



PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER MARCH 2015

UAC Under the Southern Cross: Responding to the Signs of the Times in the Spirit of St Vincent Pallotti



Pope Francis: *An evangelizing community gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.* Evangelii Gaudium #24

What is the reality of these times in which we live?

How can we develop new missions which 'embrace human life' and 'touch the suffering' in others?

GUEST SPEAKERS

Fr. Derry Murphy SAC:

- St Vincent Pallotti: Charism and Personal Vocation
- UAC Outreach and Mission: to be Sent as Apostles

Fr. Bob Maguire:

- The Signs of the Times – to what are we called today?

Congress Costs

Registration Fee: \$30

Congress (residential, includes meals and accommodation): \$160

Congress Day Fee: \$60 per day

Pallottine Camino: \$190

Congress Retreat: \$160

Rest/Tour Day: \$80

5pm Friday MAY 1ST to 5pm Sunday May 3RD
Pallotti College, McNamara's Rd, Millgrove

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www.Pallottine.org.au

Brief overview of outcomes from the fourth UAC general assembly held in rome in during january and a summary of the events for 2015

“Jesus, a joy ever new, a joy which is shared”

The above was the theme of the UAC General Assembly held at the San Vincenzo Pallotti Centre of Spirituality, Grottaferrata just outside Rome from 10 – 14 January 2015. This centre has some similarities to Millgrove, being in a country setting and providing accommodation with a focus on the formation of lay people.

Tricia Wisolith, as a member of the General Coordination Council and me, as President of the Australian National Coordination Council joined about 30 other representatives from around the world at this tri-annual event. The theme “Jesus, a joy ever new, a joy which is shared” is both a reflection on the direction of Pope Francis’s *Evangelii Gaudium* and it is also the theme for this year’s UAC Congress being held in July in Brazil.

The content of the congress was reflective of the theme, looking at the ongoing development of the UAC as a world wide body. Issues discussed included: the evolution of a more effective formation strategy; how we, as a relatively new legal entity in the church, ensure that the functioning of the of the various councils, as outlined in the UAC statutes, function in a way that leads to greater understanding and growth; and, in recognition of our charism and being called into and out of the Cenacle, how we commit ourselves to the needs of today in concrete apostolic/missionary endeavours.

There were two guest speakers. Fr Carlino Panzeri who spoke on family the Missionary Joy of the Family – in light of *Evangelii Gaudium* and Mrs Iza Owczaruk who spoke on the challenges facing families today. I will highlight a few of the main points which resonated with me:

- That, in terms of the needs of families and couples today we need to accompany people, not the doctrine, we must begin where people are at.

- The first fruitfulness in marriage is not the child but the fruitfulness between the couple.
- The face of God is reflected in the face of women and men – where do we find the love of God? in the face of relationships.
- Joy and faithfulness are the key components, no matter who the couple are
- That we often judge couples, in many, perhaps subconscious ways
- For many the church is distant. The church is often seen as giving clothes and food, but people do not sit down, listen and understand
- The call to invite families who may be: poor, fractured, migrants etc, into our homes, convents, presbyteries and share our family table.

One of the tasks of the General Assembly is to elect the General Coordination Council (GCC) for the forthcoming three years. Tricia Wisolith had worked as a member of this council in its last term and provided important input from the perspective of a married women, a committed UAC member and a vital member of her local parish in Riverton. Her work on the council was much appreciated and recognised. At this assembly I was elected as a member of the council, I hope to continue in the role that Tricia so meticulously upheld.

As you can see from this newsletter, 2015 will be a very busy year, our Australian UAC congress, Camino and Retreat, the initial formation program (you are all invited to participate in this program as an ongoing formation/ renewal experience), Gather and Share sessions and the Congress in Brazil. Most of these events are included in this newsletter, if you would like any additional information, are interested in attending the Congress in Brazil, or would just like to say hello I would be delighted to hear from you.

Let’s continue to live The Joy of the Gospel meeting the needs of today and seeing God in everyone we meet.

Cheryl Sullivan

President of the Australian UAC National Coordination Council

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Women’s Retreat Weekend



Blessings:

*how we can recognise and receive our own blessings
and then bless the life in others?*

The weekend is based on the book “My Grandfather’s Blessings” by Rachel Remen. Over the weekend we will enjoy a number of stories from this book and from scripture

....
and spend some time with our own stories too!

.... *life is a web of connection – blessing one another is what fills our emptiness, heals our loneliness, and connects us more deeply to life...*

Friday May 29th, 8.00pm to Sunday May 31st, 3.00pm.
Pallotti College, Millgrove

Cost: \$190 – includes 3 meals Saturday and 2 meals Sunday and accommodation in a private room with shared bathroom

For bookings and information contact lorriane on 0402 217123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com

All welcome

More about the Congress speakers:

Fr. Bob Maguire to speak at Millgrove gathering.

Fr. Bob Maguire, the Melbourne priest whose work among the poor has gained him national recognition, is to speak at the Australian Congress “UAC Under The Southern Cross” at Pallotti College in May. Congress organizers have secured Fr. Bob as a speaker for the morning session on Saturday 2nd May, the second day of the three day gathering.

He joins Irish Pallottine leader Fr. Derry Murphy (pictured below), the President of the General



Coordination Council of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, as guest speaker at the Congress which it is hoped will provide inspiration and practical proposals for new apostolates “responding to the signs of the times in the spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti.” Fr. Derry worked for many years in Pope Francis’ homeland, Argentina, as well as in the UAC General Secretariat in Rome. Fr. Bob—whose ministry includes outreach, street feeding, a scholarship programme and social inclusion through an eponymous foundation—writes on its website that he wants the Foundation to be a “loud and passionate advocate for the voiceless and the forgotten—the unlovely and the unloved”. “We leave no one behind”, the inspirational priest declared. A previously advertised speaker, Brazilian Fr. Daniel Rocchetti reluctantly had to withdraw when appointed to a new post.

The Congress, from Friday 1st May until Sunday the 3rd, is the final stage of a nine-day programme designed to renew Pallottine life and service in Australia. Each of the nine days—starting on Anzac Day with a Pallottine Camino from St. Christopher’s parish in Syndal to Millgrove over three days and a retreat led by Fr. Derry and the UAC Australian formation Worker Lorraine McCarthy from 27th to 29th April, with a rest or a touring day on the 30th April.

All are welcome to participate in the full programme or to choose one section or the other.

Walk to the UAC Congress!



Pallottine Camino

A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher’s Parish Syndal to Pallotti College Millgrove, April 25th to 27th.

Approximately 65km over three days. Begin your experience of the UAC Congress with a walking pilgrimage in fellowship and friendship with others. Meditate on your experience of God in nature, reflect and pray.

This will be a beautiful journey along the Dandenong Creek, the Mt Evelyn Aqueduct Trail, the Warburton Rail Trail and the O’Shannassey Aqueduct.

Information session March 3rd at St Christopher’s Parish, Syndal. 7.30pm

For information contact:

lorraine613@bigpond.com

For bookings use the Congress Registration Form.

UAC Congress Retreat

Encounter with Infinite Love

who is God for you?



“Everything in Pallottine spirituality goes back to Pallotti’s experience of God...”

Pallotti has taught us that our spiritual and communal journey has neither sense nor efficacy without a true experience of God.

Monday April 27th to Wednesday April 29th
Pallotti College, Millgrove.

Facilitators:

Fr Derry Murphy SAC & Lorraine McCarthy

time to explore and deepen your experience of God

using prayer, scripture, journaling, music
& powerful graphics

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Father Werner Kriener who served the church and the world as a Pallottine priest.

After 94 years of life, 65 years as a Pallottine and 61 years as a priest, Fr. Werner Kriener came to the end of his earthly journey on December 2nd, 2014. The

account of his life, posted in the ** SAC Asia/Oceania e News, was headed: "Radiating enthusiasm for his calling". What a wonderful epitaph!!

Born in Germany in 1920, he grew up in a family for whom the local church was very important. After completing school he studied law for a short time, until, in 1939, he was drafted into the military. After the war, he resumed his legal studies but the war had changed him!! He had earlier met a Pallottine priest and decided God was calling him to be a Pallottine.. He entered the novitiate in 1947 and was ordained a priest in 1953.

After looking after internally displaced families in Germany, he travelled to Australia in 1954, to Kew and then to look after the German migrants. In 1957, he began his long service in the Kimberleys---first in the parish of Broome as assistant to Fr. Kevin McKelson ---one of the most learned men on aboriginal culture. These 5 years served him well when he later lived and worked in a number of aboriginal communities. 1958 saw him begin 2 years at the original mission, Beagle Bay, where among his tasks was care of the boys who mostly lived in dormitories. They accepted him and taught him to read the tracks of goannas and kangaroos. When he went to Lombadina in 1960, he found people living in very basic conditions but he became better and better at understanding the aboriginal mentality and he developed forms of liturgy suited to their lives.

In 1959, Fr. Joseph Kearney SAC had built a hostel in Derby for students from outlying stations and aboriginal communities attending Derby Technical College. Fr. Kriener was put in charge in 1968 and also cared for patients

at the nearby leprosarium. 1973 saw him move to Hall's Creek in the East Kimberley ---Halls Creek---where he spent a number of happy years, visiting cattle stations and aboriginal communities. He learned the languages, customs and songs and, year after year, invited all to

some remarkable Easter and Pentecost celebrations. It was a great joy for him to meet Pope John Paul 11 in Alice Springs in 1986. After another four years in Lombadina and Derby, ill health forced him to ask to return to Germany (Limburg).

He always kept good contact with friends in Australia and family members in Germany which he continued into his retirement. It was a great joy for him to speak to young people who were preparing for overseas missionary work and a joy also to share his commitment as a priest with all its fulfilment and happiness.

A note from the editor. I am always pleased to hear when this newsletter 'hits its mark' and I hear that someone feels connected, especially when they are far away. Until a couple of years ago, Fr. Werner wrote to me once a year, commenting on the content of the newsletter, expressing his ongoing interest in Australia. I specially remember his interest in the Olympic Games in Sydney in 2000. He said he watched as much as he could and kept the Australian flag and his Australian passport in a prominent place for everyone to see.

Thank you, Fr. Werner. Rest in peace.
Merle



Joseph Sans, who served the church and the world in the people came to Pallotti College, Millgrove.

The team at Pallotti College has been saddened by the loss of Joseph-- a long term (more than 25 years) member of the team ---after a short illness. Joseph was such a generous and humble man of God who continually gave of his utmost in so many ways to enhance the running of the College .He could put his hand to so many tasks: farming, fences, maintenance, gardening, plant care with Nola, cleaning in the wings, serving in the dining room, cooking when needs be and many more. His knowledge of so many maintenance problems about the College was legendary.

Perhaps his most lasting legacy will be the effect he had on so many people: those with whom he had a long term connection and those he generously gave to in other ways. His faith in a loving and forgiving God was inspiring to may as were his letters and the thoughts in his mail out. He reached every means possible to reach out as an apostle of God. In the words of Brother Andrew: " There is no higher calling, no loftier dream and no greater goal than to live, breathe and be poured out for Jesus Christ." We pray that he is in heaven with St. Therese and Brother Andrew, enwrapped in God's love .Rest in peace and joy, Joseph.

Joseph would have so much appreciated his Memorial Mass, celebrated at Pallotti College on 22nd February.



Pallottine Lay Communities Meeting 2-6 January 2015

As I stepped out of the taxi at the gates of The Pallottine Centre for Spirituality at Grottaferrata, about 20 kilometres from Rome, I was greeted with a warm smile on a familiar face, Regina Silva from Kristevikas. Regina had been to Australia for the AOIM and was now waiting at the gates to be let in with another from her community, Christina D’Cospa.

We were the first to arrive for the inaugural international meeting of the Pallottine Lay Communities. The theme for our time together was “Look how they Love One Another”. Over the next few days we shared our stories, listened to each other and keynote speakers, delved into Vincent’s charism and how we live it, prayed and celebrated Eucharist together. The communities involved were Mariana from Australia, Kristevikas from India, the Secular Institute the Catholic Apostolate from Argentina, and Communita della Quinta Dimensione from Italy. There were apologies from two groups who could not be there from Germany.

It was heartening to hear the similarities in our histories and the influence that the communities had on each other from a distance. For example when the Secular Institute of the Catholic Apostolate was being formed in Argentina, Fr Munz, who was the Father General of the Society of Catholic Apostolate and had knowledge of Mariana spoke to them about us and how we were structured. It was uplifting also to see how each community had developed according to the needs and country of their birth.

Fr. Derry Murphy, the current President of the Union of Catholic Apostolate General Co-ordination Council, challenged us about “Individual and Community Charism in the Union.” This was my introduction to Fr Derry and I am excited that we have him for our Australian Congress. He was very clear, down to earth, and inspiring. For me at this moment in my life, the vital part of what Derry spoke about was the origin of our Individual calls in our baptism. Using the symbols of baptism, Derry explored our four main calls –
Water – the call to life
Oil – the call of consecration, the call to service
White cloth - call to put on the mind and heart of Jesus, - call to maturity in Christ
Candle – the call to be light to the world, the call to generosity.

Our other keynote speaker was Donna Orsuto , Director of the Lay Centre Foyer Unitas. Many will know Donna from the 2010 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture where she inspired us with her presentation “Called and Committed: Laity at the Heart of the Church for the World . Donna challenged us to “Maintain the freshness of our charism, respect the freedom of each person, and always strive for communion.” (Pope Francis.) She urged us to never lose sight of our first love, and remember what fanned those flames. Often using words from Pope Francis, Donna talked about becoming sterile and listless. Rather than becoming discouraged we can see challenging times as new opportunities and new

possibilities. She also referred to Evangelii Gaudium (the Joy of the Gospel) and Francis’ use of the word Joy. She gave us a simple acronym for Joy to help get to the heart of this Encyclical Letter.

JOY----- Jesus, Others, You.

The statement that we prepared to take to the General Assembly reflected the value of our time together, both for ourselves, and the strength of the union; and our desire to have more such gatherings in the years ahead. I personally have many months ahead to ponder these treasures in my heart.

Mary Whiting.



A pilgrimage to the Holy Land--- and you are invited !!

A group of parishioners from Holy Child, Dallas, Melbourne, led by their Parish priest, Fr. Leenus Neetany SAC are going on a pilgrimage to Israel for 12 days , leaving on the 16th October. They would love you to join in this experience!! Of course it’s important to say---cost about \$4440!
Judy---0417 017655 would be pleased to hear from you and ‘fill you in’ !!

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Yes, the sub is still \$15!

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Gather and Share 2015

talking together about faith and life



4pm – 7pm

bring a plate of food to share

Sunday March 22nd
St. Anne's
64 Knees Rd. Park Orchards

Sunday June 28th
Holy Child Parish
115 Corinella Cres. Dallas

Saturday September 5th
UAC Event with overseas guests
St Christopher's Parish
5 Doon Ave. Syndal

**keep these tentative dates free &
join us for great conversation and food!**

*Pallotti taught that we each have
a unique apostolate ...
How can we know what that is?*



Called and Gifted Workshop Weekend

Each of us has been called and gifted to
fulfil a unique vocation, a special
mission that no one else can
accomplish!

Discerning your unique call can help
you make better decisions, simplify
your life and better appreciate the
people around you.

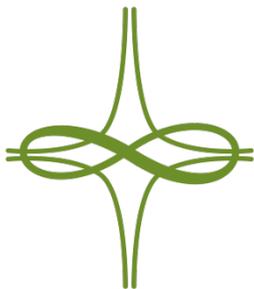
**Friday March 20th, 8pm to
Sunday March 22nd, 2pm**

**@ Pallotti College,
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**Facilitated by Lorraine McCarthy
and team**

Cost \$190 - includes extensive workshop
notes, meals & accommodation in private room
with shared bathroom

Don't miss the opportunity to participate



UAC Formation Sessions 2015

@St Christopher's Parish
5 Doon Ave. Syndal.
9am to 3pm

Lunch and refreshments provided.

- **Session 1: Sunday March 1st** - The God in Whom we Believe and The Christ we Follow
- **Session 2: Sunday May 24th**, Pentecost - The Spirit Who Urges Us and Mary who Accompanies Us
- **Session 3: Sunday August 23rd** - The UAC: Our way of being Church and Serving the World in Which we Live
- **Session 4: Sunday October 18th** - Pallotti's vision of who we are as persons, how we live as Apostles, and making an Apostolic Commitment

Mass of Commitment to UAC: Saturday October 24th, 6pm, followed by dinner.

You are welcome to join any of these sessions and enjoy fellowship and conversation with those on the formation journey.

**We particularly invite long-term UAC members to come along and share their story.
RSVP Lorraine 0402 217123 or Cheryl 0417 386 706**



A UNIQUE AND HAPPY OCCASION.

When Meagan Wolff and Billy Urquhart were planning their wedding, they chose December 13th and wanted it to be at Casa Pallotti which had meant a great deal to them over the years. In fact, the connection with the Pallottine family went a long way further back. Both Meagan's

parents--- Glenda (nee Pixton) and Terry Wolff ---had been lay missionaries at Tardun in Western Australia. Terry was at Tardun on 1976 and 1977. Glenda spent 1980 and 1981 there and it was then when Terry returned for a year in 1981, that they met. They married and stayed around Tardun and Geraldton until 1987 when they returned to Victoria. At first, they lived at 'Casa' with their two small children ---1 year old Meagan and baby Christopher but Millgrove had them in its grasp. Convinced that they would be happy there, and they bought a house nearby where they have now lived for twenty seven and a half years. They have happily continued their relationship and friendship with the Pallottine Family, being involved in activities of all kinds. They have also maintained friendships with past students and families in WA and enjoy visiting them as often as possible.



Our best wishes to you, Meagan and Billy for happiness and many blessings in your life together.

Pallottine Connections far and wide:

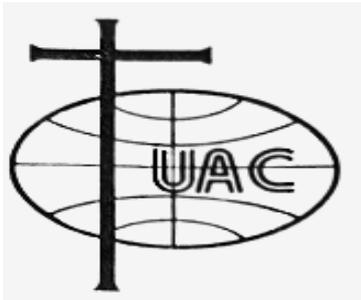
Mary Anne Dooley remembers.

The Pallottine family in Australia may seem small but the world-wide connections and numbers are far from that. Many times the newsletter has had articles from those who attended international gatherings which are great experiences. In July, 2014, we were lucky to experience the Pallottine (UAC) family in a different way. fortunate Sharing the hospitality of friends is always a pleasure but when there is also the connection of a shared charism, it is even more heart-warming. That was what happened when we met UAC and SAC Pallottines in Dublin, Ireland for a meal and a conversation and travelled to Kilkenny to meet Bishop Seamus Freeman (former Rector General of the SAC and passionate UAC president). Then, on to Germany where we walked, talked, laughed and dined with former team members and worshipped, shared stories and ideas with German colleagues, theologians and friends. All these experiences inspired us and urged us on to our own missions. You can feel small when confronted with their works and actions but totally inspired to 'keep fighting the good fight' trying to live our own missions in our own way.

Merle Gilbo happily adds her experiences. I was pleased to again meet Maureen and Pat McGuire whom I had met at the International Congress in Rome in 2010 and to enjoy their hospitality with Fr. Derry and several priests from St. Anne's, Shankill, Dublin. The sharing of our common charism was such a joy and. Kilkenny became more than just a name after our meeting with Bishop Freeman. Then to Germany and Vallendar (Coblenz). It was a while since I had been there but some of the buildings were familiar. Fr. Hubert Socha, with whom I had corresponded and finally met in Rome in 2010, kindly invited me to stay at the Hochschule --the seminary where many of the priests we know studied. It is still home to a community of Pallottine priests and brothers and, despite the limit of language, it was possible to find out that we did have 'friends in common'. Nowadays, it is also a College of Philosophy and Theology, an independent Catholic higher education institute with the rank of University. Women and men come from all over the world to study in in the faculties of Theology and Nursing Science. Very interesting for me also was that it housed the Cardinal Walter Kasper Institute, founded in 2005 to research and secure Kasper's theology and his ecumenical engagement and keep alive his initiatives within the life of the Church. That was special because I heard him speak in Melbourne some years ago.

Merle

**Looking ahead to the June newsletter.
I, Merle, would greatly appreciate
Congress reflections, including
photographs!!!**



**REQUIRED
HONORARY SECRETARY/
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

The UAC's National Council is seeking the services of a person to undertake the administration tasks associated with the Saint Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust and to be the minute secretary at the National Council meetings held in Victoria. An annual honorarium will be paid. If you are able to assist we would love to hear from you. For a copy of the position description and further information please contact Cheryl Sullivan on 9416 7138, 0417 386 706 or ..



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