



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

June 2018



Reflection on 40 years of secular consecrated life

On Easter Monday 2018, I (Cheryl Sullivan) celebrated my 40th Anniversary of Consecration in Mariana Community. Merle has asked that I write a brief reflection of those years, so some thoughts follow.

Preparation for the celebration was certainly a time to reflect on my life and ponder the many gifts of grace I had received, from my birth into a loving family through to the time when at the age of 24 I encountered the man Vincent Pallotti. Certainly from that time my life journey became much clearer.

What attracted me to Vincent? His clear articulation that every one of us had a unique vocation/role in this world, we are all created equally and we are all called to live our particular life to the full – whether Christian or Buddhist, Jew or Muslim or Atheist. That was what “caught me.” Until that time I believed (as did most young Catholic women) that a vocation was religious life or priesthood. Religious life was not something that I felt attracted to, yet I knew there was something out there – but what? Hearing of Vincent through Walter Silvester and others and seeing how we could all participate and play our particular role as equals in the mission of Jesus – that we are all called to live as Apostles, that excited and made much sense to me.

At the same time as hearing about Vincent I met the Mariana Community - almost immediately I knew that this was the way of life for me- living a Secular Consecrated life. We, as community, strive to “live a life of love in and for the world.” For me a clear concept. For others confusing – why not become a nun? what do you do? what is the purpose of this? Questions that have been raised by many over the years. To me, the vocation was and is so simple to live my life as a single woman in the world, having the gift of knowing that I am not alone in this journey – I am a member of a community of women who are out there living their vocation, their particular call. Even when we are many miles apart we are “community” something some find hard to grasp. We frequently use a phrase from Paul “a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). At one stage of my life I was living in Balgo, a remote community in Western Australia. When I spoke of my “community” people could not understand because I was “alone” of course I wasn’t I was being supported and loved – that is how I have managed to do the many things that I have been gifted to do in my life.

Perhaps the following quote from Pope Francis, given in a message to the participants in the “Italian Conference of Secular Institutes” offers some light on this vocation,

Your passion is born of the ever-new wonder for the Lord Jesus, for His unique way of living and of loving, of encountering the people, of healing life, of bringing comfort. Therefore, your “staying within” the world is not only a sociological condition but also a theological reality, which enables you to remain attentive, to see, to listen, to sympathize with, to rejoice with, to intuit needs. This means being prophetic presences in a very concrete world.”

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Pope Francis speaks on having people to “rejoice with”, in addition to community I have been gifted with the support of many – friends, family, work colleagues, UAC members to learn from and “rejoice with.” None of us are ever able to develop without others. Quoting from Eugene San’s homily on Easter Monday he stated “Vocation is never created in a vacuum. It is planted, formed and nurtured within the family and in the community.” So many have been involved in this planting, forming and nurturing – I have indeed been blessed by our Loving God and praise God for my life – for every part of it, the ups, the downs, the joys, the sufferings – what else is it that makes us the people we are today.

Cheryl Sullivan 14 May, 2018

Please NOTE: Cennacle on 22nd of June will be at North Ringwood and on the 22nd of July at Syndal.

Your input to this newsletter is always welcome!! It really is inspiring to hear how the members of the Pallottine family live the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti in such a wide range of ways and places. I’m easy to contact:

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Pallotti takes to the stage, thanks to Fr Pat and friends

Fr Pat Jackson's play about St Vincent Pallotti made it to the stage in early May when Vincent Pallotti: Powered by Infinite Love was performed over two nights at St Christopher's Parish in Syndal.

Audiences packed Hennessy Hall at the parish on the nights of Friday 4 May and Saturday 5 May to watch Fr Pat's play performed as a musical stage show, directed by Luciana Gagliardi and produced by Wayne Savedra.

The play sets St Vincent's life in the context of a revolutionary period in European history, in which the Pope was a target. But most of all, it brings out St Vincent's deep faith and apostolic endeavours from an early age at a time of danger, intense poverty and diseases such as cholera in Rome.

Fr Pat, now Pastor Emeritus, was invited on stage at the end of the performance to take a bow with the cast and crew. Hew Caffin, who played young Vincent Pallotti, and the other young performers, many of whom made up a children's chorus, won a particularly strong round of applause.

Luciana and Wayne combined on-stage roles (Luciana played Maria Pallotti and Maria Veronese, while Wayne took the roles of Raphael Melia and a Swiss Guard) with multiple roles behind the scenes. Luciana adapted Fr Pat's script for the stage, as well as being co-producer, costume designer, stage manager and one of two make-up artists, while Wayne was co-director. Both supplied some of the props.

Costumes were supplied by COG Theatre Group and A-Muse Theatre Group Inc.

Parishioners were also active in making the performances a success. Mary Tan, for instance, coordinated children from the parish who were part of the play, while also sharing responsibility for front-of-house issues.

Fr Pat wrote the lyrics to two songs performed in the play -- I Wish, I Wish and We're All Children Of The Lord, Everyone -- which were set to music by Blaise Chan and Caryn Sim.

Syndal's Parish Priest, Fr Ralph Besterwitch SAC, was thanked "for all his good help and kindness" in enabling the play to be rehearsed and performed at St Christopher's.

The storyline published in the program set the scene as follows:

"Saint Vincent Pallotti lived in Rome in an age of turmoil not unlike our own.

"He recognised the awakening of the lay Catholic faithful and he wanted to give them a say in the Church. He called all -- lay people, religious and clergy -- to joint action as apostles well ahead of the understanding of Church of his time. He proclaimed the Union of Catholic Apostolate and invited all to join...

"Love was the only motive to join and work together. In tough times for the Church and for the work of the Union, Vincent prayed, that we could make it our own:

'I see you in God, I love you in God and in God I am always with you.'

'We should always be animated by the spirit of love... treat all with love... look on all with love... think of all with love... speak to all with love.'

'The love of Christ urges us on.' "

Warmest congratulations to Fr Pat and all who brought Vincent Pallotti: Powered by Infinite Love to the stage!

Save this date!

The 12th Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture will be held on **Tuesday 23 October at 6.30pm** at Australian Catholic University's St Patrick's Campus in Fitzroy.

Refreshments will be available before the lecture from 5.45-6.15pm.

Our speaker will be human rights advocate and barrister **Julian McMahon**, who has represented Australians on death row overseas and been a formidable campaigner against the death penalty. Mr McMahon was Victorian nominee for Australian of the Year in 2016 and, last year, he was made a Companion of the Order of Australia -- the highest honour available in the Order of Australia -- and received an honorary doctorate from our co-host for the lecture, ACU.

See more details about the lecture in September's Pallottine Family Newsletter!

The Union of the Catholic Apostolate a gift of the Holy Spirit, is a communion of the faithful who, united with God and with one another in accordance with the charism of

St. Vincent Pallotti, promote the co-responsibility of all the baptized to revive faith and rekindle charity in the Church and in the world, and bring all to unity in Christ.

– General Statutes No. 1

The Annual General Meeting of the Union of Catholic Apostolate Inc. was held at Pallottine College Kew on Saturday 26 May 2018. Commencing the meeting, the President of the UAC in Australia spoke to the above statute, noting “This gift of the Holy Spirit continues to grow in Australia as we strive to live our lives as Apostles of Jesus to bring all to unity in Christ. Some may look at a small group and wonder whether we can have any impact in society today, but of course we know that with the gift of the Holy Spirit all things are possible. This report will provide some insights into how the charism of Vincent Pallotti has been lived in Australia during 2017.”

Among highlights of 2017 the following were noted:

- The visit of Donatella Acerbi, the International President of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) and the importance of that visit for us in Australia – we are indeed part of an international association of Christ’s faithful.
- The gift from the children from Queen of Apostles School Riverton WA to the children at the Flame of Love orphanage in the Democratic Republic of Congo, - this was the second year that the children had raised money for the orphanage. From the 2017 donation the orphanage purchased goats and built appropriate shelters for the animals.
- The working of the Common Project Group work to develop a model to extend the apostolate of the UAC named UAC-ARM (Australians Reaching out on Mission.) We look forward to seeing the ongoing projects that will be generated from this group – calling us (according to our particular vocation) to reach out – as Pope Francis frequently calls “to reach out to the peripheries.”
- The implementation of the Child Safety Policies and the agreement by Denise and David Carl to be the “Designated Safeguarding Officers.”
- The initial formation program being offered from three different locations – two in Victoria and one in Perth. Over the year 50 plus people participated in this program.
- The completion of an online Initial Formation Program which is available to all English Speaking UAC groups. This program is being accessed and recognised internationally.

Following the tabling of the reports, Sr. Kathleen Tierney rsm AO, Senior Advisor to the Vicar General in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Denise and David Carl – UAC Safeguarding Officers, spoke on the topic of Child Safety within The Church and our response. As usual very sobering input. We can and will change our culture, aiming to ensure that all children who participate in our apostolates are offered a safe and welcoming environment.

The report was concluded with a quote from Saint Francis. “It is said that towards the end of his life when he was almost totally blind, sick and frail, Francis said to his friars, “Brothers, we’ve done little, almost nothing, in doing God’s work. So let us begin again”. So let us continue to begin again every day and continue our journey living our lives in the charism of Saint Vincent as “Apostles of Jesus”

June 2018

Cenacle Prayer Session Leaders – volunteers needed

We have our session dates and venues mapped out and ready to go. What we need for some months are more people to prepare and lead the prayer. You could do it. I would provide a framework with suggestions and as much assistance as possible.

It may be that a couple of friends could lead it together. Pray about it and let me know if you can help or if you need more information about what is involved.

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HELPING REFUGEE FAMILIES

Saturday 25 August, 9.30am–12.45pm

Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

Catholic Social Services Victoria presents ‘Helping our refugee families and friends’ forum, as part of CSSV’s Welcome the Asylum Seeker parish support program. The forum will bring together asylum seekers, parish leaders with experience in supporting refugee families, clergy and Catholic support agency leaders. The guest speaker will be Phil Glendenning AM, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre. Attendees are encouraged to invite friends from their own and other parishes, to help extend the network of support as wide as possible. The need for support is great, with support for many asylum seekers currently being withdrawn by the government.

Cost: \$20 includes lunch

Bookings and RSVP: by Monday 20 August at <https://www.trybooking.com/WBHM>

Details: Adrian Foley at adrian.foley@css.org.au

A wonderful legacy of faith in the Kimberley – the church at Beagle Bay.

It is probably true to say that it is the best known building in the North West. Much has been written about it, many stories told, many photographs taken! Now it is wonderful to join in the celebration for this most significant occasion—its centenary!!

Let us do so wholehearted from wherever we are-----praying with and for the people of the Dampier Peninsula Parish now and for the many, many who have lived and worked there over the 100 years.

As it was:



Rebuilding was immediately on the minds of the people – many hands helped in that project!!



A major mishap – the precious bell tower crashed to the ground.



A Christmas Celebration



photographs courtesy of Kimberley Community profile, diocese of Broome.



Dampier Peninsula Parish
BEAGLE BAY CHURCH 100 YEARS
All Welcome

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND CELEBRATE THE
 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART CHURCH
 IN BEAGLE BAY

SAT 11TH AUG - EVENING RECONCILIATION SERVICE AT 5PM
 FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

SUN 12TH AUGUST - 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY
 MASS 9.30AM

KIMBERLEY COMMUNITY PROFILE JULY 2018



CONGRATULATIONS

The 20th of July, 1958 was a very significant day for the Pallottine Family here in Australia—unknown ‘down under’ at that time. Among the priests who were ordained in Limburg on that day were four men who subsequently came to Australia.

They were Fr. Wendolin Lorenz and Fr. Edmund Wehrmaker, who are now, responding to the words of St. Vincent Pallotti ‘in heaven we shall rest’

Two are still ‘on the journey’—Fr. Josef Butscher and Fr. Benno Rausch.

All four served the indigenous people –and others—in many places and in many ways in this enormous wide brown land: -to name a few –in the Kimberleys in the North—Derby, Lombadina, Broome, Balgo–, in the South , Wandering, Tardun, Rossmoyne, in parishes, as migrant chaplains, in leadership positions in the Society of the Catholic Apostolic. It has been hard to recall all the generous service so apologies when know some, perhaps many ministries, have been omitted.

Let us pray with and for them all and wish Fr Benno and Fr. Joe AD MULTO ANNOS 



John Ryan

Bishop Otto Raible – vicar apostolic of Kimberley and later Bishop of Broome saw clearly that vocations to continue the work of the missionaries in the Australian north would only be found among young men in the populated eastern states so, in 1938, he purchased the 85 Studley Park Rd. Kew!! A small group of people formed the Pallottine Auxiliary to help the fathers, brothers and students in very practical ways, and a Younger Set (PYS) was also formed. As well as fundraising enterprises, the latter arranged all kinds of social activities—dances, picnics, theatre nights, very much needed at the time.

I am telling this story because it is how I found the Pallottine Family. In 1951, John Ryan, then the president of PYS, invited a friend, who invited my sister who invited me to a PYS event. I was luke warm about it –to put it mildly—but, having nothing better to do, I went along. In retrospect, I can see what a very significant opportunity that was for me. I remember the first time I went to a ‘discussion’ group meeting and heard about the vision of St. Vincent for all the people. For me, truly life-changing, life enriching.

So I want to say ‘thank you’ to John for that first meeting and the many good times we shared over the years. He continued to receive this newsletter and often made comments—in his typical style—about what he read!! Those who knew him will know what I mean. He battled on through ill-health until his death on 29th April. His funeral, which he had thoughtfully planned, ‘spoke’ to his family and friends who, respectful of his wishes, did celebrate his ‘new life’.

Rest in peace, John.

Merle



VICTORIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018 *ALL WELCOME*

Date	Day of the Week	Time	Event	Venue
22/06	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Nth Ringwood
22/07	Sunday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
09/08	Thursday	6.30 p.m.	LCC Meeting	Kew
12/08	Sunday	4.00 p.m.	Gather & Share	Syndal
22/08	Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Kew
24,25/08	Friday, Saturday		NCC Meeting	Casa Pallotti
22/09	Saturday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Pallotti College
23/10	Tuesday	6.30 p.m.	Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture	ACU
27/10	Saturday	10.00 a.m.	Retreat day and Renewal of Act of Commitment	St Gerard's Warrandyte
8/11	Thursday	6.30 p.m.	LCC Meeting	Park Orchards
16,17/11	Friday, Saturday		NCC Meeting	Riverton
22/11	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
02/12	Sunday	4.00 p.m.	Gather & Share	Park Orchards

FOR ENQUIRIES REGARDING VICTORIA EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT:
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WESTERN AUSTRALI UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018 *ALL WELCOME*

Month	Day/Time	Event / Venue
June	24 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	28 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
July	26 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
August	12 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	30 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
September	27 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
October	21 (Sun) 6am – 5pm	PILGRIMAGE DAY TO NEW NORCIA
	25 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
November	11 (Sun) 10-3	Pallottine Spirituality Formation & Reflection Day at Riverton Parish
	18 (Sun) TBA	Mass & UAC Windup at Rossmoyne
	29 (Thurs) 7pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at St Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.

FOR ENQUIRIES REGARDING WESTERN AUSTRALIA EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT:
Fr Ray 0427 776 934 or Fr Paul 08 6188 6877 or Tricia 0431 017 484



“Stepping into the Divine”

Pallotti College Retreat Centre, Millgrove

June 22nd to 24th 2018



Labyrinth Retreat

Spirituality within the Australian landscape

Drawing on the work of Rev. Dr. Robin J Pryor



6pm Friday 22nd until after lunch on Sunday 24th

Facilitated by Bronwyn Pryor and Christina Rowntree

Singles \$210 / Couples \$380 (includes accommodation & food)

All welcome – no experience necessary!



For information and registration contact Bronwyn Pryor -
Mobile: 0412 301 450 / Email: robron@pryor.org.au

Pallotti College invites you to:

Rest, Pray and Recreate Weekends: **September 7-9, November 23-25**

From the retreat programme: The power of forgiveness **October 26-28**

Contact Denis on: 0427 449 434 , Deo.gratias@bigpond.com

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER.

Let us join in prayer with the whole Church in Australia in preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council and take part in activities however we can.

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.*

*O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognize Jesus, our companion on the road.*

*Give us courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.*

*Lead your Church into a hope-filled future
that we might live the joy of the Gospel.*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen*

*Our Lady help of Christians, pray for us.
St. Mary Mackillop, pray for us.*



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

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More information and Application Forms are available on our website:

<http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

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