



PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER

September 2011

THE GREEN YEARS

After the many liturgical celebrations following Pentecost, the Church's calendar reverts to what are termed the 'ordinary' Sundays of the year. The number of these Sundays varies, depending on the dates of Easter and Christmas but there can be more than thirty. This year November 13th is the last one, the '33rd Sunday in ordinary time' before our celebration of Christ the King feast on the 20th and then Advent begins on the 27th.

On all these ordinary Sundays the priest wears green vestments, and I like to think that the green represents our green years, the years of growth and aging which constitute all human life. Green is the colour of hope, the colour of spring and new life, of constant renewal.

One of our UAC members complained to me recently that the Pallottine family was always going on about renewal. True. The whole Church goes on about renewal constantly just as Nature does exactly the same. Every day is a renewal of life, each season offers the chance for renewal and each year off we go again, following each season again, even though we've already lived through them for years.

Our thirty or more ordinary Sundays reflect that growth and constant renewal: each time we participate in public worship at the Eucharist, we are re-presented with the same Good News we've heard before but which needs renewing and re-viewing time and time again. Renewal is our daily bread, the stuff of our lives and we get the chance to continue to grow, to find new meanings in our daily round and

work, to share new insights about the great love of God in our lives.

And so the celebrations actually continue, not with a flourish as at Easter and in those weeks following



Easter, but with a prolonged period of calmer, quieter time preparing us for deeper reflection and continued personal response to our God who is with us at every moment.

Pat Heywood

CONGRATULATIONS, FR. JOE KEARNEY.

Another Pallottine
NONGENARIAN!!

We have been with you in spirit, Joe, joining you in thanking God for his gifts to you and thanking you for your long life as a missionary in every sense of that word.



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$(3 \times 50) + (1 \times 75) = 225$ years to celebrate throughout 2012 & 2013!

- 50 years since the canonization of St. Vincent Pallotti: 22.01.63 - 22.01.13 to be celebrated worldwide: 22.01.12 - 22.01.13
- 50 years since the laying of Foundation stone at Pallotti College, Millgrove: 29.01.63
- 50 years since the beginning of the camps at Regina Apostolorum/Casa Pallotti.
- 75 years since Pallottines first occupied 85 Studley Park Road, Kew: 1937-2012

From the beginning, you are invited to share your ideas, brainwaves, expertise, wisdom, organisational skills, prayerful support, practical input, and whatever else you can offer to the preparation of celebrations of the past $(3 \times 50) + (1 \times 75)$ which can help us move forward into the next “225” years.

You are invited to take part in a BBQ and THINK TANK at 12.30 p.m. at 85 Studley Park Road, Kew on Saturday, 10th September. Fr Pat Jackson SAC said he'll bring plenty of sausages if you bring a small salad or sweet to share. If you can't make it, but would like to let us know your ideas send them addressed to “Think Tank Day” c/o 85 Studley Park Rd, Kew or email them to alingdow@gmail.com. (In the event of inclement weather, we'll have frypans ready and will adjourn inside.)

Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture 2011

The Fifth Annual Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture will be given by Fr. Gerald O'Collins SJ AC on Tuesday 25th October, 2011, at 6.30 pm in the Christ Lecture Theatre, Australian Catholic University, Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

The topic of this year's lecture is “Where is Catholic thinking going? Its future in life and liturgy.” A popular and lively presenter, Fr. O'Collins will draw on his extensive work in the area of Catholic theology to present what promises to be a most interesting and thought-provoking lecture.

Fr. O'Collins is an internationally-acclaimed theologian and author. He is Emeritus Professor, Pontifical Gregorian University, and Doctor (Honoris Causa), Australian Catholic University. His recent books include *Jesus: A Portrait* (2008), *Christology: A Biblical, Historical and Systematic Study of Jesus* 2nd edition (2009), *Jesus Our Priest: A Christian Approach to the Priesthood of Christ* (2010 – with Michael Keenan Jones) and *Rethinking Fundamental Theology* (2011).

A selection of Fr. O'Collins books will be available for purchase on the night.



All are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served from 5.45 pm to 6.15 pm. This is a free public lecture. For catering purposes please book by 18th October (Pat Heywood on 03 9459 1798 or email: patron2@dodo.com.au).

Sharne Rolfe

Prabodhana -Mysore 2011

This is a shortened, adapted version of a longer article by Tricia Wisolith

I have never dreamt, or never thought of perhaps travelling to India in my life. It's amazing how God can open up doors to the unexpected for any one of us.

At the beginning of this year I was taken by surprise, when an opportunity arose for me at our NCC meeting to attend the Symposium on the Theological Foundations and Pastoral Implications of Pallottine Charism and the Asia – Oceania Inter-Continental Meeting from 24th June – 2nd July 2011. Five representatives attended from Australia - Fr Eugene, Fr Ray, Anne Dowling (Mariana), John Nagle, and myself, Tricia Wisolith.

We were warmly greeted at Prabodhana by Fr Paul Chandrankunnel (Rector of the Seminary – Theologate). At 5 00 p.m. we celebrated the Inaugural Eucharist, followed by the Blessing and Opening of the Pallotti Institute for the English Speaking world. Fr Henry Angel (director of this Institute) spoke on the hope for the future of the Institute. There is a great need to gather books and writings on anything Pallottine for this Institute, so that good translations into English will be possible for studying, and the passing on of Pallotti writings and spirituality.

Inauguration of the Symposium.

There was a special welcome for the keynote speakers and special guests from overseas. One of the novices dressed in beautiful traditional dress offered a blessing, put a “special mark” on the forehead of each one of the speakers and they were then donned with a special shawl

One hundred and fifteen people attended - mainly Pallottine Fathers, 18 seminarians ready to be deacons, Pallottine Missionary Sisters, Pallottine Sisters, three members of Kristsevikas, and about 14 lay people (some catechists, teachers, a parish worker and a doctor) – some from Nagpur (Pallottine Animation Centre) and Mumbai.

Every morning commenced with Morning Prayer and Eucharist in the beautiful Queen of Apostles Church. It was great to see that music certainly is part of everyday liturgy here. The 71 seminarians bring their spiritual joy and infectious youthful enthusiasm to all.

The talks commenced at 9.00 a.m. with the presentation of a paper followed by a response and a brief time for clarifications. After a coffee break, there were group

discussions using prepared questions, a summary of the responses was given at a plenary session and followed by further discussion of the topic.

The papers presented were. :

Keynote address by Fr Jacob.: “UAC and the Challenges Pallottine Family is Facing to Implement It”;

Bishop Seamus: “Essential components of our UAC, our Charism”

Fr Derry Murphy “Realisation of the Charism – a historical perspective and our challenges today.” Response: Prof Dr Fr Paul Rheinbay “Discovering the fullness of Pallottine Charisma in our History.”

Dr Fr Joy Palachuvattil: “Biblical Foundations of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate”

Response: Fr Anthony Dhas:

Fr Frank Donio (presented by Fr Bernard Carman) “Vatican II Ecclesiology and Pallottine Charism.”

Response: Dr Fr Paul Chandrankunnel

Fr James Thomas “Mission in the Union – a shared responsibility.” Response: Dr Fr Emmanuel Savariaradimai

Sr Bernadetta Tureka “Mary, Queen of Apostles & Cenacle.” Response: Fr Matthew Panakal

Fr Thomas Vijay: “Pastoral Implications of UAC, our Charism.” Response: Fr Bipin Kishore Minj

Fr Henry Angel: “A Spirituality which flows from the Union and fosters Union”

On 29th June, 18 of the Seminarians were ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Seamus. It was part of a great Eucharistic celebration attended also by many religious from other orders from the surrounding district.

This trip was a wonderful experience for me, especially having the opportunity to meet and share with the extended world Pallottine Family, and come to understand in a small way the bigger picture of Church. I feel very blessed for having been given the opportunity to go to such a spiritually enriching and culturally eye-opening event, for which I am sincerely grateful.



OUR EDITOR'S SPECIAL YEAR.

Catherine Merle Gilbo

In June 2011 the Union of Catholic Apostolate, the Pallottine Family received with great joy the news that Merle Gilbo, editor of the Pallottine Family (UAC) newsletter since 1968, had been awarded the Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for service to science as a biochemist and to the community.

The year 2011 is truly significant for Merle. Early in the year she celebrated her 80th Birthday. Those celebrations had just concluded when this well deserved award was announced and was followed by a family reunion when the clan gathered from around Australia to acknowledge the achievements of a much loved sister, aunt, great aunt, friend and confidante.

After completing her secondary education at the Academy of Mary Immaculate, Merle proceeded to study for a Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Melbourne, in the days when fewer people had the opportunity to pursue tertiary studies and fewer women studied science. After attaining her degree in 1950, Merle worked as a biochemist at the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories (now known as CSL Ltd) for 42 years. She worked in a number of areas ---including the manufacture of Salk (Polio) Vaccine, investigations into funnel web venom, and isolation, from blood plasma, of proteins with therapeutic properties. These were used to supplement levels in individuals who were deficient in them.

In 1951, Merle joined the Pallottine Younger Set and soon after, became a member of the one of the Apostolic training groups, the Rebels. Thus began a long, faithful association with the UAC. She was a weekend volunteer at Pallotti College for more than 20 years, is a member of the Local Co-ordination Council. She has visited Rome on several occasions and prayed at the tomb of St. Vincent Pallotti and has twice participated in UAC International Congresses... Warsaw in 2005 and Rome in 2010.

In 1959, after attending a Biochemistry Conference in Perth, Merle travelled to Broome---by no means a tourist venue then---to visit the first Pallottine lay missionaries at Bidydanga, then La Grange. Subsequently she worked tirelessly to assist by collecting, sorting and sending clothing for the indigenous children and adults of the community. With a small group of helpers, she continued this work for at least two decades. The goods collected were packed into tea chests and shipped to Broome via Fremantle. Merle often met additional costs. To this day, she keeps touch with many lay missionaries and missionaries.

For many years, Merle lived with her widowed, aged mother whose needs she attended to with love and skill. She also attended to the needs of an aunt, before and



after she moved into an aged care unit until her passing aged 91 years. After the death of both her mother and aunt, Merle looked after an elderly cousin, taking her to medical appointments and, when her cousin was well enough, taking her for outings.

Merle has a deep respect for others and confidentiality is one of her strong points. Few would know the extent of her community service. She has a strong sense of social justice as evidenced by her support for refugees and asylum seekers: fundraising for the Ryder Cheshire foundation, including for the residence in Timor Leste and for Southern Cross Care. She also serves the community by being an active member of Neighbourhood Watch and a volunteer in the local (Yarra Plenty) Library.

Merle is actively involved in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe. She is a member of the Pastoral leadership team, is liturgy co-ordinator, is active in the Yarra deanery and in inter-church and interfaith activities. In addition she supports the local parish primary school, in particular working on a regular basis in the school library. This work was affirmed when the library was named the Merle Gilbo Library.

Merle, we salute you and rejoice in the recognition of your efforts and the acknowledgment of your tireless outreach to others, your generosity and your apostolic zeal.

In the words of St. Vincent Pallotti:

“God mercifully receives and embraces us. .so that we might become miracles of mercy in the manner Mary became a miracle of grace.

Kath Curtain, August 2011

ANOTHER CHANCE TO ‘GATHER AND SHARE’.

Fr. Leenus has invited us to meet at The Parish Centre: 129 Malmsbury Drive, Meadow Heights

Time and date: 4pm, Sunday 25th September.

What to bring: A plate to share!!

All drinks - soft drinks, tea, coffee, vino will be provided.

The basis for our reflection will be the keynote address given by Fr. Jacob, the Rector

General at the meeting at Mysore.

“Union of the Catholic Apostolate and the challenges of the Pallottine Family in implementing it.

Fr. Pat will facilitate our sharing..

If you need a copy, on-line or ‘hard copy’, contact Pat Heywood 9459 1798, patron2@dodo.com.au or Merle Gilbo 9497 1691, merlegilbo@hotmail.com.au

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.

WERE YOU IN THE YOUNGER SET OR THE GROUPS IN THE 50’S & 60’S’?

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN joining us to reflect on our past experience in the lay apostolate groups and how this impacted on our life then and how it may have influenced the path our lives have taken to the present.

The Pallottine Lay Apostolate was one of a number of significant lay catholic movements in the Church in the 50’s. One such group - the Newman Society has produced the “Golden Years Book” . This was a collaborative effort on the part of former NSV members to document the University Apostolate years of the 50’s.

We think it is time for a similar project though on a much smaller scale to be started to document the Pallottine lay apostolate years of the 50’s. We would like to form a working group to begin collecting material and recording personal histories of the experiences of members who participated in the groups.

If you are interested –or know someone who would be, please take the simple step of contacting one of us.

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MerleGilbo: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

Our annual bereavement Mass is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, 19th November at 2.30 pm in the Pallotti room at the Pallottine Community House in Kew.

This year Fr. Allan Mithen will join us in the celebration and Fr. John Winson will preside.

Afterwards we can catch up with friends and enjoy refreshments together. As usual we ask you to bring a small plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Our remembrance book will be available for any additional names, so if you wish to inscribe a new name, please arrive a bit earlier, at the latest 2.15pm.

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP!!

It’s so good that we are including more and more information about the world wide Pallottine Family. That is especially true this time because so many people were able to attend the recent Asia/Oceania Intercontinental meeting in Mysore India (see article courtesy Trish Wisolith and Anne Dowling) and John Nagle’s report of another visit to Amaravathi –his ‘home away from home’.

Fr. Eugene was among those who took part in the Mysore meeting. While there, he heard that one region (Krist Jyothi) has taken on responsibility for missions in the Philippines. The education of the local children is an integral part of their missionary work, a task being carried out with very limited resources. He was asked for help in the form of books, stationery, pens, pencils, crayons, art and craft materials. These need not be new. They can even be in a state when they might be discarded in this country!!

Fr. Eugene is willing and able to box any items and freight them off to India.

If you are in the ‘East’, you could leave them/send them, clearly labelled to 85 Studley Park Rd. Kew.

(P.S. Ask me if you need a ‘pick-up’. I’d be glad to do that. Merle 9 497 1691, merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au)

If in the ‘West’, the ‘depot’ is Queen of Apostles Presbytery, 53 Tudor St. Riverton.

RETURN TO AMARAVATHI

Following five days of prayer and study at Mysore. Fr Joji Reddy the new parish priest of St Vincent Pallotti parish at Amaravathi came to Mysore to escort me for a 10 day visit to his parish.

Following a 2 hour bus trip to Bangalore and then a 14 hour train trip to Guntur, we finally arrived at Amaravathi at about 4.10am the boys knew I was coming and were waiting for me when I arrived

A few hours later I attended the 8.30am Mass (which never starts before 9am) and following Mass I was formally welcomed into the parish and met many old friends later in the day.

Joji insisted that I rest after our journey but a cricket match was an essential part of the welcome. The traditional cricket match between India and Australia was held with India winning by 21 runs. I suggested that Australia was not used to the conditions but that got short shift.

The following days were filled with meeting parishioners and listening to the plans by the new parish priests about the development of the boy's hostel and their plans for their future education.

There were visits to The Good Shepherd sisters and their beautiful girls who they look after with such loving care

These girls receive basic education here so that they can eventually enter the education system that the Sisters administer. Most of the girls were rescued from landowners where they were working in the fields.

My days were filled with visiting children with AIDS and other heart rendering disabilities and talking with the wonderful people who look after them. There is no government assistance available and money is mainly arranged from overseas charities, Caritas in India is active with some of these causes.

Joji is trying to raise money to provide beds for the boys who look most uncomfortable sleeping on a concrete floor. Using double bunks he could accommodate 60 boys in the one dormitory. He is hopeful that some funding can be sourced from America

The weather was extremely hot and the humidity was almost unbearable. This coupled with consistent power failures which made sleeping at night without a fan almost impossible and frequent cold showers was the only way to go.

I was able to spend time in several schools and attend a catechists' class held in the church on Sundays. The children were most attentive.

There were many requests to stay longer but I am sure they all understood that this was not possible

It is always hard to say goodbye

John Nagle



NEW BOOK!!

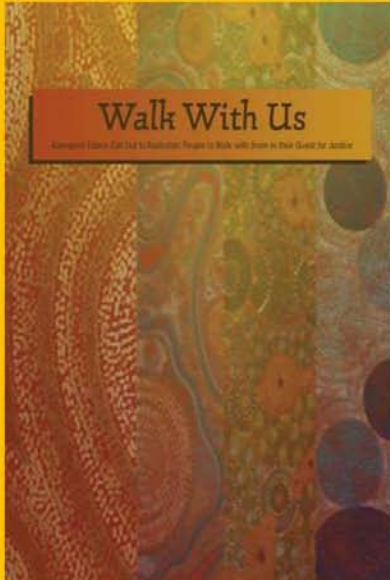
A PASSIONATE CALL —

"WALK WITH US"

FROM ABORIGINAL ELDERS
TO ALL AUSTRALIAN PEOPLE

The awaited sequel to the highly recommended

"This Is What We Said" (Feb 2010)



Michael Kirby said that everyone should read
"This is What We Said"
its sequel is equally important

"Walk with Us" (July 2011) is a beautifully illustrated hard cover book providing a very readable update of recent happenings in the Northern Territory including:

- Changes to the legislation
- The Elders visit to the United Nations in August 2010
- The visit of Navi Pillay, the UN Human Rights High Commissioner who flew to Darwin to meet with the Elders from communities across the Territory in May

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ANNUAL REVIEW OF UAC WORKS

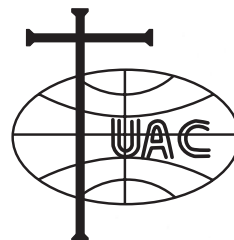
After the UAC Convention held at Millgrove in January 2005, the National Coordination Council (NCC) accepted the main areas of interest that participants had proposed as ongoing works proper to the Pallottine family in this country.

These areas of interest were translated into separate ministries and plans were drafted for their future development. We acknowledged that any development depended on available personnel and resources, as well as the enlivening action of the Holy Spirit.

In this Spirit and accepting the limitations affecting us, the NCC has since then called an annual meeting of the relevant UAC members to report on their work/apostolate, witnessing to one another about current endeavours to promote our Pallottine heritage.

The 2011 review took place on 24th June, with input from the following UAC entities:

Pallotti College, Millgrove
Epiphany Retreat Centre, W.A.
Casa Pallotti, Millgrove
Mariana Community
SAC Community
Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture
Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust
UAC Prayer Circle
Pallottine Family Newsletter
Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship



Fr. Ray, in his capacity of NCC President commented on the diversity of these ministries and the wealth of opportunities arising from them.

AN UPDATE FROM BROOME.

THANKS, MARIA ROHR.

I have been a subscriber to Kimberley Community Profile for a good number of years, having visited the NorthWest a couple of times and being very aware of the extensive Pallottine 'footprints' in that part of our country. Recently, my eye lighted on a small item saying that Maria Rohr was working as receptionist in the Bishop's Office. Had Maria moved there permanently? Should I send her Pallottine Family newsletter to Broome? .

E mail easily put us in contact!! Maria has now headed south to visit family and friends but before she left, she flew to Kalumburu to visit another lay missionary, her daughter Anneliese, who has taken on the task of being the manager there for three months.

What Maria was happy to tell was that, on Sunday 7th August, the new Centre for the Homeless----at 27 Robinson St.,---was blessed and opened. Suggestions had been sought for a suitable name and the result was **Fr. McMahon Place**. What an appropriate tribute to Fr. Michael whose heart was in Broome and who served the people there in so many ways for so long.

Let us ask blessings on all who live and work at Fr. McMahon Place.

Merle

DEDICATION PRAYER.

All I do today, O mother mine,
I give to thee,
Let all my work and rest
Be sanctified by thee,
All my thinking and my feeling,
All my praying and my longing,
All my suffering and rejoicing,
All my loving and forgiving
In your hands I wish to lay,
Dear mother mine.

In the holy wave of grace,
Through thee so richly flowing
Let all immersed be.
The world's confusing shadows,
Let light and love dispel..
Let all whose minds are clouded
Or lost in doubt and error,
Let all whose hearts are heavy,
Weighed down by grief or pain
Let all whose courage fails them
Who find no peace nor joy,
Let all know thy healing, thy light and love. Amen

We're so happy to respond to a request for this simple but meaningful prayer.



A MATTER OF MONEY. In fact, a gentle reminder that there are considerable costs involved in bringing this newsletter to life. \$10 per year from all recipients would help a great deal.

Thanks to the people who send contributions, they are greatly appreciated.

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