



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Lenten Message

Fr Pat Jackson SAC

Lent leading up to Easter is to some extent unreal. Easter comes and then we settle back to where we were before. When you think about it, the Jews experienced Easter first – the Passover – before they had to race away into the uncertainties of the desert – standing in God in the midst of struggle. Jesus was driven into the desert by the Spirit after he was assured of his standing as Son of the Father. And Lent really comes after Easter for us, in the sense that we can't go back and become an unredeemed people waiting for our Saviour. We already are saved. We have the assurance of Christ's life in us already. But we have to produce the fruits of that life in ourselves and that's where the struggle, the temptation, the spiritual warfare, that Lent stands for comes in.

The desert is the place of the test, just as life is for each one of us. Testing, temptation is not a sin. Because we are tempted, sorely tried in many areas of our lives, e.g. breast cancer, a marriage break up, loss of work, doesn't mean we are in sin. It's only when we give in to evil, then there's sin.

Temptation has to do with who I am before God. Temptation attacks that unique relationship, the vocation that I have from and with God. The temptation to eat of the tree of good and evil expresses in symbol that at some point man and woman want to deny being a creature, and want to be like God, to have the ultimate say over their lives, independently of God. They wanted to taste good and evil and be unaffected. When they gave in, sin entered our world. Something went radically wrong – a disease with self, God, others,

even the cosmos. They found themselves not like gods, but naked, broken, cut off. To taste evil is against God's very design. He made us good, for goodness' sake.

Jesus, the new Adam undid our sin. "He did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself ...becoming obedient even to death, death by crucifixion." If we want God to work in our lives, there's a fundamental condition or attitude we need, which is obedience or submission to the Father's design for our lives. Temptation, when used in scripture, is not so much the inducement to give in to evil, as the crucible in which our personal freedom is refined, purified, tested and gains its quality. From temptation, from the desert, from Lent, we come out with a new power of conviction.

Lent is a quiet reflective time when we get ready for Easter. During the five weeks of Lent, we journey with Catechumens who are preparing for the great Night of Nights - the mystery of Christ's Death-Resurrection - into which they will be baptised. They challenge us by the freshness of their eager faith, to be renewed ourselves and to be a welcoming faith community into which they are gathered.



In this magazine, we share news, views and reflections of the way the UAC (Union of Catholic Apostolate) lives the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti here in Australia.



Preparing for our review

On Friday the 22 February (what a significant day to start) at Kew we had the first open day of our Review. Led by Dr Robert Dixon (Bob) we were shown the stark reality of the present day church in Australia using statistics from the latest census. The question relevant for the UAC links into the question the whole church in Australia is pondering at the moment: "What is God asking of the UAC here in Australia today?" The NCC, the coordinating body of the Pallottine family in Australia, have undertaken this Review. We hope the survey will lead to some honest answers to stimulate the growth of the Pallottine family. By letting go of what does not serve us, and developing what stimulates the growth of the Vincent's dream amongst us, the Pallottine family may continue to flourish.

We encourage you to complete the survey online by holding down the Control key and clicking on the following link. Or, you can type the link into your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/UACReview>

For those needing a paper copy please find one enclosed with this newsletter. Return your completed copy to the address on the survey.

Please take the time to let us know your views and ideas.

As this goes to print we will have just started Lent. I always find this a strange time of the year. Do I give up something? If so what? One year I gave up feeling guilty. I know it sounds weird but it was very challenging and worthwhile. Lately I have been taking on something. This year it is around being positive and thankfulness.



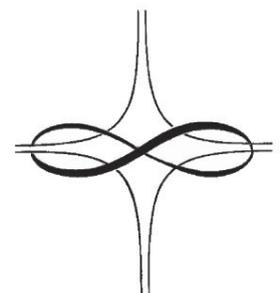
Launching of the infinity cross

At the UAC - AGM we had the official launch of the Infinity Cross here in Australia. Made in India, these beautiful crosses reflect the infinite love of God for each of us. – God's love has no beginning and no end, and spreads to and from the four corners of the earth. Cheryl is holding two in her hands to give you an indication of the sizes. They are available for purchase for \$30 and \$50. They will be available at Pallottine gatherings e.g. Cenacle Prayer and Gather and Share nights. Alternatively you can ring or email me to mail them to you (for the cost of the postage).

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- 10. A desire to be part of a community
- 11. A sense of vocation
- 12. A desire to be of service
- 13. A desire to be more committed to the Church

Please use the responses below for questions 14-22.
1=Very dissatisfied **3=Quite satisfied**
2=A little dissatisfied **4=Very satisfied**

How satisfied are you with the state of the following aspects of the Pallottine Family?

- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 14. Faithfulness to the vision of St Vincent Pallotti | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. The leadership of the Pallottine Family | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. Communication between leaders and other members | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. The Pallottine Family newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Efforts to attract new members | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Welcome and support for new members | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. Sense of identity as members of the Pallottine Family | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 22. Response to the current needs of the Church | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use the responses below for questions 23-33
1=Poor **3=Good**
2=Fair **4=Excellent**

How would you rate the following in the Pallottine Family in Australia?

- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 23. Opportunities for ongoing formation | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24. The quality of formation programs | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 25. The quality of leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 26. Opportunities for spiritual growth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 27. Opportunities for personal growth | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 28. Communal prayer experiences | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 29. Relationships with one another | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30. Faithfulness to Pallottine spirituality | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 31. The focus on mission | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 32. Fidelity to the Church and its teachings | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 33. Response to the needs of our time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 34. Efforts to promote social justice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please use the responses below for questions 35-40.
1=Strongly disagree **4=Agree**
2= Disagree **5=Strongly agree**
3=Neither agree nor disagree

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about the UAC?

- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 35. The UAC mission is being achieved in Australia at the moment. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 35. St Vincent Pallotti's charism is alive and relevant in Australia today. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 37. I have a good knowledge of UAC history. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 38. I have a good knowledge of the UAC statutes. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 39. The UAC vision is tired and needs refreshing. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 40. Changes need to be made to the way the UAC is led. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

41. *What is your age?*

- | | |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Under 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 30-39 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 40-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 50-59 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 60-69 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 70-79 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 80 or more | <input type="checkbox"/> |

42. *Are you:* Female Male

43. *Were you born in Australia?* **Yes** **No**

If no, please write in your country of birth:

44. *Where do you live?*

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Victoria | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Western Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Somewhere else | <input type="checkbox"/> |

45. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1. Secondary school
- 2. Diploma or trade certificate
- 2. University degree

46. What is your occupation now? (Please write in.)

47. What was your main occupation in the past, if different from above? (Please write in.)

48. What do you see as the most valuable thing about the Pallottine vision and mission?

49. What do you think is the best way to ensure that Vincent Pallotti's charism is kept alive and relevant in 2019 and beyond?

50. What new directions or initiatives in mission, evangelization, service or pastoral care that you would like to see the UAC adopt?

50. *Is there anything you find disappointing about the current state of the Pallottine Family?*

52. *Is there anything else that you would like to add?*

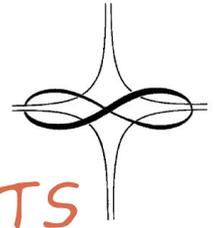
Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

- The UAC Review Committee

Please return completed hard-copy surveys to:

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ACBC National Centre for Pastoral Research
Australian Catholic University
Locked Bag 4115
Fitzroy Vic 3065

Or, scan it and send it by email to r.dixon@pro.catholic.org.au



UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All Welcome

Western Australia

April	25(Thurs) 27(Sat)	7.00pm 7.30am	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Bill) Feast of St Vincent Pallotti - Mass at QoA Riverton, followed by shared breakfast.
May	30 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (K & M)
June	8 (Sat) TBA 27 (Thurs)	7.30am 7.00pm	Queen of Apostles Feastday at Queen of Apostles Church Riverton, followed by breakfast Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne. (Frances)
July	25 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Tricia)
August	30 (Thurs)	7.00pm	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne (Fr Jude)

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Fr Ray 0427 776 934 or Tricia 0431 017 484 or Fr Paul 08 6188 6877

Victoria

Su 21 April	Easter Sunday	
Th 25/4 – 27/4	Pallottine Camino	Syndal to Millgrove
We 22 May	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Syndal
Sa 22 June	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Fr Leenus' place
Su 30 June	Gather & Share	Nth Ringwood
Mo 22 July	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Clayton South
Th 22 August	Pallottine Cenacle Prayer	Park Orchards

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: **Anne Dowling:** 9304 2926, **Cheryl Sullivan:** 9416 7138 or **Merle Gilbo:** 9497 1691

The 5th Annual Pallottine Camino . . . A pilgrimage walk.

From Thursday, 25th April to Saturday 27th 2019, let us be one in spirit with the participants as they walk between two sites of Pallottine Spirituality: from St. Christopher's, Syndal to Pallotti College, Millgrove, along Dandenong Creek, the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct, experiencing God in nature, while walking in friendship and fellowship.

Our 2019 theme for the Pallottine Family Gather & Share prayer and formation meetings is:

"Apostolic Holiness - Pope Francis and Vincent Pallotti"

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
3rd March	30th June	26th October
4-7pm	4-7pm	tba
Syndal	North Ringwood	Part of the retreat day
Apostolic Holiness	Holiness and Prayer	Holiness and Mission

These "Family" get togethers are a marvellous opportunity to leave the rat race and fuel up with some Pallottine Spirituality for the mission ahead.

INVITATION to a SACRED RETREAT

at 'Oak Maree', 5 McNamara's Road, Millgrove
Friday 17th May '19 arriving approximately
4pm to Sunday 19th May after lunch
Vincent Pallotti encourages us all to take
some regular sacred space!

Cost - \$120 per person for weekend

Bookings: Mary Saunders 0427 525 962



Money Matters

Thank you so much for the financial contributions which you make towards this little publication. They are always welcome, big or small, whether they come by cash or cheque or via the bank - whether they are sent by mail or just handed over when we meet at a function.

The cost annually is still \$15



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