

PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2012

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Canonisation

Designed by: Paolo Russo, Regina Apostolorum (Queen of Apostles) Parish, Rome "The cross between the world and Saint Vincent represents Christ present in the midst of humanity and his holiness which became incarnate when he became human. The cross is at an angle to give a sense of movement, since the love of God is not static.

Within the number five is the world, which represents the Pallottine apostolate. Within the number zero is Saint Vincent, priest. The background is yellow as a sign of the light which holiness radiates".

THE ADVENT OF CHRIST IN PALLOTTI

Mary, overpowered by the Spirit for the advent of Christ in the world in her turn overpowered St. Vincent who claimed her as both his Queen and his Spouse. We know St. Vincent in his powerful urge to capture the heart of every human being for Christ, loved the feast of Epiphany in a special way. For him the Epiphany of Jesus realized his dream of the entire world gathered to worship the infinite Godhead, when all are one in the unity of divine love.

But there can be no birth of Christ and no Epiphany without the quiet growth of the same divine love, nurtured by Mary during Advent. Our current Advent preparation for Christmas and Epiphany demands our making special time for prayerful reflection, for loving union with Mary, for travelling with her and the growing Christ in her to our own heart's centre with and through Pallotti.

The four candles symbolizing Advent's four weeks call us to Pallotti's central themes of Caritas, Missio, Communio and the empowering Spiritus.

In this year of celebrating 50 years since our founder's canonization, don't let this Advent time of holy preparation pass us by: while we recall St. Vincent's holiness, let us continue to allow God's holiness to shine as well in our days, in our lives, in every place, in every way.

Pat Heywood

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PALLOTTI - AUSTRALIA CONNECTION

The main story records a significant moment in our Founder's later life evidencing his awareness of, and interest in, Australia – pre-dating the actual arrival of the first Pallottines by 56 years!

In Rome, in 1845, Pallotti encountered two young Benedictine monks. They had travelled from Spain, and became part of the response to an appeal from the newly consecrated archbishop of Perth for priests and missionaries to minister in the just founded Colony of Western Australia, which was his diocese! He sought men and women to serve both the fledgling Catholic European population [estimated at 300], and the less obvious but far more numerous indigenous inhabitants who had been here for 40,000 years.

Aware that the Benedictines had been tasked to establish an aboriginal mission outreach Pallotti gifted them a painting of Mary – Our Lady of Good Counsel – to promote their devotion and to furnish their first structure. Having selected a site in the then 'interior' of the country they dedicated their chapel to the Most Holy Trinity, and set up above the altar the treasured gift.

As you will discover this was to become a much venerated painting which has presided over the community's fortunes ever since, regarded by monks and aboriginals alike as miraculous.

During the struggling early days of the Colony of Western Australia the newly consecrated [1845] Irish Bishop of Perth, John Brady, returned from Europe where he had gone to search out clergy and religious to staff his vast domain. Pope Gregory XVI, a Benedictine himself, approved an application from two Spanish monks from the monastery of St Martin in Compostela – Doms Salvado and Serra – to join a party of 27 priests and missionaries who sailed into Fremantle [Perth] in January 1846.

Stocked with provisions loaded on a bullock wagon, the Benedictine party immediately set out 140kms north into unexplored country and established the foundation of an aboriginal mission. Initially they settled in the vicinity of a spring several kilometers from the present site, but in 1847 moved to what was to become their permanent location. They named it New Norcia – after the birthplace of Benedict himself at Norcia, in the Italian province of Perugia.

Some time prior to their departure from Rome they must have encountered Pallotti. Historian George Russo records:

They arrived in Rome on 29 Dec [1844]...Salvado recalls how after two days they went to see Monsignor Brunelli, Secretary of Propaganda Fide.... They put their request to him to work in some missionary country. On 14 Jan 1845 the Secretary informed them that the Congregation had decided to send them to...Australia. On 05 Jun 1845 the two Spaniards were invited to the Vatican for an audience with Pope Gregory XVI... [then after travelling through Paris to London, where Brady's group met with Mercy Sister volunteers from Dublin] in Sep 1845 they sailed on the 'Elizabeth'...for Western Australia.

Presumably then the meeting with St Vincent happened between January and June 1845, at which time they were handed the Mother of Good Counsel painting.

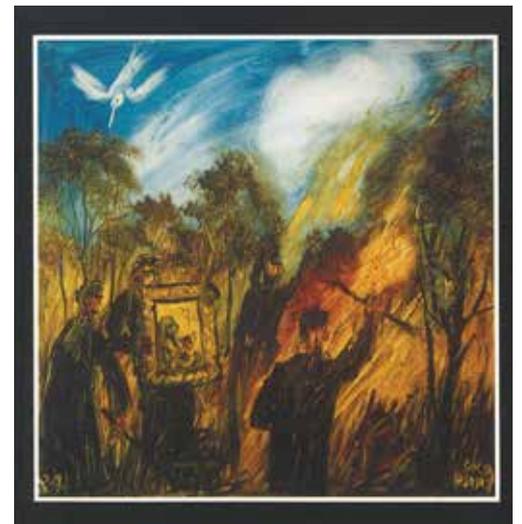
Dom Salvado and Dom Serra set to work at their new site and soon established crops and vines. However, in mid-December that year, an incident occurred which was to leave a lasting impression on all. Salvado recorded:

“During the oppressive hour of the midday heat we were engaged in teaching catechism... We saw an inferno of flames devouring grass and trees alike and rapidly spreading towards our crop of corn, which we had partly stacked in sheaves. A high wind was blowing and within a short time a wide area of about a mile was burning furiously. Both we monks and the natives ran to meet this danger to our crop and to the mission. Following the native method we used green branches to beat down the flames by sweeping back the parched grass. Which was growing very thick and three feet high alongside the field where our crop lay. Our hands and faces were burnt, our beards singed and our habits scorched for the flames were very high against us. We realised our helplessness. Unaided, we could not prevent the complete destruction of the mission. In such danger we had recourse to God's Infinite Mercy through the motherly intercession of the special Patroness of our mission.

We took the beautiful picture of Our Lady, which had a place of honour over our altar, and placed it against the standing corn, which seemed about to catch fire at any moment. Then, with confident faith, we besought her to look with maternal compassion upon our natives and upon ourselves.

Merciful Heaven! No sooner was the sacred image of Mary placed in front of the raging fire than the wind blew in the opposite direction, carrying the flames away to where everything was already burnt black. The fire soon died out, and thus did we witness the protection granted by our Holy Mother.”

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SIXTH ANNUAL WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2012

About 150 people enjoyed the sixth annual Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture at the Australian Catholic University, Fitzroy on Tuesday 30th October when the Hon. Tim Fischer AC addressed participants on the topic, "The Papacy and the Holy See: why they still matter in the 21st century".

Fr. Eugene opened the proceedings, welcoming everyone and introducing the recently-appointed Associate Vice-Chancellor, Dr. John Ballard who greeted us on behalf of the University. Archbishop Denis Hart then spoke for the Archdiocese, recommending Tim as both an excellent speaker and an outstanding Ambassador to the Holy See from 2009-12.

Tim's address easily captured everyone's attention and interest as he outlined examples of the successful 'soft power' of the Vatican in world events over the reigns of Popes Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict VIX. In summary Tim urged us not to write the Vatican off as a force for good and inspiration in today's world.

On a final note Tim spoke about the canonisation of St. Mary of the Cross, our own Mary MacKillop, referring to some of the trials she endured in her efforts to provide Christian education to outback children.

Fr. Eugene acted as MC throughout and Fr. Ray gave an insightful vote of thanks.

We are grateful to Tim for his enlivening address; we thank Archbishop Hart, Frs. Eugene, Fr. Ray and Dr. Ballard for their roles in ensuring a streamlined and productive 2012 memorial lecture. We also thank the University, Fr. Gerry Dowling and Merle Gilbo for their donations to assist us to make the evening really enjoyable.

Pat Heywood, on behalf of the lecture committee.



Left to right: Dr John Ballard (ACU), Archbishop Denis Hart D.D., Hon. Tim Fischer AC, Justice Susan Crennan AC, Father Ray Hevern SAC and Emeritus Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM

THE PRIESTS AND BROTHERS MEET FOR THEIR ASSEMBLY

One of the defining qualities of St. Vincent Pallotti was his confidence. He had indomitable confidence in God and community. He believed that the totality of the community will always be greater than the sum of its individuals. He once stated, "Reason and experience prove that the good done by individuals is usually scarce, unsure and temporary. Even the noblest efforts of individuals in religious and moral spheres cannot achieve greatness unless they are united and focused on a common goal." (OCC IV, 122)

The upcoming 13th Regional Assembly of Regina Mundi (18th – 23rd January 2013) will provide an opportunity to harness the synergy created by Pallottines working together towards a common goal.

Robert Blair Kaiser, a reporter from Time magazine covering the 2nd Vatican Council in 1962, alleges that Pope John XXIII wanted to bring the Church up to date but he didn't have a clue as to how, but he had an intuition that 2500 bishops encouraged to speak freely in a kind of parliament would figure it out, so he called together an Ecumenical Council. The Regional Leader of the Pallottines doesn't have much of a clue either, but I too believe that a group of dedicated people committed to reawakening faith and enkindling charity will be able to discern the way forward. Our Assembly may not be able to achieve unanimity on all issues but we can always work towards reaching consensus.

This Assembly of combined UAC, 18th & 19th January, and SAC only, 21st to 23rd January, forming natural bookends to the 50th Anniversary of Pallotti's canonisation on the 20th of January, will be a watershed moment as this is the first Regional Assembly since the UAC became an incorporated body in Australia on the 3rd of September 2010

Eugene San SAC

We pray for Fr Kelvin Kenny who entered eternal life on 23rd November after a long illness.

And for Ian Hammond who went to the Kimberley as lay missionary in 1968 and served in a number of places. He died rather suddenly on 1st October at his home in Murchison, Victoria.

YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH THESE SPECIAL OCCASIONS. HOWEVER, FOR CATERING PURPOSES, PLEASE REPLY SEPARATELY TO THE PEOPLE NOMINATED.

*Celebrating
50 Years*



Pallotti College

Celebrating the laying of the foundation stone
at Pallotti College on 27 January 1963



Invitation

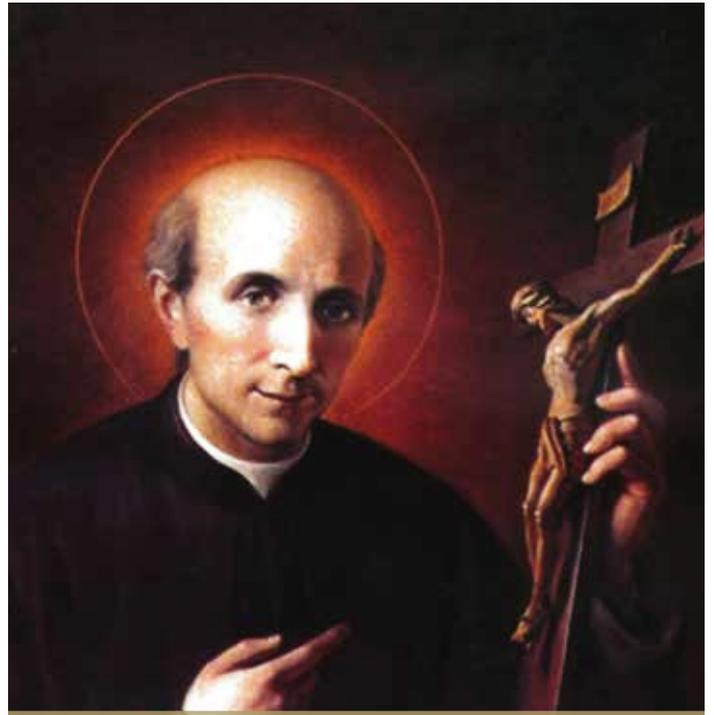
You are invited to join us on Sunday 27 January 2013, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone at Pallotti College, Millgrove.

Beginning with Mass at 11.30am followed by the Blessing of our Memorial Walls in the Mary Garden.

A chance to give thanks for all that Pallotti College has been in our lives and an opportunity to mingle and renew old friendships and acquaintances.

Light lunch and refreshments will be served from 1.30pm

RSVP by Monday 7 January 2013 (to assist with catering)
Tel: 03 5966 2585 | Email: admin@pallotticollege.com.au



*Celebrating the 50th
Anniversary of the Canonisation
of St Vincent Pallotti*



Invitation

You are most cordially invited to join us in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the canonisation of St Vincent Pallotti, on Sunday 20th January, 2013, at Pallotti College, Millgrove.

The day will begin with the Eucharist at 11.30am and lunch will be provided, at 1.00pm

During the afternoon, there will be time to view a display of archival material, films & DVDs and catch up with others.

The day will conclude with Benediction at 4.30pm, for a 5.00pm departure.

RSVP by Monday 7 January 2013 (to assist with catering)

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WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Pallotti College is buzzing with new life at present with an influx of international youth. We have Moon, Quentin and Jon from Korea, Bryan and his mum Marissal from the Philippines, and Benedikt from Germany, who's brother Sebastian worked with us for a time last year. Daniela, also from Germany, has been spending some time in Adelaide and will be back shortly for a few weeks prior to her return home to Bavaria to resume her profession of nursing. Another delightful addition to our team is Ian, with his creative touch and attention to detail enhancing many areas. These cheerful guys are helping to share the load alongside our regular team members and together making a tremendous difference to the college and grounds.

We are still truly blessed with our long term team members, Nola, Joseph and Daphne and Mary, who continue to generously give their time and talents to our ministry of hospitality.

FAREWELL

Margaret Jones has decided to retire from a weekly presence at the College, while still representing us on the planning team for the anniversary of the canonisation of St Vincent Pallotti. Margaret has been with us for around 10 years and her regular presence will be very much missed. We give thanks for her contribution and friendship over all those years.

VALE SHIRLEY WEBBER

It was with great sadness that we heard of Shirley's recent death. Shirley was an institution at Pallotti over so many years and is still fondly remembered by guests because of her morning teas in Silvester Conference area. Shirley not only scoured the 'op shops' and reject shops for doilies and jugs to enhance her service, she waited around to make sure everyone was catered for and happily chatted with the guests. Who doesn't remember



the 'Pallotti Cake' of former times??? What people might not know is that Shirley would have driven all over Melbourne (often with Ray Dooley in toe) to pick up bread and then cake from the generous outlets who donated it. Then she would drop by Kew to deliver some

to that community before driving to Pallotti College. This she did tirelessly and loyally every Friday for more years than we care to remember!!! We farewelled her in her own style with her good friends, Tony and Carol and laid her to rest near her beloved parents. We know you are probably in heaven, Shirley, discussing football with the greats, challenging Michael McMahon to a sports quiz and urging on your beloved North Melbourne (since the demise of Fitzroy)! Vale Shirley. Small in stature, big in heart!

50th Anniversary of Pallottine Camps 1963 – 2013

“Journey Back - Journey Forward”
Invitation to all who have a connection to Pallottine Camps over the past 50 Years

***Come and celebrate with us on
Sunday 24th Feb 2013***

At Casa Pallotti, McNamara's Rd., Millgrove 3799.

Beginning and Welcome: 10.00am

Mass at 10.30am

Farewell Prayer 6.00pm

Fun activities to follow; story time, music, share photos and memories, meet old and new friends, Fr

Pat singing some of our favorite tunes.

BYO Picnic Lunch (Tea & Coffee available)

RSVP by 10/2/13 to richard@casapallotti.com.au or
Fr. Pat Jackson 9802 8538

For further enquiries please phone Jane Gooden on
0400519178

REMEMBER IN NOVEMBER

On Saturday 17th November the annual Remember in November Eucharist was celebrated in the Pallotti Room at Kew, with Fr. John Winson presiding and about twenty-five UAC members participating. Fr. Eugene over from Perth joined us as we prayed, sang and worshipped together remembering those we loved from our communities, families and friends. Our remembrance book bore quite a few more names from over the past year and took a prominent place before the altar.

After Mass we continued our communion over a cuppa, with shared savoury and sweet offerings.

We thank the Kew community members for making their home available again and thank all who contributed in different ways.

Pat Heywood

WA NEWS

After considerable planning, advertising, organising and preparation the day arrived for our JubileeCelebrationPilgrimage to New Norcia.

New Norcia has special significance for us as Pallottines. Here at this place is an image of Our Lady of GoodCounsel. This image was given by St Vincent Pallotti in Rome, to the Dom Salvado before he left to start his mission in New Norcia, Australia in 1945. (See article in e-bulletin #30 of SAC Asia Oceania 17 Nov 12).

John Nagle had organised a comfortable 60 seater air-conditioned bus, and name badges had been beautifully made by Kelvin O'Connor with the help of Marlene. They also certainly made sure who we were well supplied with some home comforts and brought along a small gas burner to boil water, some tea, coffee, milk and sugar.

On Sunday 18th November, 49 people (including two children) mostly from Riverton Parish set off at 6.45am. Unfortunately five people had to cancel at the last minute.

It was a perfect day to go on such a trip. There were a few people from the parish Legion of Mary and the Schoenstatt Movement, and Fr Ray and Fr Joe Kearney came too. This was the first time I was expected to lead such an event... and I didn't feel all that prepared. After handing out the name badges to all passengers. I gave a brief welcome to all and some explanation of the plans for the day we prayed the rosary on the way. Thanks to Fr Ray who had also prepared a number of hard copies of the current SAC Asia Oceania e-bulletin, we were able to give a copy to each passenger to prepare them for the Pallotti / Australia connection before arriving in New Norcia.

We arrived in time for 9am Mass and the Holy Trinity Abbey Church was filled with us and a few other visitors. Benedictine monks Fathers Dom David and Dom Chris concelebrated with our Pallottine Father, Fr Ray. There was a young male organist and a male cantor (from the Uniting Church) led the congregation with full voice... There were a few women in the congregation (former St Gertrude's students) staying at the Old Convent for a class reunion.

After Mass there was morning tea with the monks in the Monastery Parlour and had a taste of monastic hospitality.

We then had to break up into two groups.

One group went with Dom Chris in the morning who took them on a town tour (it was meant to have some spiritual input) while the other group went to the

museum, gift shop and art gallery.

It had been a long time since I'd been to the New Norcia Museum and Art Gallery. They've certainly done a wonderful job in the historical exhibitions and the displays and explanations in the Art Gallery.

I really enjoyed going through the Old St Joseph's Orphanage for Aboriginal Girls (where Sr Carmen OSB - now in Jamberoo Benedictine Abbey - had worked) and noticed that they'd had a wonderful reunion some years ago where they mention that Sr Carmen had come with Sr Hilda from Jamberoo for it and had brought a beautiful candle as a gift for the occasion - which is now on exhibition too.

We had brought our own packed lunch and sat and ate together in a room at the Old Convent, which spilled out to a verandah... where there was lovely shade and a fresh breeze to cool us from the biting 27 degree spring sunshine and also to keep the flies away. In the afternoon the groups swapped over...

I was in the second group and went on the town tour in the afternoon. We had to wait quite a long time for Fr Chris to come... so in the meantime we also visited the cemetery.

It's a pity St Gertrude's wasn't open (although I can understand why), as I could have shown those who were interested, (and there were quite a few), how things were set up when I was at boarding school there. Unfortunately we only had 45 minutes with Fr Chris who was quite rushed to fit it all in seeing our bus was scheduled to leave at 3.30pm.

Anyway all said it was worth waiting for... we basically were shown the beautiful chapels of the two colleges and the Abbey Church...with beautiful artwork... paintings, and carved wood... Fr Chris went through some of the basic history of the place but almost forgot the image of "Our Lady of Good Counsel" which was the main reason we came on this pilgrimage.

Before we left Fr Chris was asked to inform all about their accommodation and retreat facilities at the Monastery - for anyone wanting a break and time out.

Anyway... we all arrived back at Riverton safe and sound at around 5.30pm. I felt it had been a new learning curve for me and I would know next time what to be prepared for and how to plan it in a better way.

Over all, everyone was happy and pleased and had enjoyed the day together, and that was the main thing.



FATHER DEAN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Pallotti College Chapel was the beautiful setting for Fr. Dean Bradbury's celebration of 25 years of ordination with his family and friends on Sunday 18th November.

Joseph Sans lit the special candles on the side wall, prepared the altar for the Eucharist and acted as server for Dean who was main celebrant together with Frs. Eugene San and Pat Jackson.

The readers were Joe Brick and Lois Elkin, with music arranged and led by Mary Anne.

Fr. Eugene gave the homily, giving a most uplifting picture of Dean's background, his youth, his preparation for ordination and his willing acceptance of various posts as a Pallottine priest when like Christ the Apostle of the Eternal Father, he was sent to renew faith and rekindle the love of God with parishioners, with school children, with fellow priests overseas and at Pallotti College. Eugene blended the images of Dean's priesthood with those of Christ Himself, acknowledging the many instances in Dean's life of self-emptying love and the accompanying vulnerability that must be borne in the priestly vocation.

At the conclusion of Mass Dean thanked his father and family members as well as all present who have shared his journey so far, in one way or another. Then celebrations continued over lunch in a warm convivial atmosphere where more sharing and reminiscences flowed on.

Our thanks to Pallotti College team and management for all their planning, preparation and input.

Pat Heywood



NEWS FROM MARIANA COMMUNITY

We can report lots of good things happening both in and from our Mariana community.

First of all, together with Anne Dowling, her family, friends and Braybrook/Maidstone parishioners, we enjoyed a heart-warming and uplifting celebration of Anne's 25th anniversary of profession as a Mariana member. Fr. Dean presided at a special Eucharist at Christ the King church, Braybrook, during which Anne and others in the community renewed their commitment to live and work in the world, 'acting justly, walking humbly and loving tenderly'.

A delicious supper followed and a beautiful cake, decorated in Anne's favourite colours of soft mauve and cream, was the centerpiece of the shades of purple decorations. Congratulations Anne, may many opportunities for your continued service and multifold ministries continue in the days ahead.

Another special time of togetherness was the offering of our home at 'Oak Maree' to UAC members and friends for quiet time and reflection over one or more days of Sacred Retreat. The term 'Sacred Retreat' we took from St. Vincent's writings and we suggested using these three different weekends as opportunities to touch base with Vincent's charism in this year of celebration of the 50th anniversary of his canonization.*

These times of communion will find their climax at our triennial Gathering at Pallotti College after Christmas until the early New Year. Interstate and local members will gather for an intensive time of renewal and planning for future commitment, surrounded by the beauty and glory of the Creator on top of the world among the Millgrove mountains.

Ronnie Maloney



***Next opportunity: Friday, 22nd February, 2013 (lunchtime) –**

Sunday, 24th February, 2013 (after lunch)

Choose what suits you, a few hours, a day or the weekend!!

Cost: \$15 per day, \$35 overnight.

Groups welcome.

Enquiries: (03) 9 9 4167138 or 0417386706

**You are most welcome to join
the Kew or the Millgrove
communities for Mass on
Christmas Eve.
Both at 8.30pm**

**May the meaning of Christmas
be deeper,
its friendships stronger,
its hopes brighter,
as it comes to you each year.**

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!

**BEST WISHES FOR MANY
BLESSINGS IN 2013.**



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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