS LATER. LCC WEST.

### They came, prayed, listened and shared

St Peter is said to preside at the Pearly Gates, but who keeps an eye on Heaven's back door?

A possible answer was provided at PLS Come, an evening of Prayer, Listening and Sharing (hence the PLS) at Kew on Friday 14 August, the vigil of the Feast of the Assumption.

A story related by American priest Fr Andrew Greeley and retold on the evening gave a light-hearted account of God patrolling Heaven and coming across people who had no business being there. When God challenged St Peter, who denied admitting them, the Keeper of the Keys of Heaven replied: "Well, I turned them down and didn't they go around to the back door and didn't your mother let them in!"

Fr Greeley noted: "Theologically this story of course is nonsense. But as a story it reflects Mary's role as reflecting the maternal love of God."

You can see the full homily and background story on Fr Greeley's website, [www.agreeley.com](http://www.agreeley.com), in the archive of

his homilies for 2005, on 15 August (Feast of the Assumption of Mary: Lady Day in Harvest).

The story, chosen by Mariana Community co-ordinator Cheryl Sullivan, who was one of the moderators of the evening, was an amusing "take" on the serious subject of Mary's role as model for all apostles. Just over 20 people attended the evening to contemplate this, the words of St Vincent Pallotti - "Mary is the spiritual teacher of all. From her we can learn how to imitate Christ" and "Our neighbour ... is anyone who is capable of knowing, servicing, loving and enjoying God. Our neighbour is an enemy or friends, a catholic or a heretic, an unbeliever or a believer, a Christian or a Jew, a countryman or a foreigner." - and how they saw the Union of Catholic Apostolate, or Pallottine Family, in the future. The evening concluded in a very Pallottine way, with supper brought by the participants and an opportunity to catch up with friends.

Thanks, as always, to the community at 85 Studley Park Road for their hospitality. Mark Brolly

### CALLING ALL LAY MISSIONARIES.

While Pat Heywood was in Broome recently, she visited the Relationships Exhibition put together by the Sisters of St. John of God (see the article and photographs which the sisters prepared for us in his issue) This coincided with quite a chorus of people who have been saying: 'Wouldn't it be good if we had a list of the many, many people who were lay missionaries in 'the West'!

Can such a project happen? It surely can if we keep it simple, just gathering information for a start and making an alphabetical list.. Then, see how it evolves and consider how best to proceed.

We suggest the following questions to help your 'remembering'.

Your name: then now  
Your address (if you wish)

Email

Where did you train?

What year?

Can you remember who trained with you?

Where did you go? What year?

How long did you stay?

Were you at more than one place?

Have you kept contact with others?

Can you ask them to tell us about themselves?

Do you recall some by name but with whom you are no longer in contact?. ....That might help others to remember.

Let's make sure we include those who have gone before us into eternity.

I am very willing to be a 'point of reference' for a start !!

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### UAC GENERAL CONGRESS – ROME 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010.

*"A General Congress is convoked at least once every six years, for reflection, an exchange of opinions, experience and proposals, and for a more effective fostering of the universal apostolate. Participation in the Congress is open to representations of the members and of the collaborators of the Union (cf. arts. 27 &30), according to the criteria established by the General Coordination Council" (article 100 UAC General Statutes)*

While it is unusual to commence an article with a quote from the statutes, I thought that it was a good opportunity to start by clarifying what the General Congress is and how it fits into the UAC structure.

The first General Congress was held in Konstancin Poland in 2005. Those present at that congress voted to have the next congress in Rome, thus the location was set.



The Congress will be held outside Rome at Sassone in a conference centre run by the Carmelites. The centre provides shared accommodation for up to 300 people. One day of the Congress will be an "open day" held in Rome.



The theme decided for the congress is "From Vision to Mission – with Mary". The format is being prepared by a Congress Committee in Rome. It is anticipated that the topics will include: Youth, Family/children, Evangelisation, Spirituality of Ageing, Charity and Social Justice.

As you can imagine, the number of places available for each country have to be restricted and Australia has a total of 25 places allocated. Some people have already expressed an interest in participating in the congress, but if you have a particular interest and have not have the opportunity to express that yet, please feel free to contact Mark Brolly, who is "looking after the list". Mark's contact number is 0419 329 119 or by email at [markbrolly@aapt.net.au](mailto:markbrolly@aapt.net.au).

Cheryl Sullivan



### MARY, QUEEN OF APOSTLES.

As followers of your son Jesus we have committed ourselves to reawaken faith and enkindle charity both in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Trusting in you Holy Virgin, we have every confidence with the aid of your intercession; and we direct our powers of body and spirit to the greater glory of God.

Following the example of St Vincent Pallotti, we ask your help to deepen our prayer for the growth of the kingdom; and finally we hope together with you, to enjoy the fulfillment of paradise forever.

Amen.

## PALLOTINES INVOLVED IN MASS MEDIA – PALLOTTINE AGENCY OF INFORMATION

Within the SAC there are three General Secretariats (sub-committees of the General Council): Apostolate, Formation and Missions. These three Secretariats work towards developing policies both the General Council and for the wider Society. An important function of these is to help with the ongoing formation for members of the SAC. For over 10 years I have been a member of the General Secretariat for the Apostolate. As a Secretariat we meet in Rome each year and also run two courses for SAC – 1) for Pallottine Parish Priests (Pat Jackson attended last September) and 2) for Pallottines involved in Mass Media.

One of the goals of the Secretariat is to implement a decision of the last SAC General Assembly to set up a Pallottine agency Information (PALLAI). The first meeting of this group was held in Rome at the Cenacle Centre in Via Guiseppe Ferrari. Frs. Zenon Hanas, Frank Donio and myself were present as members of the General Secretariat as well as Fr Stanislaw Stawicki (Rector of the Centre). Pallottines from all over the world were present including the Editor of Ferment (the Swiss monthly magazine) Mr. Andreas Baumeister and the man responsible for PR for the German Province, Mr. Nicolas Schnall.

As always, the General Council members gave some input to the course, particularly Fr. General, Fritz Kretz. Then participants reported on their involvement in the Mass Media. These varied from running websites to hosting TV shows, from lecturing in Mass Media to running the SAC owned radio station in Brazil and editing publications to running Printing and Publishing houses. One of the days was highlighted by the presence of a Brazilian TV crew interviewing members for a program in Brazil. In a packed 5 days we also visited Radio Vatican and celebrated Mass and shared with Pallottine Sisters attending a course on Pallottine Spirituality, visited the Generalate and heard of the work of Fr. Jan Kupka and his dedicated team and had presentations from Fr. Krzysztof Marcynski, Mr. Andreas Baumeister and Mr. Joaquim Salvador. Joaquim, among his many tasks in the Secretariat he works in, is the webmaster for the Generalate website [www.sac.info](http://www.sac.info). A fuller report of this meeting - with pictures, as well as other news can be found at this website. Another website of interest is [www.pallottineparish.net](http://www.pallottineparish.net) which gives information etc. On pallottine parishes throughout the world.

Dean Bradbury



### **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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**Deadline for September Newsletter: 15th November.**



HOW MANY CAKES DOES HE NEED?  
WELL, HE HAD TO FEED THE MULTITUDE WHO  
WANTED TO CELEBRATE WITH HIM AT SYNDAL.  
THEY CAME FROM EVERYWHERE:



### **AFTER 80 YEARS, KEVIN GETS A OBE FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Br. Kevin Clark had celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Profession in February, but this was only a preliminary introduction to the big event—his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup> August.

It had been decided that it would not be at Kew (with its limited resources) but at his old hunting ground, Syndal itself, with its history of many memories and birthdays celebrated there in the past.

At the Mass, Fr. Pat welcomed Kevin and the 100 strong congregation of supporters and pray-ers.. He mentioned the various roles that Kevin had played—notably at Pallotti College, when Pat himself was there, followed by a 26 year stint at Syndal as sacristan, parish visitor and confidante to so many parishioners in need.

Then after Mass, lunch in the Narthex, a great opportunity for hearty conversations and a chance to enjoy the delicious finger food provided by Judy Byrne and her helpers. There was a warm atmosphere of conviviality, due to a common lived experience in a vibrant parish community. Judy, in her wise, humble and effective way, made a little speech about Br. Kevin and his attendant virtues. She also showed that she is an efficient shopper (with a Ph. D in shopping!) as she displayed for us the spoils of her shopping expedition with Br. Kevin and gave him new shoes for his daily walking. Finally, he blew out the candles with one robust blow and we ended on that high note.

### **Ongoing Faith Group at Kew.**

To view the world through the eyes of other women is an extraordinary life-affirming gift, although I came unknowing into its presence. Five years ago I went to a barbecue at the Palottines in Kew, expecting to stay only for the length of a meal. In one of life's wonderfully serendipitous moments, a spirit of warmth and belonging came upon me, gently calling me back each month to the library, where as a group of women we meet with our spiritual companion Fr. Eugene, to share in faith.

The UAC Group is more than a gathering; although the laughter, storytelling and fervent chatter over afternoon tea from the exterior view, may deem it so. In belonging to this group we encounter faith in ways that draw on and further enrich the experiences of our own lives. We share and learn together through prayers, readings and discussions, walking together in the shadow of St. Vincent Pallotti's path, endeavouring to be true disciples of love to each other and to those in our families and communities.

Each year we have a new theme for focusing our meeting time and for fostering our faith development. This year we are studying the lives of the great women from the Old Testament, which has a unique and special meaning for each of us who gather around the candlelit table. We come together as mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, companions and friends, weaving our narratives with those from the bible to tell the greater story of womanhood, particularly what it is to be a woman of faith. There is much too be learned of seeing beauty where there is simplicity, hope where there is futility and courage where there is fear from the amazing women of the Old Testament, whose stories resonate as powerfully in the modern lives of women as they did in times long forgotten. Deborah's courage, Hannah's devotion, Susanna's moral integrity and Naomi and Ruth's sacrificial love is an abiding testament to womanhood and wisdom of valuing women in our lives.

Bree Kitt

### **VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP.**

The 2009 Vincent Pallotti Scholarship introduces several changes this year. The scholarship will now be split into two disbursements. The first disbursement closes Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 for activities commencing in the first half of 2010 and at the end of April 2010 for activities commencing in July 2010. If you know of a person who may be considering a course of study or activity that may benefit from the assistance please direct them to the Pallottine web page [www.pallottine.org.au](http://www.pallottine.org.au) where they can follow the links to the application and information pages. Alternatively you may provide my phone number 0419 414 510 and they can call me direct.

The current disbursement has been considered and there has been one award at this time. Mr Andrew Cichy from Perth was successful. Assistance will be provided to Andrew to carry out a one year Master of Studies, majoring in Musicology at Merton College, Oxford University. The studies will centre on Recusant Catholic Music in England under Elizabeth 1. This course will enable Andrew to assist with the training of organists in W.A. and in particular Perth as no organist has graduated in Perth with a performance degree in over a decade. We wish Andrew well in this endeavour and look forward to hearing the results at a later stage.

Patrick Caruana.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Taize Prayer 8—9 pm The first Friday of each month at 85 Studley Park Road Kew.

Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture Tuesday 27th October.

Remember In November Saturday 21st November.



### SHARNE ROLFE IN NEW NORCIA.

Sharne Rolfe from St Christopher's parish Syndal and member of the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture Committee writes of her recent time at New Norcia as part of her Master of Divinity studies at The United Faculty of Theology, Parkville.

From July 9 to 16, 2009 I participated in 'Prayer and Hospitality', the United Faculty of Theology's church history subject run in conjunction with the Benedictine Community of New Norcia, Western Australia. For a period of one week, and with about 20 fellow students, I lived in the New Norcia guesthouse and participated in the extensive prayer life of the monks. It was a privilege to attend classes to do with Benedictine monasticism and spirituality given by the new Abbot, John Herbert, and others, including Margaret Malone SGS. Between times, there were opportunities to explore the fascinating New Norcia library, archives, buildings and country-side, and do some manual labor!

Now I am working on my major essay for the subject, a historiographical study of St Mary's and St Joseph's, orphanages established in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century by the Spanish Benedictine Bishop Rosendo Salvado, founder of New Norcia. This brings together my professional training in child psychology and a growing passion for church history.

Considered as a whole, the week at New Norcia was an extraordinary encounter with God, and a rich introduction to Benedictine monasticism and the Rule of St Benedict. A quick trip north to Broome, Beagle Bay and Lombadina capped off a truly unforgettable journey. Sharne Rolfe.



### REST IN PEACE AND JOY

We always include in our prayer members of the Pallottine family who have completed their earthly journeys. Some we can name –as we do. Others are unknown to us so we leave them to God's love.

This time we specially remember Edith Stotz who died in Germany on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Edith was the only sister of the late Fr. Walter Silvester. Edith and her husband Alois visited Australia in 1975 to join in the celebrations for Fr. Walter's silver jubilee. It was a completely new experience for Edith who, I remember, was struck by the 'ganz anderer Leben' (a totally different way of life) and, with pride, 'viele Leute' (many people).

Although Alois had died in the meantime, Edith, courageously, travelled to Australia again in 2000 when Fr. Walter celebrated his golden jubilee. This time she had a better idea of what to expect and was very happy to meet people she had met during her previous visit.

We can imagine with what joy Edith would meet her parents, her beloved Alois and her much loved brother

### FROM THE MOUNTAIN

Pallotti College was very quiet indeed in July when the team took a three week break and the Rector was overseas attending a meeting of the Secretariat for the Apostolate. Now the quiet time is over, and not just because Dean is back, but because the numbers of visitors to the College is increasing rapidly, for September and October are very busy months on the mountain.

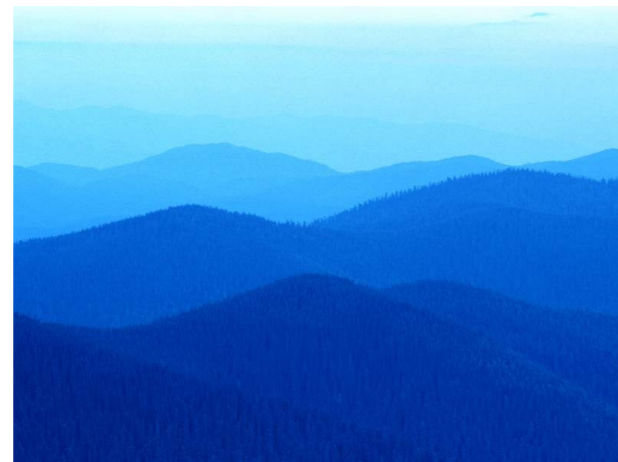
Sadly, we shared the sorrow of both Anne (Zosel) and Betty Spence in their recent bereavements.

Anne lost her husband, Paul, and Betty's daughter Danielle also passed away recently. We assure them both of our deepest sympathy and prayers, as we share their grief and loss.

Three of us managed to attend the PLS gathering at Kew on Friday evening, 14<sup>th</sup> August, for the celebration of the vigil of the Assumption. It was good to join in with other Pallottine Family people, sharing our ideals and mission.

We can always do with a helping hand at Pallotti College, so if anyone is interested in being a weekender or even in joining the team, you would be most welcome. Contacts for these are weekenders – Mary Anne, and Team – Dean. Just phone 5966 2585 for more information.

Mary Ward.



### THE ST JOHN OF GOD SISTERS REFLECT.



The *Relationships Exhibition* in the Old Convent in Broome reflects the relationships between the Sisters of St John of God and the people of the Kimberley. The heritage listed 'Old Convent', is a significant setting in which to tell the story through the use of storyboards, artifacts, photographs and audio-visual materials. The telling is enriched by the many volunteers who willingly share their stories with visitors and provide insights into what it was like, and still is, to be part of the story. Originally the Exhibition was set up to celebrate the Centenary of the Sisters working in the Kimberley in 2007, however, it has continued to expand and develop in response to public demand.

The *Exhibition* covers topics ranging from when the first nine Sisters arrived in Beagle Bay in 1907. Due to the harsh conditions of those early years, little in the way of heritage items remain, however, it is interesting to consider how the Sisters survived the heat and conditions in Beagle Bay and Broome while wearing the black serge habits designed for Ireland's climate. A feature of this gallery is a short video showing a re-enactment of their arrival. The Beagle Bay gallery has a range of heritage items and historical photos telling the story of the Mission as well as the arrival of St Mary's School and the Holy Child Orphanage when they were evacuated from Broome during WWII. Information about the life and works of the Sisters' Patron Saint; John of God are displayed adjacent to this gallery. Healthcare, education and community work in other missions including LaGrange, Balgo and Lombadina, as well as the towns of Broome and Derby, are depicted in the Community, Chapel and the Holy Child Orphanage Galleries. The Exhibition also includes original artwork of Elizabeth Durack who was a strong supporter of the Sisters and, in the Verandah gallery, looks at the way in which the Sisters balanced their many daily commitments with their spiritual lives.

Two computers are available for the public to search the extensive Photographic Collection to help extend their knowledge of family and friends. Some look for photos as they have never seen a photo of themselves when they were young and many return with more family members to share in their excitement. It certainly inspires lots of storytelling and brings back many memories! The Photographic Collection database provides for searching under such subjects as lay missionaries, Pallottines, Tardun, St Joseph's Hostel, Derby and such.

In the garden visitors can view the remnants of the cement floor from the small hut in which the Sisters first lived.

The garden, which local people now fondly call the Garden of Healing, was always a place of hospitality and visitors are invited to continue this tradition with facilities available in Bell Corner.

The *Relationships Exhibition* is open to the public until October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009 and will reopen on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

If you have memories to share, photographs, slides or memorabilia we would love to hear from you.

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