

# PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2013

### BACK TO WORK – THE PARTY'S OVER!

By the time this issue of the Newsletter lands on your desk the Church (and we) will have celebrated the major post-Easter feast days: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi and Sacred Heart. and the liturgy will be leading us into Ordinary Sundays.

At the same time our Church, the UAC, will have finished many marvellous celebrations: the 50th anniversaries of Pallotti's canonisation, of Pallotti College's foundation and of Casa Pallotti's ministry, plus the second annual AGM and the biennial Asia Oceania Intercontinental Meeting. So time to put the dancing shoes away and it's back to work.

What work? Where to now?

Well the 'big' Church continues to put three offerings before us, the New Evangelisation, the Year of Faith and the Year of Grace. The smaller Church, the UAC, offers us ongoing participation in Councils, committees and teams, further work in the various ministries and the opportunity for outreach to the SAC parishes at the 'Gather and Share' get-togethers.

In case all this feels like overload we might simplify our responses by considering two questions:

1. what have we gained?
2. where do we go next?

The first question can be answered first of all in the quiet and privacy of our own hearts. Have we received some new insight? Have re-connections

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with other members inspired us? Have the various liturgies stirred us in some different or deeper way? Further, this first question of what we've gained might be good for communal sharing, for a prayerful colloquium or small group enquiry.

The second question revolves around both the present and the future. From our experiences of the present what can we discern as a movement of the Spirit for our future? More prayer maybe. More quiet time for reflection perhaps. Is it possible to deepen the bonds of our communion with each other and if so, how?

The short answer is 'as you will'. Desire is the forerunner of action. Love is not a static gift; it needs to be nourished every day so we can respond as best we can to the continuous love of God breaking into our lives each day.

So back to work is back to desiring, discerning and responding, privately and together. In any one response of love, we will be experiencing times of faith, of grace and renewed evangelization, as well as gathering and sharing, serving and offering, rejoicing and continuing the celebrations.

Pat Heywood.



## A THREE-FOLD CELEBRATION AT DALLAS

When Fr. Leenus told us it would soon be 25 years since he was ordained, he added 'I don't like celebrate these things'. Of course, we took no notice of words like that!! In fact, we knew there were two other reasons worthy of celebration about the same time so that settled it. One was the 12th anniversary of ordination of the assistant priest, Fr. Xua and the other the 50th anniversary of the canonization of St. Vincent Pallotti. This was obviously a good reason to bring lots of food and no discouraging words could dampen the Holy Child enthusiasm for celebrations.

So, on May 18th, we celebrated Pentecost with a difference. Six priests concelebrated.....Fr. Leenus and Fr. Xua, 'neighbour' Fr. Bernard, Fr. Greg Burke (Director of Ministry to Priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne) and two Pallottine confreres, Fr. Eugene (Regional leader) and Fr. Ray Hevern. The choir sang beautifully and a wonderful sense of joy swelled through the crowded church.. In his homily, Fr. Eugene told how the ancient Irish monks used the image of a 'wild goose' to represent the Holy Spirit. He said that geese were more noisy, more animated and more community minded than doves and certainly that evening the congregation was more animated than usual. Perhaps the gifts of the 'wild goose' had entered them. Several times, the image of people of different language groups hearing the message of the apostles at Pentecost was compared with multicultural community of Holy Child, Dallas.

The liturgy had been joy filled but that was only the beginning. As we moved from the church to the hall, we saw the tables sagging under the weight of the food-----cooked in local kitchens but with recipes from East Timor, Vietnam, Malta, Italy, India, and Sri Lanka---you name it! The visitors---many members of the Pallottine family from other parts of Melbourne----certainly enjoyed the food and drink and met many Holy Child parishioners remarking how much life, what a sense of occasion they were experiencing. We, parishioners, loved celebrating this special day with Fr. Leenus, but 'gathering and sharing' like this is what we always do so why talk about it? Eat some more! And the faithful few were there to clean up and, right there, in the middle of that group taking out the rubbish was-----Fr. Leenus!!

Thanks, Melinda and Paul for the words and thanks to the photographer (s) !! Merle (Ed.)

## A CELEBRATION AT KEW



## .5 EFT FORMATION WORKER – UNION OF CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE INITIAL ONE YEAR CONTRACT

The Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) is a communion of individuals and communities who are inspired by the vision of Saint Vincent Pallotti. We are seeking to employ a person with relevant tertiary qualifications and highly developed communication and formation skills to promote the charism of St Vincent

Pallotti and establish UAC Formation programs. This work will primarily be conducted within the Pallottine led parishes and ministries, working within the Melbourne archdiocese.

**For further information and a copy of the Position Description please contact Cheryl Sullivan on 0417 386 706 or [cherylsullivan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cherylsullivan@optusnet.com.au)**

**Applications, addressing key selection criteria close on Monday 17 June 2013.**

# ANNUAL REVIEW OF UAC ACTIVITIES

Each year, before the Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place, a review of all Pallottine Family (UAC) activities occurs. From 2nd to 3rd March this year the various UAC entities presented their reports to the National Coordination Council after which the President, Cheryl Sullivan gave an outline of the year's events to those present at the AGM.

Reports from the following entities/committees were tabled:

Pallotti College Millgrove;  
Casa Pallotti Family and Youth Centre, Millgrove;  
Mariana Community;  
Society of the Catholic Apostolate, i.e. Pallottine Priests and Brothers;  
Epiphany Retreat Centre, Perth;  
Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture Committee;  
Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Trust;  
St. Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust;  
Pallottine Family Newsletter;  
Local Coordination Councils, East and W.A.  
Formation Committee.

For all those present at the AGM and for those reporting on the various activities, these meetings offered an insight into each other's ministries, gave an idea of the 'big picture', helped clarify the vision and sense of communion inherited from St. Vincent, and provided a sense of the work of the Spirit among our UAC members.

We all know that a structural basis is essential for any community or organization. People have to know what is expected of them and how things work. St. Vincent knew this too but as well knew how important the action of the Holy Spirit is, hence his maxim to the UAC: 'Freedom as much as possible; binding as little as necessary and above all, the cultivation of the Spirit'. When we are privileged to hear about the working of the Spirit and the human responses to that inspiration in the ministries of our brothers and sisters, we find ourselves both amazed and uplifted.

Pat Heywood



# WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2013

This year the seventh Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture will take place on Tuesday 29th October at the Australian Catholic University, Melbourne campus in Victoria Parade Fitzroy.

Our speaker is Pallottine priest, Fr. Frank Donio, SAC, D.Min., Director of the Catholic Apostolate Center in the Immaculate Conception Province, Maryland, USA. He comes with an excellent record in youth ministry, in pastoral work with priests and laity, in teaching and formation. He holds current provincial, national and international positions in the UAC, and those of us who met him at the 2005 UAC General Congress in Warsaw remember him as an outgoing friendly and very caring person.

An extremely able scholar, Frank has delivered expert and well-received lectures in his own country and overseas.

There'll be more news and further details about our lecture in the next issue of this Newsletter. Meanwhile pin down the date in your diary and invite friends and family to come share another great lecture in memory of the pastoral outreach of Fr. Walter.

Pat Heywood.

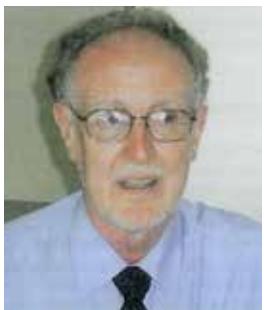


## VALE KATIE

One of the great treasures we have at Pallotti College (and have had for over 30 years) are our 'weekenders' - the name we have for those generous and loyal volunteers who help whenever they can. Whatever time they can give from their busy lives (once a month, twice a year, ....) is a bonus for us and we are truly grateful. They are treasures that mean so much to us, so it is with sadness we write of the death of one - Katie Duggan. For many years, Katie arrived as regularly as clockwork, on one weekend every month, bringing with her joy, passion and enthusiasm to do what she could. We loved sharing her stories, the latest happenings in her family, the movies she had seen, the cakes and biscuits she made and her love of life. As with all weekenders, she gave generously of her energies and talents over and over again and Katie became an integral part of us. We miss her arrival every month, but we remain hopeful in our faith that she is in the arms of a loving God, receiving a well deserved reward. We continue to pray for her and for her family and friends who grieve her loss. Rest in peace, Katie.



# **REST IN PEACE, BROTHER BARRY.**



Barry Hall was born in Geelong on 30th August 1945 and after school he worked in a local bank which gave him useful knowledge for the time, years later, when he took on the task of being the Bursar for the SAC Australian region. He felt drawn to the Franciscan way of life but undertook the task of being a lay missionary at Tardun after which he began his novitiate as a Pallottine in 1970, making his final profession in 1977. In those years and beyond (from 1973 to 1983) he was prefect of the Aboriginal boys at Tardun. In 1983, he became a part of the student community at Box Hill, studying missiology at Yarra Theological Union before moving back to the West, Geraldton this time, where he worked in the Aboriginal ministry for the next 24 years. Following the death of Br. Eddie Wishart in 2003, he took on the role of Bursar which role he carried out, despite increasing very poor health, until a week before he died.

In the homily at his funeral, Fr. Eugene reflected on Barry's simple faith. His study of theology and his avid reading of the 'Tablet' did not mean that he theologized his beliefs. Faith was something he lived every day. It was a way of life. He drew his strength from the Sacraments, from meditation on the Scriptures and he loved anything Franciscan being a man of love and service, always kind, generous, and ready to assist. With these attitudes which he had developed all through his life, it was no surprise that the Gospel he chose for his funeral was the Beatitudes---expressing

what he considered important in life---to be humble and dependent on God, to be gentle and thirst for justice, to be merciful and a peacemaker.

As so often, we learn a great deal about a person by the hymns and readings they choose for their own funerals. The entrance, full of hope and joy—'Morning has broken, The Prayer of St. Francis—spoken by all present, so appropriately, as the Prayers of the Faithful, at Communion: You alone know our hunger (David Haas) and In memory of you (Monica Brown) and the recessional Onward to the Kingdom (David Haas).

Let us pray with and for Barry in the words of the Iona Blessing which was printed on the back page of the booklet and we might think of as his gift to us.

May the deep peace of the running wave

Be with you now and stay with you

May it fill your life and all you do

Deep peace of the running wave to you

May the deep peace of the quiet earth

Be with you now and stay with you

May it fill your life and all that you do

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

May the deep peace of the flowing air

Be with you now and stay with you

May it fill your life and all that you do

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

May the deep peace of the shining stars

Be with you now and stay with you

May it fill your life and all that you do

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

May the deep peace of the Son of peace

Be with you now and stay with you

May it fill your life and all that you do

Deep peace of the Son of peace to you.

## **A MARIANA UPDATE AS WE CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR THEMES FROM OUR 2012- 2013 MARIANA GATHERING**

As shared by Mary Rowe in the March Pallottine Family newsletter two of the themes from the Mariana Gathering were

1. The implication sand responsibilities of the Mariana role in the UAC
2. Being fully present and fully that moment

1. In Keeping with the spirit of the SAC who invited particular members of the UAC to take part in their January assembly and the Asia Oceania regional leaders meeting in April, Mariana will be inviting members of the UAC to help them explore

their lived experience of Vincent's Charism. This day will take place at the Pallottine House in Kew on Saturday 17th August. You can look forward to reading about the outcomes of this meeting in the Newsletter later in the year

2. Still in the spirit of our recent Gathering, Mariana members are striving to live the spirit of Vincent by finding God in each moment of the day. On the 13th – 15th September Mariana will again be offering an opportunity to stop and reflect in a sacred retreat at Millgrove to which all are welcome. Come for the weekend, a day, or part of the day. Leave the business of Melbourne behind and enjoy the prayerful atmosphere of Oak Maree at Millgrove. Contact people for this day are Mary Rowe and Mary Whiting.

Mary Rowe Ph 95097221

Mary Whiting Ph 93502697

# ASIA-PACIFIC PALLOTTINES MEET THEIR AUSTRALIAN FAMILY

About 30 members of the Pallottine Family from home and abroad gathered at Millgrove on the eve of Anzac Day and heard the leader of the world's Pallottine priests and brothers describe St Vincent Pallotti as "an undiscovered treasure" of the Church.

Fr Jacob Nampudakam, the Rome-based Rector-General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, celebrated the opening Mass of the fourth Asia-Oceania Intercontinental Meeting (AOIM) of priests working in the region in places as diverse as Seoul, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Wewak and India.

Australian members of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) -- the official name of the Pallottine Family of priests, brothers, sisters and laypeople globally -- and parishioners from Melbourne parishes in the care of the Pallottines joined them for the day to pray together, to hear and tell the stories of their Pallottine involvement and apostolates and to become acquainted at lunch and morning and afternoon tea.

After the Eucharist in the chapel at Pallotti College, Fr Jacob gave a global view of the UAC, saying St Vincent did not want to limit the UAC to one apostolic task. The Pallottine charism became all the more important with the New Evangelisation, he said.

Fr Jacob said the challenges facing the Union were to make St Vincent and the Pallottine charism known, including through more literature and other resources in different languages; to provide initial and continuing formation; to live the spiritual and apostolic way of the UAC and nurture a deeper life of prayer; to accommodate both those who have not made an apostolic commitment and those who have in the life of the Union; and to ensure the UAC is not a block to many fine Pallottine priests whose knowledge of Pallottine charism is limited and who fear the Union, for whatever reason.

A series of presentations were made from around the region about local expressions of the UAC and celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of St Vincent's Canonisation -- many of them by slideshows. The presenters were Cheryl Sullivan (Eastern Australia), Tricia Wisolith (Western Australia), Fr Jarek Kamienski (South Korea), Fr Binay Barwa (the Philippines), Frs Augustine Varickakal and Camilo Simoes (respectively the Nagpur and Bangalore provinces in India), Fr John (Taiwan), Fr Paweł Kotek (Papua New Guinea), Fr Remy Kurowski (Hong Kong) and Fr Alexandre Pietrzyk (France).

Two parishioners from two of the more recent parishes to come into the care of the Pallottines -- Mr Steve Kay from Our Lady of the Pines in Donvale and Ms Judy Cartwright from Holy Child in Dallas-Meadow Heights -- both spoke frankly about the challenges facing their communities but warmly about the Pallottine presence and contribution.





Fr Jacob summed up the “UAC Day” by saying the Union did not exist for itself but was at the service of the whole Church. The Litany of St Vincent Pallotti, led by Cheryl as President of the UAC’s National Coordination Council in Australia, concluded the day.

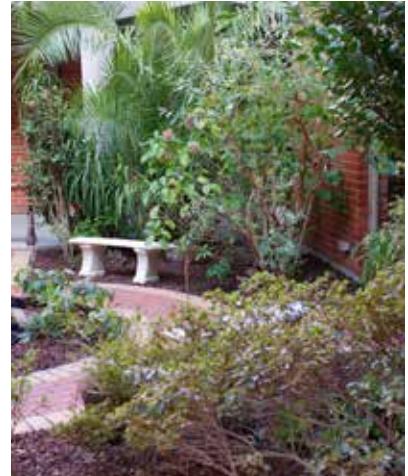
The priests continued their meeting for two more days -- covering areas such as the nature of and opportunities for mission, social apostolates, the challenge of vocations, international collaboration among Pallottines, formation and the need for renewal of faith. The Pallottines’ Australian leader, Fr Eugene San, was re-elected AOIM President; Fr Ray Hevern was returned as Secretary; and Fr Camilo chosen as Vice-President.

Fr Jacob, in a long discussion about the future of Pallottine Australia on 26 April, said: “We have to go courageously and trust in God’s Providence.”

On Saturday 27 April, Fr Eugene gave his overseas confreres -- many of whom are from India and Poland -- a day of sightseeing, with the Yarra Valley at its brilliant, autumnal best. They visited Tarrawarra Abbey in Yarra Glen, Australia’s only Cistercian foundation (and, it emerged, the Mother House of a Cistercian abbey close to Fr Jacob’s home in Kerala, India); Healesville Sanctuary, where the highlight was a display of birds of prey; Maroondah Dam; and over Mt Toolebewong via Don Road to a closing meal at the Home Hotel in Launching Place.

The next AOIM gathering is to be held in South Korea in April-May 2015.

*Fr. Jacob in the church  
at Tarrawarra*



**Thanks to Lawrence Whiting and Mark Brolly for the photographs.**

## “MOTHERS GROUP”

As we celebrate 44 years of “Our Mothers Group” -meeting together each month, we give thanks and remember very specially those who began this group that started a wonderful journey of Faith and friendship.

Maureen Rath who invited us to join a meeting in 1969—having experienced much in the Apostolic Groups of the 1950’s and wanting more, similar, for young mothers

Father Walter Silvester, who guided us with great encouragement and spiritual direction

Barbara Shea who offered Edgecombe Street for our meeting place in the early years of our group

Laurie Lynch, now in aged care, who wrote many of our notes on the meetings and posted them to us each month.

We are now only 6 meeting each month in one another’s homes. But we are encouraged by the words of the Gospel “Where one or two gather in my name I am with you”



Finally we pray for those who are no longer with us but contributed so much. Terry Maher, Phyl Wheeler, Maria Wanders, Maureen Rath and Father Walter Silvester.

Ann Cayless

*Pictured above: from left: Alice Zanon, Linda Bodey, Ria Van der Haar, Barb Shea, Brenda Barker and Ann Cayless. Photo by Tony Van der Haar.*

# NEWS FROM THE WEST

The latest community celebration among Pallottine Family members in the West centred around a special Eucharist to farewell Fr. Joe Butscher who retired after 25 years of work at Rossmoyne. Joe has been Rector of the community house there for 19 years and before that worked with Aboriginal children when the buildings were used as hostels.

So on Trinity Sunday local parishioners joined by friends from Riverton gathered at the Rossmoyne chapel where Joe presided at concelebrated mass, assisted by Frs. Ray, John (Luemmen), Joe (Kearney) and Paul.

Afterwards everyone, about 150 people in all, celebrated further at a well catered reception in the Rossmoyne hall. A lovely card and special gift were presented to Joe, and several speeches of appreciation and congratulation were also given. It was, as our correspondent said, a joyous family occasion.

We all send our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, and trust the fish will be biting whenever Joe throws a line in.

## And a bit more:

Tricia Wisolith, our Australian representative on the General Coordination Council travelled to Rome in May to attend the Council's annual meeting. While overseas Tricia was able to extend the time away to visit relations living in Italy. We look forward to her return and hearing about the Council's deliberations and decisions.

Fr. Paul recently visited his family in India, the highlight of which was the ordination of his nephew, Rev. Shyjesh George Kuriyedom. Fr. Eugene and Fr. John (Flynn), both well known to Riverton parishioners, cared for the parish in Paul's absence.

From Kelvin O'Connor



Beagle Bay Church



## Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

### WANTED: VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions.

There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 12 months plus, but a reduced time would be considered.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Anneliese Rohr

**Phone:** 08 9192 1060

**Email:** [volunteers@broomediocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomediocese.org)

## BACK TO BEAGLE BAY

A pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart of the Kimberley Saturday, 20th—Sunday 21st July.

I really enjoy Kimberley Community profile, the newsletter of the Diocese Broome, which always brings inspiring news of people and places. That interest is not surprising because of the very long Pallottine commitment to the Kimberley ---priests, brothers, lay missionaries—which has included me because, as a member of the Pallottine Younger Set in the 50s, I/we were aware of the needs of the missions and many fund-raising efforts were directed to that cause. The story of the Beagle Bay community and the unique church became familiar and when I visited there in 1979, I thought I had already seen the church!!

So, I just had to mention the pilgrimage. Walking for the young and the fit—72 kilometres—along the coast through the land of the Djaba Djaba and the Nyul Nyul people where they will be met by the traditional owners. For the not so young, plenty of opportunities to bus it or drive it—to reach Beagle Bay by 12 noon on Saturday to greet the walkers. Then in the evening a time to praise God with song and Scripture, to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to enjoy a concert and a talent quest by a camp fire.. On Sunday morning, Mass, thanking God for this place which was the cradle of faith and for his goodness and praying for the families and young people. For more information: [info@broomediocese.org](mailto:info@broomediocese.org)

PS. It was a happy coincidence that in this issue Anneliese Rohr had asked us to include an appeal for volunteers for Kimberley.

Merle Gilbo

## **“ Lay Spirituality a New Way of Walking” GATHER AND SHARE AT ST CHRISTOPHER’S SYNDAL PARISH ON 30 JUNE 2013**

**THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO  
PARTICIPATE, PRAY, SHARE—  
THOUGHTS AND A MEAL**

**WHEN:**

**4.00PM ON SUNDAY JUNE 30**

**WHERE:**

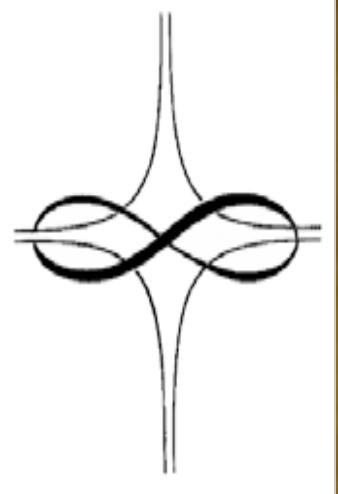
**SAINT CHRISTOPHER’S PARISH  
5 DOON AVENUE, SYNDAL, IN  
“THE CENACLE” ROOM.  
FOLLOWING THE MORE FORMAL  
DISCUSSION AND PRAYER WE  
WILL SOCIALISE OVER A MEAL  
SO PLEASE BRING A PLATE.**

PROGRAM FOR THE AFTERNOON WILL FOCUS ON;  
GROUP DISCUSSION AND SHARING AS WE AGAIN TAKE  
ONE OF THE SESSIONS FROM THE FOMATION  
BOOKLET “CREATE A NEW WAY BY WALKING” AND  
DELVE INTO THE MEANING OF LAY SPIRITUALITY—  
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US TODAY.  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFLECTION, QUESTIONS AND  
DISCUSSION.  
THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH A SHARED MEAL,  
FINISHING BY APPROXIMATELY 7.00PM.

**For further information please  
contact Cheryl Sullivan—or just  
come along on the day**

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*“You call us, Lord, to live  
our lives in this world. We  
bring our services, our  
skills, our education, our  
energies for ....”*



**A MATTER OF MONEY.** In fact, a gentle reminder that there are considerable costs involved in bringing this newsletter to life. \$15 per year from all recipients would help a great deal.  
*Thanks to the people who send contributions, they are greatly appreciated.*

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