



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER *September 2016*

Father John Hennessey SAC. THE END OF AN ERA



Fr. John was born on 31st March 1921 in Brunswick, Victoria. His family owned the Hennessey Hotel which later became the Carrington - on the corner of Hennessey St, and Sydney Rd. He was educated by the Jesuits at St. Patrick's College, East Melbourne.

He felt a calling to the Pallottines and to Mission work in the Kimberley inspired by the visit of the

Pallottine Bishop, Otto Raible, who visited various schools in Melbourne and Sydney. He spent one year at the diocesan seminary where he made lasting friends. He did his novitiate a, pursued his philosophical and theological studies at St. Paschal's, Box Hill, and made his final profession on 11th February 1942. He was later ordained in his home parish, St. Ambrose's Brunswick, by Bishop Raible on 14th July 1942.

Fr. John served in the Kimberley at Beagle Bay for almost three years, together with Fr. Roger McGinley and Fr. Joe Kearney. In 1949 he was appointed chaplain to the Pallottine Younger Set who supported the German Pallottines in Melbourne during the difficult times of the war. When Fr. Walter Silvester came to Kew in 1951. Fr. John was a key member of the team centred on the MTA shrine which had just been built and 14 groups of young women and men gradually developed. Because of illness, John had a sabbatical in Vallendar/Schoenstatt in Germany and Milwaukee and Baltimore in the States.

On his return, Fr. John spent some time as chaplain at the Repatriation Hospital in Heidelberg, was instrumental in projects in Strathfield, Manly and Millgrove, spent some time in the Tardun Mission and, in 1957, developed a farm at Tamworth with Br. Michael Gill and Bill Meaney, one of our lay missionaries skilled in sheep farming.

In 1961 Fr. John was appointed parish priest of St. Christopher's, Syndal. There was only a church-school on 3 acres, built by Fr. Kirley from the Mount Waverley Parish. Prior to taking on the parish, Fr. John realised that 5 blocks of land on Doon Ave had been allotted for war service homes. Fr. John managed to negotiate a swap of these blocks of land to other places and set the parish on a good footing, building a larger school and then, with great determination and with the support of his great group of parishioners, the parish church in 1973. The tennis courts and club house was built which he and his priest friends would often use. Fr. John excelled in Liturgy and music, introduced the Pallottine Charism—the collaboration of priest, lay people and religious—the Presentation Sisters who ran the school. In 1970, there had been a joyful celebration of his 25th anniversary of priesthood.

In 1975, after 14 years at Syndal, he was appointed to the parish priest of Warburton /Yarra Junction where consolidated church and school at Yarra Junction, exhibiting his great planning and pastoral skills. In 2001, he retired to Syndal. Illness took him to mercy Place, Parkville where, in 2105, he celebrated his 70th anniversary of priesthood. He desired to return to his network of friends in Syndal and went to Waverley Valley Aged Care where he celebrated his 95th birthday. Soon after, he became seriously ill, died on 18th June, 2016 and was buried from his beloved parish, surrounded by Pallottine confreres and parishioners from the early days. Rest in peace, John, for your good deeds go with you.

Thank you!!

To all who joined in the celebrations of our milestone—June— issue and sent their congratulations, reminisces and good wishes. To all who send contributions/ subscriptions towards the cost of producing this newsletter. It does seem that being able to do that through the bank is proving to be very convenient.

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An update from our International Common project Keshero, Congo

Dear Benefactors,

My joy is so great to find this little moment to express the joy that fills my heart. Thanks a lot to the Lord who visited you through these orphans of the house flame of love of the immaculate heart of Mary.

As you may know, the Democratic Republic just went through various hardships during these last decades. We passed through various wars politically motivated. This resulted in dislocation of thousands of families leaving behind unaccompanied children, orphans, women and girls raped, unwanted pregnancy just to say a few. That is why we have opened two orphanages here in Goma - Keshero and Masisi in order to save these children abandoned to themselves. For the time being we take care of 120 orphans from age 0 to 15 years old. At the age of 15 children are reintegrated into their biological families at least those who still have their aunts, grandmothers or paternal uncles.

I thank you so much for having thought of us. As Fr. Eugene informed you, I have already received 1,000\$ and we still have more than 200\$ on our account to be given later. From this money we bought food for the children and have also cultivated cassava on a piece of land rented at \$ 200 for two years.

Before I conclude these few words I would like to introduce myself. My name is Sister Alvera Nyiramasuhuko Gahinyuza. I belong to the community Flame of Love of the Immaculate heart of Mary. In the community I stay with 15 young girls who are part of the community and who help me to take care of these orphans. I was born on 12 December 1959. I remain precisely in Goma/Keshero in the DRC. In this apostolate, the Lord sent me Fr. Eugene to help me spiritually and morally. Many thanks to Father Jacob, Rector General of Pallottine Fathers and brothers who helped so much so that we may be in contact with you. Now you are our friends and we pray for you all!

Sr. Alvera Nyiramasuhuko Gahinyuza



Photographs:

Donatella Acerbi and Sister Alvera with lots of the children.

Donna is the International President of the UAC.

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REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

Yes, we again have the chance to gather and remember family, friends, neighbours and colleagues who have gone before us into eternity.

Please take this as YOUR invitation your –and do pass the word.

THE MASS WILL BE AT

2.30PM AT 85 STUDELY PARK RD.

On: SATURDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

The memorial book will be available for the addition of more names. Of course, afternoon tea will follow---please bring a small plate to share.

Merle: mobile: **9497 1691** email: merlegilbo@hotmail.net.au

Camino 2017 22nd–24th April.

A number of people have booked already. Do THAT now and look for more details in our December issue.

A VERY SIGNIFICANT OCCASION IN RIVERTON.

Queen of Apostles Church at Riverton was the venue of a very special celebration recently. For Fr. Joe Kearney it was 70 years of priesthood, for Fr. John Flynn it was 50 years as it was for Fr. Ray Hevern also 50 years. Fr. Joe had previously celebrated his 50 and Fr. John 40 so they thought it should be focussed on Fr. Ray. Many people prepared for and participated in a memorable Mass which was followed by a friendly and memorable supper. At that time, Mary Hevern spoke about her brother and it is so good that she has sent to us what she said.



Left Image: Mary and Ray Hevern. (Thank you for the photographs, Mary).

Right Image: The three jubilarians about to share that important task.

Good evening

My name is Mary Hevern and I'm the Fr. Ray's sister.

I've been asked to say a few words, and be assured; they will be only a few.

Fr. Ray entered the Pallottines as a very young man and left our home in Victoria for New South Wales where he commenced his studies for religious life.

Fr. Ray was born on 20th August 1941 to Emmie and William Hevern and our family lived in a suburban home in Dean Street Moonee Ponds.

He went initially to St. Monica's School in Moonee Ponds; received a Commonwealth Scholarship and, thence to St. Bernard's Secondary School where he completed Matriculation.

Fr Ray was mad about cars and technically knew and somehow understood everything there was to know...car magazines were his passion. He was also very good at sport, holding the shot put record at St. Bernard's and playing the position of ruck for the college football team.

Fr. Ray was never afraid of work, and I recall he sold pies at the football on Saturday in order to get himself some pocket money. I still have the small necklace which he gave me for my birthday from that money. I'm sure he has completely forgotten that...but I haven't. Fr. Ray was a very determined young man; with a quick, sharp wit and was a real tease. Like all males he wanted his own way, but didn't always get it, and the sibling rivalry common to all families, was evident in ours.

Fr. Ray had a bike and he rode and rode and I was very jealous as I was never allowed to own one, nor ride one during my growing up years!!

It was Christmas Eve of his final school year that he told Mum and Dad and myself he wanted to enter the Pallottines the following year. This was the very last thing that we expected from this very active young man, and it was like a bombshell when it hit.

We never knew much about his life in the Novitiate in Sydney, but know he was able to get out riding his pushbike and old photos attest that he continued to play football as well as meddle with car engines. I remember great excitement when Mum and Dad and I went to St. Pat's in Sydney for the ceremony of clothing and other events. I remember too, with some detail, his ordination to the priesthood in St. Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne on 23 July 1966.

This was a wonderful event, shared by family and friends.

Fr. Ray celebrated his first Mass at St. Monica's Parish Church in Moonee Ponds, another very memorable celebration.

From my perspective, as his sister and the representative of the our family, I would like to congratulate Fr. Ray on his journey thus far, which has been punctuated by service and dedication, no matter where or what. His early achievements with the Australian Aboriginal community, especially on the Missions at Balgo and other parts of the top end, were outstanding.

I am very proud that he is my brother and I'm sure he knows he's very loved.

Well done Father Ray.

Thank you

The General Assembly of Pallottine priests and brothers will take place in Rome from 19th September until the 15th October. This very important occasion brings together the members from so many parts of the world with their wonderful of service to the people of God empowered by the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti. The Australian representatives are Fr. Eugene San and Fr. Dean Bradbury. Let us pray for them and for all participants that all their deliberations, including the election of a new regime, will be guided by the Spirt.

Looking for some **INSPIRATION** or

REFLECTIVE TIME AWAY

before the hustle & bustle of the end of the year?

Why not consider these great programs at Pallotti College?

Labyrinth Prayer Retreat

Weekend 7-9 October 2016

with Bronwyn Pryor,

(Uniting Church Retreat Leader)

The theme of the weekend is experiencing prayer as a walking meditation, using the newly constructed bush labyrinth. There will be times of communal prayer and teaching and Sunday morning Eucharist for all, but also plenty of free time to choose in silence to walk, rest, sit, dream and enjoy the delicious food provided.

Registration

Register with Pallotti College office,

Tel 5966 2585

[Emergency phone during retreat]

For more information,

Bronwyn Pryor,

A Day for Parish Musicians

With Br. Michael Herry fms

& Fr. Dean Bradbury sac

Sat Oct 29th

10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

This day is seen as an opportunity to:

Network with musicians, cantors & singers from other parishes;

Look at how we prepare Music for Liturgies;

How to compose responses and verses;

And put this into practise.

Registration

Cost for the Day is \$50.00. This includes the cost of materials, Morning and Afternoon Tea and Lunch. If you wish to stay for the evening meal there is an additional fee of \$15.00.

For further details and to book please contact

Pallotti College 5966 2585 or

admin@pallotticollege.com.au.

Rest, Pray, Recreate

Weekend 30 Sept—2 October,

18—20 November

With Denis Nichols

This is a chance to just relax, be quiet, reflect and pray together in the beautiful environs of Millgrove.

Registration

Register with Pallotti College office,

Tel 5966 2585 &

Massage

Don't forget you can organise a relaxing massage while you are here.

Contact Pallotti College 5966 2585 or

admin@pallotticollege.com.au.

ADVANCE NOTICE 22—24 April 2017 CAMINO

Elisabetta Sanna was born in 1788 in Sardinia. She died with a reputation of sanctity in Rome on 17 Feb 1857 and was buried in the Church of SS Salvatore in Onda. Soon afterwards the recognition of her holiness became very evident, so much so that in just four months, on 15 Jun 1857, her cause for beatification was initiated. St Vincent Pallotti had been her spiritual director for 18 years and regarded her highly.

As an infant Elisabetta contracted smallpox when she was just three months old. The result of this was that she was never able to raise her arms. She was able to move her fingers and wrists but could not bring food to her mouth with her hands, nor could she make the sign of the Cross. Neither could she comb her hair, wash her face nor change her clothes. She could however knead bread, place things in the oven and remove them from it and raised five children.

Despite her physical disability marriage was proposed to her and it was a very happy marriage. Seven children were born to them, two of whom died soon after birth. Together with her own children Elisabetta educated other children of the town teaching them catechism and preparing them for the sacraments. Her house was open to all women who wanted to learn hymns and prayers. Her husband died at the beginning of 1825 after seventeen years of marriage and she assumed full responsibility for the family and the administration of the home.

While growing in the spiritual life, Elisabetta was influenced by a Lenten preacher and decided to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land together with her confessor, Fr Giuseppe Valle. Thinking that her absence would be a short one she entrusted the care of her children to her mother and her brother who was a priest. She also sought the help of a niece and some neighbours. The two pilgrims had difficulty in getting a visa for the Orient and had to abandon the planned journey in Genoa. They then went to Rome as pilgrims.

Because of serious physical ailments Elisabetta was unable to return to Sardinia. She entrusted herself to the spiritual direction of Vincent Pallotti who contacted her brother, Fr Antonio Luigi, to inform him that his sister could not undertake the journey by sea but would do so as soon as she was better. However her ailments increased year by year and Elisabetta was obliged to remain in Rome.

She suffered greatly because of the separations from her family but she entrusted herself to God, accepted the new situation and served others while remaining faithful to the teachings of the Gospel and of the Church. St. Vincent Pallotti often stressed the merits of Elisabetta with regard to the UAC. Fr. Vaccari reports: Our institute has been carried forward up to now by two persons; a poor woman whom you have heard of many times from Fr. Vincent Pallotti and by Cardinal Lambruschini. She witnessed the foundation of the UAC and followed its development for 22 years up to the time of her death.

Thanks, Fr. Jan Koryycki SAC and Fr. Ray Hevern for this information about the life of Elisabetta.

As we go to press, the much looked forward to day of her beatification is being celebrated in her native Sardinia - in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity of Saccargia in her home parish, Codrongianos. Australia is being represented by Barb Shea, her niece, Brenda and Mary Saunders. This is very appropriate because 20 years ago, Barb, who had a long devotion to Elisabetta, was responsible for arranging the translation and the publication of a booklet on her life, 'Elisabetta Sanna—the disabled woman who became an apostle'. The booklet had been written by Fr. Amoroso SAC as material was being gathered to promote her beatification. The English translation is now being reprinted. If you would like a copy, contact Cheryl Sullivan on 9 416 7138 or 0417386706. We know that Barb, Brenda and Mary will represent us very well and look forward to hearing and reading of their experiences and learn more about Blessed Elisabetta Sanna.





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PALLOTTINE CENACLE PRAYER EVENINGS

These evenings provide all of us in the Pallottine Family with the opportunity to pray together on a monthly basis.

Time and Date: 7.30pm to 8.30pm on the 22nd of each month.

October: Pallotti College, Mc Namaras Road, Millgrove

November: Park Orchards/Ringwood North Parish, 120 Oban Road, North Ringwood

GATHER AND SHARE SESSIONS

Come along to break open the word, share some of Vincent's Charism as well as company and food.

(Please bring a plate to share)

Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Sunday 9th October: Saint Christopher's Parish, Doon Road, Syndal.

UAC FORMATION PROGRAM

This program is for those who want to learn more of the great charism handed on to us through Saint Vincent Pallotti, recognising that this charism is the call for us to be apostles following the Gospel of Jesus. These sessions can be seen both as initial and ongoing formation so all are invited to attend.

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm – including attendance at 10.30am Eucharist at Syndal.

Dates: 6 November 2016 (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE).

Venue: Saint Christopher's Parish, Doon Road, Syndal

UAC COMMITMENT EUCHARIST

Following completion of the Formation Program, some people have felt called to make a formal commitment as members of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. This commitment will be made during the Celebration of the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4th December 2016 at Saint Christopher's Syndal. You are most welcome to come and share this occasion. We will continue celebrating with a light meal so please bring a plate to share.

If anyone has any queries please feel free to ring Cheryl Sullivan on 9416 7138 or 0417 386 706

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER

Walter Silvester memorial lecture.

SATURDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER

Remember in November.

Money Matters

Thank you for all who support this publication by giving contributions –whether by hand, by mail or directly into the bank. I've heard that some of you have experienced a difficulty when using the latter method.

For others it has worked!!

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UAC COMMON PROJECT – within Australia

Rector General of the SAC, Fr Jacob Nampudakam, is passionate about all the members of the Union of Catholic Apostolate being involved in a Common Project. His passion has been caught by the General Coordination Council of the UAC which also desires that each country be engaged in Common Projects. Australia has taken on the Common Project of supporting an orphanage in the Congo.

Following the SAC General Assembly late last year, Fr Eugene San invited some SAC members and a few others representing some bodies within the UAC to a meeting to establish a committee for a Common Project within Australia. At this meeting I was elected Chair and we confirmed that our focus would be on supporting disadvantaged families, particularly asylum seekers and refugees. Having researched the resources that we may have access to in terms of properties, and having heard from people involved in working with asylum seekers and refugees who shared with us some of the needs, you are now invited to participate in our Common UAC Project within Australia.

Our committee envisages that there may be many different ways in which people can take part in this common project. You may already be involved in actions that fit within the scope of this project, if so we would like to hear from you. For example, the Mariana Community has hosted two holiday weekends for asylum seeker families at our house, Oak Maree, at Millgrove with the assistance of the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.

We are looking at linking with existing support groups and agencies who can assist with identifying needs we may meet and with training people in areas such as cultural sensitivities.

Our aim is to develop a data base which has both the details of people who can be involved in some way and also has the needs that we are aware of and we will endeavour to match them up appropriately.

Some of the needs are: prayer; advocacy: writing to government about particular cases, signing petitions, joining in action campaigns; providing transport to appointments, etc.; befriending people: making them feel welcome and knowing they have someone they can talk with; hosting them for holiday stays at Marjorie Maria Cove Lodge or Casa Pallotti; teaching English; providing short term storage in a garage or shed for goods collected for distribution to asylum seekers, especially to those on a visa which does not allow them to work or to receive money from Centrelink. The list could go on.

If you are able to participate in this Common Project in some way, please contact me at avdowling@bigpond.com or afternoons on 03 9304 2926 and provide as much as possible of the following information: Name, Address, Phone No., Mobile No., email address, Skills/talents you can contribute, Time commitment: regularity, weekly, monthly? Storage available, Other...



DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING PERSON/PEOPLE

“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not only me but also my Father who sent me” (Mk 9:36-7)”

Following many instances of reported institutional abuse we are all aware of the need to ensure the safety of children. In line with other institutions within our church, the Union of Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Family) have instituted a policy for “The Protection of Minors.” To adopt this policy, we need to appoint a “Designated Person” to monitor and assist in its implementation.

We are seeking the voluntary assistance of two people (one male and one female) who are part of our Pallottine Family to undertake this role.

The primary responsibilities of the role are: 1) To be the initial or secondary contact person for a person raising a complaint and ensuring that the correct process for addressing the concern is followed. 2) To arrange and offer relevant Child Safety Training to those involved in various Pallottine Apostolates and other interested people.

The Designated Safeguarding person/people will participate in relevant training to undertake this role.

For a copy of the policy and to obtain more information regarding this request please contact either:

Fr Eugene San SAC at san.eugene@pallottine.org.au or 0408 506 036 or Cheryl Sullivan at cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com or 0417 386 706

11th September – Child Safety Sunday.



*After reading our June/Jubilee issue, ELLEN AND RON CORNELIOUS
were inspired to do some remembering of their own.
Thank you both--and your family too.*

Ron writes: Ellen and I heard about Pallotti College in 11964 when our son Gary went to school at St. Patrick's School in Young St. Fitzroy. Ellen worked in the Tuck Shop there with Olga Whately who was raising money to build the Kevin Taggart Wing at the College. Kevin was a brother four friend Mary Whelan whom we had met at a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Ellen first went to the College for a prayer group weekend and when she returned she was so wrapped by the way she had been greeted by the staff and the ways things were run that we decided to volunteer to help at weekends whenever that was possible.

I retired in 1989 and then had more time to do work there during the week after the visitors had left---cleaning and vacuuming, general maintenance work and helping in the kitchen. At that time Mary and Kevin Whelan had been cooking for several years were thinking of leaving and asked us if we were interested in carrying on that role. However, fate struck us in the form of a motor car accident at Wagga Wagga, NSW. That hospitalised us both Ellen for 6 weeks. With the aid of the family, I was able to go home after 2 weeks. We were so grateful to the staff at the College for the prayers and cards which helped us to pull through our ordeal. We were able to go back about 18 months after the accident, just doing light tasks around the place---making beds, cleaning windows, doing dishes and serving meal to visitors.

Ellen went to the 'West' in 2001 with the pilgrimage led by Mark Brolly. She very much enjoyed this opportunity to be a part of the celebrations of the Pallottines being

in Australia 100 years. Although we stopped our work at the College in 1995, we have kept the connection in the whatever ways we can---going to Mass at Kew on special occasions, joining in 'Gather and share' or Cenacle night at Dallas or elsewhere.

Ellen and I gratefully enjoyed the friendship and spirituality we received and the time we spent with so many.: Fr. Wally, Fr. Pat, Barb, Phyllis, Mary Anne, Father John, Brother Kevin, Fr. Eugene, Merle, Cheryl. Pat Heywood, Pat Harwood and many others. Our son Stephen has kept in touch with 'Younger Set for 38 years---his days at St. Joseph's Technical College, Abbotsford. Now they take their families with them for weekends. Ellen and Ron.



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