



PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

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

A wonderful triple event!!

The vision for an Australian Congress was taken up with great enthusiasm and dedication and the gratifying outcome is the result of generous sharing of time and skills and energy by so many who contributed. As editor, I can say that it has never been easier to elicit contributions after an event.. Thanks to Justin Tan, Cheryl Sullivan, Bill Henderson and Tricia Wisoloth for the abundance of photographs. I wish I could have included more. Please walk the Camino with us, share the prayer time of the retreat and reflect on the UAC future outreach as we did during the Congress itself.

Thanks to Wally Sharman for his memories of the Camino:

Special thanks to Lorraine and Helen and the team which welcomed us at Christopher's. I soon found those helpful people 'everywhere'-- generous with their time and their encouragement especially on the steep hills like the big one going up to the old aqueduct and it was reassuring to know Cheryl Sullivan was there to be first-aider—just in case!. We began with the Anzac Day Mass, celebrated by Fr. Derry (Jeremiah) Murphy, a Pallottine priest, newly



arrived from Ireland and 'ready for the walk'. Lorraine set us off at a steady pace. I wondered who would be tortoises and who would be hares?.

The drizzle of rain did not spoil the scenery nor did the noise of cars and trucks prevent us hearing the birds and the frogs. Autumn leaves were abundant and huge gum trees and tree ferns filled the gullies. I asked myself: Is it a help to my spiritual life or an ego trip? Then I remembered it was Anzac Day.- When I got weary and foot sore, I remembered the mud and slush and hard climbs over the Owen Stanley Ranges on the Kokoda track. Our walk took us through Koomba Park to Vermont, then 14 Km along the Dandenong Creek trail where, a cuppa at Macdonald's was very welcome, as was the 21 seater bus in which Joe took us to Pallotti College for a hot shower, a 'happy hour; a nice meal and a good bed.

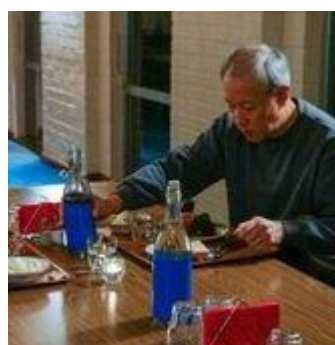


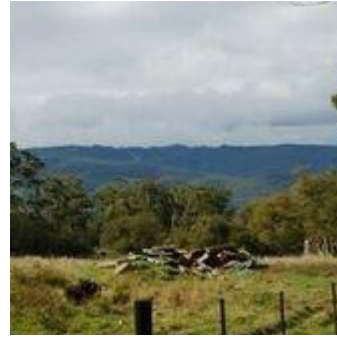
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Next day we were bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready to start another 25 Km. Flat for a start, then a steep stretch up to the Mt. Evelyn Aqueduct Trail. Thank God I had done that training in Mornington! 7 Km more brought us to the Warburton Rail trail at Lilydale to. Being at the end of the group, I was so grateful for Lorraine's yellow arrows showing our way. The Rail trail was a dream at every turn—creeks, rivers, views of the mountains, huge cuttings through solid stone and rock—to Wandin North and a late morning tea. Next 'breather' was a delicious coffee at a beautifully restored old fashioned rail carriage, the Carriage Café at Seville where. Lorraine and Helen—our 'front and back' leaders—got us going by reminding us we still had 8 Km to Woori Yallock station to meet the bus. Relief again at Pallotti College—that shower, happy hour with a couple of reds, dinner—served by the volunteers—4 young Italian backpackers. I had been one of the earliest members of the Pallotti College community in the late 50s and was so interested to hear how many have passed through the place—and are still doing so. Gratefully to bed!

Day 3.



Awakened by the kookaburras, then Mass and breakfast and back into the bus. We didn't believe Terry, our driver, when he claimed he had painted the autumn leaves!! The Woori Yallock station was the place for a full group photograph, then 6 Km to the Warburton

Highway, the Home Hotel, the Don Rd. the aqueduct. An easy 2Km stroll, to the potato paddock—high on the hill overlooking the Yarra Valley—and then the last point of our pilgrimage—the Cross. We spent a short time of

prayer and reflection and left a remembrance of our walk. I left an aboriginal cutting stone at the foot of the Cross. The stone has the inscription; 'Australian Camino 2015'. For those who were heading home, it was back to Syndal. Others stayed on at Pallotti College for the retreat and the congress.

The beauty of the walk and the wonderful people we walked with made us all hope that the Pallottine Camino will continue in the years to come.

NINTH WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2015

This year's Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture will be held on Tuesday 27th October at the Australian Catholic University in the Christ lecture Theatre at 6-30 p.m. As usual refreshments will be available between 5.15 and 6-15 p.m.

This year's lecture is to be delivered by Ms Karin Clark, Senior Fellow, the Melbourne Law Masters at the University of Melbourne Law School who will speak about Victorian-born Sr. Mary Glowrey, a medical doctor in Melbourne and India, whose cause for canonisation has just been opened. Ms Clark is making an extensive study of Sr. Glowrey's correspondence.

More details later, meanwhile put the date, time and venue in your diary while you think of it.

WSML committee.

Notes on the Retreat - Encounters with Infinite Love: Who is God for you?



The Pre-Congress Retreat was held at Pallotti College, Millgrove, Victoria from Monday to Wednesday (27 - 29 April 2015).

We, Joe & Tricia Wisolith, had headed over from St Kilda, where we had been staying with our son John after arriving from Western Australia on the previous Thursday. The train trip to Lilydale went quite quickly and we were able to see a bit of the Victorian countryside. In the latter part of the train trip we enjoyed the picturesque hilly regions on our way to Lilydale train station, where we were kindly met by Mary Whiting. Mary had previously picked up John Coleman, who had also arrived from WA that afternoon, from the airport, and drove us all to Pallotti College, for the Retreat prior to the UAC Congress.

Here we were warmly welcomed by Fr Dean, Bill & Mary Anne, and shown to our comfortable room to settle ourselves before dinner. Here we met the 16 people who were attending the retreat – 6 had just walked the 63 km Camino (Syndal Parish to Pallotti College) over 3 days – having finished that afternoon.

The first session of the retreat, following the welcome and introductions, got straight down to the question “Who is God for me?” Facilitated by Lorraine McCarthy and Fr Derry (Jeremiah) Murphy SAC who helped to guide us in our spiritual journey with their insightful comments and challenging questions.

Lorraine had prepared a beautiful prayer focus for the Retreat. (See photo below.) This consisted of a large heart shape (God’s infinite love) with a rough wooden cross (the sacrifice of Jesus’ life for us) in its centre, a cracked vessel (symbolising ourselves and our brokenness) with a chalice and a basket (in which we were invited to place our wounds (on paper of course), an image of a circle of friends or a prayer circle and tea-light candles all around its edge. This was surrounded by many, different printed images of Jesus.

We started off by reflecting on the Old Testament narrative of God being revealed to Moses in the burning bush. In this instance Moses was challenged to undertake his mission of freeing his people from the slavery of Egypt. Other descriptions of God in the Old Testament range from the presence of God in a gentle breeze (Elijah) to the vision of God in all His Glory on a high and lofty throne. (Is 6).

For this reflection we were asked to consider and select from several words that which most encompasses our own experience and interpretation of God and what mission we are being called to.

This retreat was a great opportunity for those of us who attended to ponder and reflect on our own personal spiritual journey and to consider, renew and deepen our relationship with God - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and how Mary, our Mother and Queen under many titles (in particular for the Pallottine Family as Queen of Apostles and Mother of Divine Love) is honoured by us as our role model and intercessor.

Fr Derry shared with us St Vincent Pallotti’s depth of faith and his life’s journey in his deepening personal relationship and the knowledge and understanding of the Infinite Love of God.

The ambiance and great autumnal beauty of nature around and in Pallotti College itself at this time of the year added to our pondering on the Mystery of the Infinite Love of God at this retreat. There was time for sharing, for creativity, for personal and communal prayer and an opportunity to heal our wounded-ness through the Sacrament of Penance was offered on Tuesday evening.

It was a really good preamble to the UAC Congress.

Sight - seeing Day – Thursday 30th April 2016



Also as part of the pre-Congress days, a sightseeing day was offered on Thursday 30th April, for anyone who was interested, especially those of us not from Melbourne.

It was a gloriously sunny autumn day. Eight of us went - Mary Saunders drove Cheryl Sullivan, Mary Whiting and Carmel Walsh (from Wagga) in her car (i.e. the Marianas) and Mark Brolly drove Fr Derry, Joe and I in his (i.e. one BlokeMaree). With a yummy packed picnic lunch, kindly prepared by Pallotti College kitchen staff, we headed for Healesville Sanctuary where we met Fr Dean with some of the new Pallotti College helpers. We arrived in time to see both the platypus display and the Australian birds of prey display. We enjoyed a few hours taking our time watching the animals and birds and showing off our Australian fauna to Fr Derry on his first visit to Australia.

After this we went to two wineries, enjoyed some wine tasting and the beautiful autumnal colours of the vineyards in the Yarra Valley in the sunny late afternoon, before arriving at Tarrawarra Abbey. Here we had a cuppa and enjoyed a chat and listening to a few stories with Fr Mark - the so-called the Pallottine Monk. It was good to finish our visit by joining the Cistercian Monks for Evening Prayer in their beautiful Chapel.

Night had fallen, and the air by then was quite cold and we were getting rather peckish – so to warm up and to finish our most enjoyable our day together, we went to the Healesville Hotel where we savoured a delicious dinner in a room in front of a warm fire, and shared many stories of our Pallottine experiences from years ago...

UAC Australian Congress 2015 – A New Boy's Perspective



Steven Kay and friends

My initial reaction to the invitation was “what can someone with such limited exposure to St Vincent, The Charism and the UAC add to the Congress”, but I did like the idea of a stroll through the Victorian countryside and I thought what the heck, in for a penny, in for a pound so I ended up signing up for the Full Monty. I have been dabbling in Pallottine Spirituality for about 3 years and I felt that I needed a breakthrough and what better way than to rub shoulders with some of the UAC Heavyweights.

The Camino exceeded expectations, it was extremely well organised and led by Lorraine and team and the 5-6 hour walk in the midst of God's creation each day was uplifting. I'm not a walker and if the truth be known, I didn't think I was going to complete the journey, but the sharing at morning mass and evening meditation soothed the blisters and aching muscles and urged us on.

If the Camino was the planning phase then the retreat on “Encounters with Infinite Love” was a gentle warm up for the main event. Again, Lorraine's planning and execution was faultless and I was in awe of the deep faith that the participants so unselfishly shared with me. I have two highlights from the retreat, the story about “God with skin on” and the poem by Jessica Powers on the Mercy of God and I would like to include a small quote:

“I rose up from the acres of self that I tended with passion and defended with flurries of pride;
I walked out of myself and went into the woods of God's mercy, and here I abide”.

Then came the Congress and we came face to face with the wonderful intellect that is Fr Derry Murphy. Thank you, you broke open the mystery that was Vincent Pallotti and then reassembled it all for us in a passionate easy to understand presentation. I now have a wonderful GPS, I was going to say roadmap but that's old fashioned, that has provided a solid foundation and direction from which to build.

In summary, the experience has got me doing things so thank you to Cheryl and all of your hard working team, it was a great success. I can't sign off without thanking Fr Dean for the 5 star hospitality, the low water pressure on the 3rd floor could neither dampen my body nor my love for the sacred ground that is Pallotti College.

Steven Kay

Uac Under The Southern Cross – Outcomes From Congress

In planning, The Congress Committee identified four aims for our UAC life and development in Australia today. During The Congress there was the opportunity for participants, working in groups, to identify how we might address these four areas. It is under these areas that I will summarise The Congress outcomes.

- ***Revival of Pallottine life***

Throughout the congress Fr Derry Murphy provided us with some wonderful input on Saint Vincent Pallotti. This input provided a renewed and deeper understanding of Vincent's charism and how we are being called to live that charism today. No doubt there are others who have written of this and perhaps in future newsletters there will be the opportunity to further explore some of Derry's reflections. Another outcome from this theme was to produce some simple, practical, usable materials on Vincent, his charism and how that impacts on our daily life. That work has already commenced with Steve Kaye and John Coleman preparing some draft material for the formation group to consider and hopefully have prepared for use in the near future – great quick work!

- ***Creating new and sustainable apostolates***

Several groups identified areas such as: The need for dedicated resources eg. a youth worker, a communication person, development of a website – all seen as important ways for us to both ensure that our current apostolates are sustainable and to make sure that Vincent's charism and the resources and facilities we have available are known throughout Victoria and Western Australia – and perhaps beyond.

- ***Creating a common mission in conjunction with Asia-Oceania***

Fr Eugene San, having just returned from a meeting in the Asia-Oceania region spoke of the developing needs within the Pallottine ministries. It was recommended that we need to raise awareness and build our understanding of the Asia-Oceania region. Suggested ways this could be achieved are through the weekly E Bulletin prepared and circulated by Fr Ray Hevern (If you would like to receive a copy of this bulletin just let Fr Ray know at ray.h@pallottine.org.au and I know he would be delighted to add you to his email list). Openness to the possibility of responding to new and diverse apostolates in the region was seen as vital, but at this time there was no specific mission identified.

- ***Sharing the reality of our lived situation***

Well there was much of this over the weekend and indeed the whole of the week leading up to the congress. The need for us to remember each other in prayer was seen as vital.

When listening to our discussions Tricia Bergin, our facilitator noted three priorities which she had heard: formation, co-operation and communication. I think this summaries much of what was identified and written above. The next step is to take the outcomes to the National and Local Coordination Council meetings and identify how we might action these areas.

Let us all continue to pray and listen to The Spirit to identify what we are being called to today as we follow Vincent's Charism in new ways – recognising that Vincent always points to Jesus and to follow His message of love and mercy.

Cheryl Sullivan
President
National Coordination Council



Pallotti College has been bubbling with activity this year, not least of all including the Pallottine Camino, Retreat and UAC Congress with a visit from Irish provincial Fr Derry murphy. It was a real opportunity to catch up with friends and remember earlier times together. Terry Wolff and Jim Kinsella were happy to give their time driving the bus to pick up the weary pilgrims at the end of each days walk.

We have once again been blessed with a diverse and vibrant team of volunteers who help enormously with the day to day work here and happily support us and each other. Sadly we recently said goodbye to our two Italian sisters Martina and Chiara, left and right in the picture (with Julie in the middle), after having them with us for a few months. They have not moved far away and are still very much in touch. Fortunately both have now found good employment in Melbourne.



The Labyrinth has finally been completed and was blessed and dedicated on 15 March 2015. The project was commenced in 2013 by Mt Lilydale Mercy College VCAL students as part of their community volunteering program, and recently completed by Bronwyn Pryor and friends. The Labyrinth was dedicated in memory of Rev Robin Pryor UCA, who, with Bronwyn, was a part of the team at Pallotti College for six years as a retreat leader and spiritual director. This will enhance the grounds of the College, complementing our Stations of the Cross and provide another special space for prayer and reflection.



"God's promise of salvation"

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LET US GATHER TOGETHER AND SHARE THIS PLAN OF SALVATION FOR EACH OF US TODAY – PLUS HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR OF SOME PERSONAL INSIGHTS FROM OUR RECENT CAMINO, RETREAT AND CONGRESS.

Your Sacred Space and Time

WHEN: Friday 28th August: Arrival from 3.00 p.m. - Start 7.30 p.m. after a 6.30 p.m. *light meal*
– to Sunday 30th August after lunch



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Consider what it

means: God dwells within you. -Vincent Pallotti

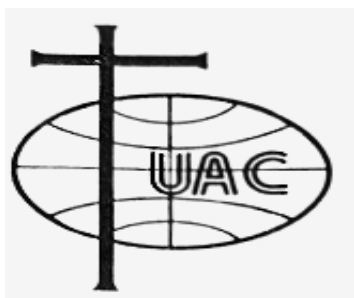
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