

PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

Fr Derry Murphy SAC: Anne Dowling shares some insights from his presence at our Congress



Inviting Fr Derry to be the keynote speaker at our Australian UAC Congress was a very wise decision, the fruits of which can continue to enrich all members of the Union for along time. Both his words and his behaviour are worth reflecting on. Fr Derry is the Provincial of the Irish Province of the

SACs which has members in a number of countries and continents. Until late March he was President of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. What he did showed how being a follower of Vincent Pallotti and of Jesus shaped his way of living. Behind the scenes he helped with washing up; he listened to people; he both celebrated morning Mass for the pilgrims on the Camino and walked the path with them.

What he said was also powerful. He talked about the man, Vincent Pallotti, who struggled with what it was to be a Catholic and a priest and Derry wondered if Vincent would recognize him as one of his own. This is perhaps something for each of us to ponder. Derry asked and then outlined the answer to the question: "What was central to Vincent, what was central to his life and experience of God?" There were eight points in his answer. They won't fit in this short article but I perhaps could email them to anyone who contacts me at avdowling@bigpond.com

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Fr Derry's presentation on Charism was particularly helpful. He pointed out that sometimes spirituality is confused with charism "which is a working of grace and entrusted to a person." The term "Charism of the Founder" is used for people such as Francis of Assisi and Domenic 'who made radically new beginnings in the life of the Church". Inspired by the Holy Spirit, this was what Vincent did with his universal call of all people, laity as well as clergy. To some extent we may take this for granted today but for the Church of Vincent's time this was radically new.

Vincent's charism is "to a particular way of following Christ" and so the fundamental rule he chose is: "Since the life of Jesus Christ is the fundamental rule of our small Congregation ... we must aim at what is most perfect always and in everything." Vincent's inspiration was to found an institution of Universal Apostolate among all Catholics. This is also the Mission of his followers and one of its elements is to engage in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, but we are also called to be in communion with each other and involved in the local church.

This is a very brief synopsis of some of what Derry shared with us. There was very much more about his own faith journey beginning in his family home and about Mary. On the first evening we were left with the following questions to ponder on overnight. You might like to ponder on them also and perhaps discuss your responses with others.

What is my sense of Pallotti's Charism? How do you give witness to Pallotti's Charism? In what ways are you called to live out his mission in the future?

Important Events For The Pallotttine Family In Australia.

The Rector General, Fr. Jacob Nampudakam and Fr. Francois, a member of the General Council will visit Australia in August and September. They will spend time in both the 'East' and the 'West' and will participate in the Assembly of the Pallottine brothers and priests which will be held in Rossmoyne, Perth, from the 14th-18th September. This occurs every three years and offers a time for them to share times of reflection and prayer and also the opportunity consider matters of importance for their community in the years ahead.

As members of the wider Pallottine family, we welcome Fr. Jacob and Fr. Francois and assure them of prayerful support for the time they will spend in Australia and wish all who will take part in the Assembly all the blessings that are needed to make it fulfilling and to bring life.

3rd UAC Congress Brazil 15 – 25 July 2015



Anne Dowling and I attended the above UAC Congress and represented all of us from Australia. I think we did a fairly good job of promoting UAC life in this country "down under".

The congress was held in Sao Paulo Brazil. The theme of the congress "Jesus a joy ever new, a joy to be shared" was taken from Pope Francis's Evangelii Gaudium and indeed those present experienced this joy, including the joy of great Brazilian Music from a group Ministerio de Louvor Manah de Luz (roughly translated to Ministry of Light and Morning Praise) who played throughout the congress – resulting in much singing and dancing – a great way to break down any language barriers.

Many of the presentations focused on how people lived their particular vocation: sisters working in remote areas, priests speaking of their experiences in parish and other apostolates, a brother sharing what it is to live his vocation as a Pallottine Brother, consecrated secular women, married and single people speaking about their lives lived in the vision of Saint Vincent, young people joyfully demonstrating their love for Saint Vincent and the Gospel of Jesus, as well as urging us to seek ways to ensure they are invited into UAC. If you would like to read these presentations, they are available on the following website, I would recommend them as they contain many words of wisdom - http://www. unionofcatholicapostolate.com

Some of the input which I continue to reflect on was: 1) The fact that, in following Vincent, the life of Jesus is the only rule for our life. To live this we must spend time in prayer. Without prayer and listening to the word of God our work/apostolate becomes meaningless. 2) We are called to live as enthusiastic apostles and share the Gospel of Jesus with joy, hope and radical love. 3) We must recognise that in following Vincent we are all on one track and we are called to work in communion/unity with each other. Our joy in the Gospel will be false unless it is rooted in deep respect. 4) We are a world-wide, diverse group. This is both exciting and challenging – we must ensure we have a deep understanding and respect for different: cultures, languages and ways of expressing the charism. In this diversity there is also great unity.

An image of Mary from Italy – Virgo Lauretana (Our Lady of Loreto)

At the first UAC Congress, held during 2005 in Konstantin, Poland, each country was asked to bring an

image of Mary particularly relevant for them. Australia took the image of Our Lady of Good Council. (Vincent Pallotti presented this image Don Salvado a Benedictine monk when he was leaving Italy on his mission to found the abbey in New Norcia, WA. The original painting hangs in the abbey today). At that inaugural and subsequent two congresses, a lottery is draw, and each country is matched with an image of a Madonna from another country where UAC life is active. The intention is that we remain connected in prayer with the country whose image we receive for the following five years, the statute is then taken to the next congress and the process is repeated.

At this congress we received the Madonna from Italy – Virgo Lauretana (Our Lady of Loreto).

As in previous years we invite UAC: individual members, parishes, ministries, to provide a home for the Madonna for a few months and during that time pray in particular for the needs of the country (in this case Italy). As each of the Core Community Generalates and the UAC Secretariat are in Italy we have been given a significant assignment! If you would like to participate in this way (the statue is approximately 30cm in height), please let me know and we can commence the statues pilgrimage. My contact details are (03) 9416 7138 or email cherylsullivan11@higpond.com

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May we continue to live the joy of the Gospel.

Cheryl Sullivan



A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND.

Now that we're in September the 'potential pilgrims' from Holy Child, Dallas, must be saying: "We're going to the Holy Land next month". The final group of 16 is very busy pulling all the important matters together –the practical things for their travels and for those left at home. Also very important, tuning in to where they are going, reading, praying, reflecting on what it means to be pilgrims. D Day is 16th October!! God speed! We look forward to hearing about this wonderful opportunity.

Mary Glowrey to be focus of the 2015 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture

Five years after Mary MacKillop became the first Australian to be canonised, another Victorian-born woman named Mary who could be Australia's next saint is to be the focus of this year's Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture on Tuesday 27 October.

Mrs Karin Clark, a law academic at the University of Melbourne who has immersed herself in the life of Dr Sr Mary Glowrey -- the young woman from country Victoria who left behind an exceptional medical career in early 20th century Melbourne to spend 37 years as a medical missionary in India -- is to deliver the ninth Walter Silvester lecture in the Christ Lecture Theatre at Australian Catholic University (ACU). This year, which marks the 10th anniversary of Fr Walter's death, ACU named its main Melbourne teaching building in Victoria Parade in honour of Mary Glowrey.

The lecture begins at 6.30pm and will be preceded, as usual, by refreshments from 5.45-6.15pm.

Mrs Clark will accompany her lecture, entitled "Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ: A Legacy of Love", with a slide presentation.

Mary Glowrey was born in Birregurra, near Colac, on 23 June 1887, the third of nine children of a devout family, who later moved to Garvoc, Watchem and Swan Hill. Her scholarly abilities led her to Melbourne University, where she graduated in medicine and surgery, working in St Vincent's Hospital and the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and establishing a private practice in Collins Street.

During World War I, she first heard the call of God to work in India. Around the same time, she became first General President of the new Catholic Women's Social Guild, now known as the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga. The League's Victorian headquarters, named in her honour, is in Nicholson Street, Fitzroy -- only a few hundred metres from the Brunswick Street birthplace of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Mary Glowrey retrained in obstetrics, gynaecology and ophthalmology, and left Melbourne in January 1920 to join the Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Guntur, India. She developed a small dispensary in Guntur into St Joseph's Hospital and, in 1943, founded the Catholic Hospital Association of India. She died in India after a painful struggle with cancer on 5 May 1957, just short of her 70th birthday.

For catering purposes, please book by 19 October. Contact Anne Dowling on 0429 869 457 or email Ronnie Maloney at rmaloney1537@gmail.com.

Completion Of The 2015 Initial UAC Formation Program –

An invitation to share in the celebration of this event.

Throughout this year a group have met on several occasions to participate in a UAC initial formation program. These people have an interest in both learning more about Saint Vincent Pallotti and his charism and gaining an understanding of membership in UAC. As the 2015 program comes to an end, you are invited to join the group at Saint Christopher's Parish, 5 Doon Avenue Syndal for evening Eucharist on Saturday 24 October at 6.00pm followed by a shared meal. This event will take the place of a Gather and Share session usually held at this time of the year. For catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 16 October to Cheryl Sullivan on (03) 9416 7138 or cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com The program will be offered again in 2016. If you would like to know more about the sessions, this could be from the perspective of either ongoing or initial formation in the charism of Saint Vincent Pallotti, speak to, Father Pat Jackson (UAC Formation Coordinator), Cheryl Sullivan (NCC President), any of the SAC priests and lay members from either of the Local Councils. Looking forward to seeing you on 24 August.

REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER.

Yes, we again have the chance to gather and remember family, friends, colleagues, neighbours who have gone before us into eternity. Please take this as YOUR invitation, Mark the details in your diary now and 'pass the word' THE MASS WILL BE AT 2.30PM AT 85 STUDLEY PARK ROAD on SATURDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER.

The Memorial book will be on the altar. Please feel free to come in time to add more names. You might like to bring a photograph. Then, of course, afternoon tea and the chance to catch up!! (Please bring just a small plate to share) Merle 9497 1691. merlegilbo@hotkey.net.au

MONEY MATTERS

Thank you to those who support the cost of this publication by sending contributions--- in whatever form---or handing one to me at a convenient time. It seems that having the option of paying directly into the bank does make it convenient. For your information, those details are: CBA (06) 3 142 1010 4176

I am now able to access the bank statements 'on line' so now more delays in recording your contributions!!

Memories of La Grange Mission, later re-named Bidyadanga

In 1959, following 3 months training at Millgrove conducted by Fr Walter Silvester SAC and Barbara Shea, and a trip to Sydney for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop John Jobst DD,SAC, 3 lay missionaries -Carmel Hodgkinson(now Brown), Joy Tranter (now Conway) and Kath Curtain (Mariana Community) received Mission Crosses in the Shrine at Kew and departed for the Kimberleys, arriving in Broome on 13 April.

They were met my the Parish Priest of Broome, Fr Kevin McKelson SAC. Fr Ernst Worms SAC was resident in the Presbytery at this time.

Fr Werner Kriener SAC was at Lombardina Mission, Fr John McGurie SAC at Beagle Bay, Fr Leo Hornung SAC had just handed over La Grange Mission to the much loved Fr Francis Hugel SAC, who had already ministered for 30 years in the Kimberley vineyard.! The faithful and hard working Pallottine Brothers: Francis Nissl, Paul Ratajski, Joseph Tautz, Joseph Kron and William Schreiber were ministering at Beagle bay at this time. The complete story of these heroic followers of St Vincent Pallotti is yet to be completely written.

The Pallottines and the St John of God nuns were the only Religious at that time in what was the Vicariate of the Kimberley. A much different scene exists today in the Diocese of Broome.

The lay missionaries travelled to La Grange by road, along a bush track. The 120 mile journey took 8 hours. At this time there was no air-strip, therefore no access to the services of the Flying Doctor. The road/ track was frequently cut off in the wet season leaving the Mission marooned for up to 6 weeks. Weather permitting, the doctor from Broome visited every 6 - 8 weeks.

There was no internet, no computers, no faxes, no mobile phones. The expensive telephone service was on a "party line", with the morse code signals heard in the background. The mail arrived by road approx every 6 weeks, which was quite a suffering for the volunteers lay missionaries, in their early 20's, who had previously not been separated from family and friends.

The indigenous community if La Grange consisted of 120 folk still following tribal law. Quite a few of the men had 2 or 3 wives which presented quite a few pastoral problems. From 1959 - 1961 only 8 baptisms took place. However, the people were open to the Good News of the Gospel and a happy Christian community flourishes at Bidyadanga today.

Kath Curtain



DO YOU LIVE IN MELBOURNE? DO YOU LIKE TO SOCIALIZE AND DANCE?

Maurice Lewis has asked us to remind you that dances are held on the last Friday of each month at 8pm at Our Lady of Christians hall, 49 Nicholson St. East Brunswick. Just \$ 5---with tea and coffee provided.

*** Do please remember that there is a change in December. It will be held on Friday, 18th. !! You have a question!! Phone Maurice. 9895 5266

Rest in peace.

Kevin Brown

It was a happy coincidence that, looking ahead to the 60th anniversary of the mission at La Grange (Bidyadanga), I had asked Kath Curtain to write some memories. That is such a suitable introduction to our thoughts on Kevin Brown because he, with John Scammel and Gus Hoffing made up the first team of young men lay missionaries, arriving in September 1959. The three girls, Kathie Curtain, Joy Tranter and Carmel Hodgkinson had arrived earlier to take on all manner of tasks --nursing, cooking, and caring for the children. You name it!! The 'boys' team' was especially welcome because they came to be a building team --- first to provide a much needed hospital and then a house for the girls. Another story was beginning at that time. Carmel (whose parents were long time benefactors of the Pallottines) and Kevin met and some years later, after both had given several years of generous service, they returned to Melbourne and married. This story continued with the arrival of Lisa and Katrina and their life as a family in East Doncasteralways keeping a close association with the Pallottine family. Kevin's health has been indifferent for some years but he and Carmel were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding with their family earlier this year. Kevin's funeral, on 25th June at their parish church, St. Gregory's Doncaster, was another truly family celebration as their daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren took part. The hymn chosen for the Communion describes Kevin well-'Strong and Constant' Rest in peace, Kevin.

Agnes Furlong.(nee Schaefer)

Back in the 1940's I knew Agnes Schaefer when we were students at the Academy of Mary Immaculate. Quite a few years later, we met again as members of the apostolic in the groups in Kew in the 1950s and we resumed our friendship. I remember when she met a charming Irishman, Matt Furlong and often after their marriage, I was often a guest at their home. Matt was interested in my Irish heritage (as I was) and he offered me ways of finding out more. Great joy for Agnes and Matt when Margaret was born and much later, they enjoyed her two daughters.. My thanks to Noelle O'Brien who has been a loyal friend of the Furlong family and was the person who told me of Agnes' death. May Agnes and Matt rest in peace.



PALLOTTINE ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

This year marks the fourteenth year of the Trust's operation. Again a great bunch of young people applied for our annual grants, significantly more than the previous year. Regrettably though the increase in available resources did not match the increase in interest -11 were approved, to receive in total \$72, 612.30 in fees. For comparison in the 2014 year we distributed \$60,832.80 amongst 10 students.

Happily there was also a better balance of male applicants, last year being an 'all-female' year. And their Semester 1 results have demonstrated their capacity – from results received so far four of the first year male grantees have achieved 5 High Distinctions and 4 Distinctions between them.



The capital of the Trust increased by \$13,560.38 in the 2014 calendar year, again following a major grant from the Riverton [WA] parish which we gratefully acknowledge. While this rise is significant it barely keeps up with even the current low rate of inflation and the inexorable increase in fees. So we still search for a major supporter [or numerous smaller ones]!

The effort to create a more aboriginal oriented Trust group has borne some fruit. At the beginning of 2015 Mr Norman Brahim was added, and more recently Mrs Shirley Quaresimin. Both are from the north-west and both have an extensive background in the field of education. So the current composition is now 3 aboriginal Trustees and 1 non-aboriginal [the mandatory SAC Trustee]. Another slice of good news is that we have recently discovered several additional ex-recipients who have progressed notably in their careers:

Ms Tammy Solonec

2002 first aboriginal WA Woman Lawyer of the Year

- Ms Kelsi Forrest
- 2011 inaugural grantee Aboriginal Women's Legal Education Trust Scholarship [AWLETS]
- Ms Laura Vincent
- 2014 last year's AWLETS grantee
- Ms Crystal Williams
- 2015 doctor now working in Queensland and first aboriginal accepted into Oxford University Hospital [2016]

The mother of Tammy [above], Ms Cindy Solonec – herself now a university lecturer – was the guest speaker at this year's Award Presentation back in March. And, in a first, Laura [above] who is due to finish her Law degree this year, has offered to attend future Trustee meetings to present a student standpoint, and keep our feet on the ground!

> Ray Hevern sac 19.08.15

NEWS FROM THE WEST.



Introducing <u>Fr. Jose Patrick</u> <u>Payatickattil</u>. Fr. Jose belongs to the Prabhu Prakash Province, Nagpur. He did his minor seminary sturdies in Thiruvananthapuram Novitiate, his philosophical studies in Goa and his degree and theological studies in Nagpur before being ordained on 26th April 2004 at St. Francis Assisi church, Maranzattupilly, Palai Diocese, Kerala. For the last

11 years, he has worked in a number pf parishes in Kerala .He arrived in Western Australia in May, and was welcomed to the Queen of Apostles parish, Riverton, on the feast of Queen of Apostles.

<u>Fr. Flynn relocates</u>: Fr. John, Pastor Emeritus of Queen of Apostles parish has been assisting Fr. Paul Manickathan since his retirement but has now moved to the Pallottine Community at Rossmoyne. He continues to celebrate Mass most days at the nearby aged care facilities at Margaret Hubery House.

Celebrating the year of consecrated life.

On the 14th August, the vigil of the feast of the Assumption, Queen of Apostles celebrated with a Mass to honour the religious who had served in the parish since its beginning. During the thanksgiving after Communion, there was power point covering most of the Parish priests and Assistant priests, the Schoenstatt sisters who had taught in the school and the kindergarten and served as catechists and pastoral workers and the same for the Servite sisters who joined the parish community after the departure of the Schoenstatt sisters. The recessional hymns, very suitably was 'Now thank we all our God". Supper followed and the presentation of a small gift to each of the religious present.





North American Retreat

It was a great privilege to be able to travel to the United States and experience the Pallottine family in an international setting. During our stay in the United States Fr Pat and I spent some time in Fr Peter Sticco's Parish, Our Lady of Grace Fairview, New Jersey. It was wonderful to meet the Pallottine Priests working in his Parish and hear about how they live the Pallottine Charism in their Parish life and school. Catholic schools receive no government funding in the United States. so the decision to give your children a Catholic education is a very big and costly one. It also means though, that Parish priests have a lot of decision making responsibility when employing school staff. Fr Peter has developed a policy of nurturing the further education of young Parishioners, so that they return to work in the school as adults. A number of his teachers are UAC members and have worked in Peru on volunteer Pallottine Mission placements. He feels this has a strong positive impact on the "vibe" of the school and commitment to Church of the community.

Our Lady of Grace Parish sees their mission in Peru as a major outreach activity of the parish. Display boards show photos of youth group mission trips there and of buildings the Parish's assistance has built and people they have helped.

We visited the Pallottine Formation House near Washington and were present at the arrival of a new seminarian. This young man is the second person to enter formation in the last twelve months, with several more close to deciding. This is a great sign of hope for the province and comes after an intentional process of mentoring and accompanying University students via campus ministry at the nearby American Catholic University. I asked the young men why they had chosen to join the Pallottine order and they both talked about the huge breadth of ministry the Pallottines undertake – Parish work, campus ministry, missions on every continent, formation work – and also the international flavour of the order. Currently the formation house has people from four continents living and being community together.

Fr. Frank Donio spent some time with us explaining the ministry of the Catholic Apostolate Centre – an organisation which fosters the ongoing formation of young Catholics who have made an adult and intentional commitment to faith and are now looking at how they can live their faith or "apostolate" in the world. The Centre works to provide online resources, courses and mentoring. It is a community for those who have decided to really live their faith – quite a counter-cultural decision these days – and from my own work I know young adults often feel alone amidst our very secular culture. The Apostolate Centre could be very useful here in Australia with our vast distances and scattered population. An online formation presence backed up with strong promotion and intentional campus ministry could be a very effective means of reaching people.

The retreat was at the beautiful San Alfonso Retreat Centre which is on the beach at Long Branch New Jersey. Fr Pat and I worked with fifty priests, brothers and seminarians over four days. Fr Pats talks on Pallottine spirituality were very much appreciated. They tell me he brings a fresh perspective to St Vincent's life that they don't get to hear in the U.S. and India, Africa, Europe.... My talks were about the New Evangelisation and drew on Evangelii Gaudium and other recent writings. I talked about evangelisation on social media and also the phases of conversion experienced as people are formed into "missionary disciples". It was a lot of work and a rather nerve wracking process to develop the talks and it was relief that they were well received! My main impression as I return is of the truly international and grassroots outreach of the Pallottine family. It is a service to the Church in the world done simply, quietly and with great humility – very much in the spirit of our founder St Vincent Pallotti.

Lorraine McCarthy.













Camino

April 23rd 25th, 2016

Pallottine

"the love of Christ urges us on"

A pilgrimage walk

from St Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove. Approximately 65km over three days.

The inaugural Pallottine Camino in 2015 was a blessed time of fellowship and prayer as we ambled through beautiful and varied landscapes.

> Please join us for the '2016 Pallottine Camino'

- The route includes sections of Dandenong Creek Trail, the Warburton Rail Trail and O'Shannessy Aqueduct.
- A good fitness level is required as we walk 20+ km per day Cost: Approx. \$240 includes:
- COST: ADPTOX. 3240 Includes:
 Meals and accommodation at Pallotti College for two nights in a private room with shared bathroom facilities
- Transfer to and from Pallotti College
 Maps and daily prayer resources based on Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment "Laudato Si"
- You are invited to register your interest in the 2016 Pallottine Camino, to reserve your place and receive further information as it becomes available. There will be an information night in February. Limited numbers apply.

Contact Lorraine on 0402 217123 or lorraine613@bigpond.com



A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT !!



Congratulations to Fr. John Hennessy on the 70th anniversary of his ordination as a priest.

Born in Brunswick on 31st March 1921, Father John was the first Australian born Pallottine when he was ordained at St. Ambrose's church Brunswick on14th July 1945. Soon afterwards, he went to Beagle Bay Mission with Fr. Roger McGinley and Fr. Joe Kearney. Dr. Strehlow remarked at that time: "The missions were the only agencies that stopped the annihilation of the aboriginal race at that time"

When he returned to Melbourne in 1950 he ministered to the Pallottine Younger Set in Kew, a vital group which had been supporting the missions from 1939. In the '50's, with Fr. Walter Silvester, he built up the apostolic groups to 14 in all---young men and women. In 1961, Fr. John was appointed parish priest of the new St. Christopher's parish, Syndal, building up the community in the spirit of St. Vincent Pallotti. 14 years later, he was appointed to the parish of Warburton/ Yarra Junction. When the time was right for him to lay down the burden of being a parish priest, he retired to Syndal and, when he needed more care, to Mercy Place, Parkville---so close to Brunswick where life and priesthood began for him.

Thank you, Father John. As you would say: "God bless."

Thanks to the people of St. Christopher's for this information and for celebrating with Fr. John.

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