



# PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012



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".

## **Pallottine Family Newsletter** Quarterly Circular for members of the Australian Pallottine Family

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## **ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI – APOSTLE OF THE ETERNAL FATHER**

Consumed by the love of God, St. Vincent looked to Jesus Himself as the model for his own life's work as an apostle and made a commitment to be like Jesus, the Apostle of the Eternal Father.

We might ask, 'How did this commitment show itself in Pallotti's everyday life and ministry? In what ways did he take on Jesus' life and actions to be another Christ, another Apostle of the Eternal Father?'

We could all spend a great deal of time in meditative prayer to answer these questions and we might even ask where should we start to try to see Pallotti in this light. One way is to consider what Jesus said and did, how He lived as the Father's apostle, then compare His way of life with that of St. Vincent

Wise scholars and commentators about St. Vincent have insisted that his mystical/spiritual life and his missionary/apostolic work are 'two sides of the one coin'. Perhaps the slogan 'Out of Love, for Love' could sum up, baldly, the vision and mission of Christ and of Pallotti. From the deepest attachment to the Infinite Godhead, to Infinite Love in origin and outflow, the apostle of the Eternal Father brings to the world tangible love in words, in prayer, in action and sacrifice through a totally fired personality.

Jesus said Yes to the Father's invitation; He gathered a group to promote and embody that invitation; He formed them and sent them; He used every means possible for spreading news of that invitation, suitable for his own culture – miracles, stories, going out to dinner, attending festivities, chatting to and uplifting people he met, even outsiders like Samaritans, women, tax collectors, praying in public and alone, preaching officially in the Synagogue, explaining the scriptures and prophecies, sharing the Tabor experience, arguing with intellectuals and lawyers,

and so often, suffering, both the everyday suffering of effort and disappointment and the final Good Friday suffering of complete atonement.

We need to look at Christ's life again and again to see the First Apostle in action, then we can transfer

our attention to the ways by which Pallotti followed suit. See Pallotti, like Jesus, living and working in a small milieu yet with a global vision and offering. See Pallotti with a small group forming them and sending them to spread the Good News out of love, for love. See Pallotti able and willing to mix with all the folk around him, reaching out to the converted as well as to the sinners. See Pallotti living deep in the heart of the Trinity fired and tempered day by day from that wonderful reality to the world around him.

In this Jubilee year of thanksgiving for the Church's recognition of Pallotti's life as an image of Jesus' life in his era and culture, as another Apostle of the Eternal Father, let us ponder these things so that we too can recognize Pallotti's gifts and grow like him as an apostle in our time and in our culture.

Pat Heywood



### **PALLOTTINE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION – 2012**

Pictured above are some of the 14 recipients of this year's Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship awards. Certificates, and gifts, were presented on 24 March at the annual event in our Rossmoyne Vincent Pallotti Social Centre.

The young people – including one not-so-young aged 82! – were selected by the Committee from a record 55 applicants. They are attending Central TAFE, Notre Dame, Curtin and Murdoch Universities, and the University of WA. Their fees used up our limited budget of \$78,000 – interest available from a term deposit which obviously needs to be significantly enhanced.

Guest speaker for the occasion was aboriginal Professor and Director of Aboriginal Studies at Curtin University, Simon Forrest. You may see his name in future as a member of the Anzac Centenary Advisory Board. His contribution will be to consider how the Centenary, in 2015, can be incorporated into the school curriculum, highlighting in particular the aboriginal people who went away and served their country only to return 'to a place where they couldn't go into town after the curfew or get a drink at the pub'.

Fr. Ray Hevern

## **PALLOTTINE COMMUNITY HOUSE KEW - 75TH ANNIVERSARY JUNE 2012**



Saturday 16th June is a special day in the history of the Pallottine Community based at No. 85 Studley Park Road, Kew. To mark the 75th anniversary of the community house and all it has stood for over those years, members of the Pallottine Family who have shared its welcoming and warming spirit will gather from 10am until 4pm to reminisce, sing, pray, enjoy historical material and acknowledge the blessings which have flowed from this spiritual and apostolic centre.

All those with a past or present connection with the Kew community are invited to attend the celebrations.

You will need to let us know if you intend to come for both space and catering purposes.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU RSVP BY  
6TH JUNE** by contacting any of these people:

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## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, RINGWOOD NORTH CELEBRATES 40TH JUBILEE**

On Sunday 25th March 2012, Holy Spirit Church Ringwood North celebrated its 40th Anniversary with a joyful open air Mass followed by Picnic Rug Lunch and family entertainment Barn dance led by ‘Bushwahzee Band’ – the date marking the beginning of the parish.

Hundreds of parishioners past and present, along with visitors and invited guests packed Holy Spirit Parish, in Ringwood North, to commemorate 40 years of worship and pastoral care. There were more than 500 people attended the Holy Mass.

Fr. Kevin Mogg concelebrated the Mass with current parish priest, Fr. Shibu Joseph sac and former Holy Spirit parish priest Fr. Allen Mithen and other priests who had supported the parish in many of its past Sacramental celebrations.

The homily during the Mass reminded us about the need for a genuine relationship with God: “I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” The strength of parish life is in the connection – our relationship to Jesus Christ in community and with each other through the Church. Working together in the unity of God’s Spirit, we’re able to accomplish all that God would have to do and be.

What started as a cleared pine paddock back in 1972 where Mass was celebrated in the open, has now become a dynamic community with links and services that reach beyond the parish and school population. Today the parish reaches out

to the various needs of the society through various outreach programs like sporting Clubs, St Vincent de Paul, support to the local nursing homes, parish community fete – which is a local iconic event. As well as the happy community come together for typical spiritual events– Holy Eucharist, baptisms, marriages and other sacraments. So far the parish was served by priests Fr. Jim Nippard, Fr. Kevin Mogg, Fr. Allan Mithen, Fr. Eugene San sac and Fr. Shibu Joseph sac. Now the parish is under the care of the order of Pallottines.

There is a display of historical events of the parish going on in the church depicting the beautiful thoughts on the parish from its beginning. To mark the Jubilee, a logo was designed by Deanne Frangeskakis, a parish youth with her own graphic talents and a Jubilee prayer was also composed by Lyn Thwaites. The Parish pastoral council along with the parish staff has arranged many parish programs to continue to celebrate the Jubilee throughout the year.

“The 40th Jubilee was an opportunity to recognise and celebrate faith and the growth of the community and a joyful walk down the memory lane. All this reminds us that there is so much to give thanks for and celebrate” Fr. Shibu Joseph, the parish priest said regarding the occasion.

Fr. Shibu Joseph





## **PALLOTTINE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 18TH-24TH JANUARY 2013**

We Pallottine Fathers and Brothers, Society of Catholic Apostolate (SAC) are required by canon law to come together once every three years in Regional Assemblies. Provincial and Regional Assemblies provide a forum and an opportunity where we as a community can revisit and remind ourselves of St. Vincent's original inspiration and articulate that vision for ourselves in this time and place.

Because the last Assembly took place at Rossmoyne WA (28 September-2 October 2009), the next is due at Pallotti College in Millgrove, Victoria. Although three years from the last Assembly would take us to October of 2012, the availability of Pallotti College necessitated that we have our next Regional Assembly in 2013 on the following dates:

**UAC meeting dates: 18-19 January 2013**

**National celebration of 50th Anniversary of Pallotti's Canonisation 20th January 2013**

**SAC meeting dates: 21-23 January 2013**

The law of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate stipulates the purpose of the Regional Assembly as "reviews the life of the Province/Region and its progress in apostolic work. It plans new objectives and decides the more important matters of the Province/Region, especially those which concern the undertaking of new forms of apostolate or new forms of administration, or which entail additional long term obligations for the Province/Region" (Law of the SAC n.110).

Therefore we dialogue, debate and struggle for understanding especially during Assemblies not so

that we may have winners and losers but in order that all may win.

"I intend to have respect and opinion for the words and feelings of others, however opposed they are to mine, as long as they are not opposed to the dogmas of most holy religion." (Spiritual Thoughts and Aspirations of St. Vincent Pallotti by Flavian Bonifazi SAC, p.67, no. 189.)

We wrestle so that the truth can win. We may come away with a limp but we also come away with a blessing.

May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercessions of Mary and Vincent, empower us with the Holy Spirit, guide our every word and deed and help us to continue the saving work of Jesus here on earth.

Eugene San, SAC



## **WALTER SILVESTER MEMORIAL LECTURE 2012**

This year the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture will take place on Tuesday 30th October at the Australian Catholic University Fitzroy at 6.30pm. The speaker will be the His Excellency the Honourable Tim Fischer AC, Leader of the National Party from 1990, deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade 1996-99 and Ambassador to the Holy See 2008-12.

A farmer and family man, Tim is also well known as a train buff, acting as Special Envoy to the Adelaide to Darwin railway line travelling on the first freight train and the first Ghan passenger train from Adelaide to Darwin in 2004. The accompanying photo shows Special Envoy Tim on the inaugural Adelaide to Darwin journey.

Further information will be published nearer the date of the lecture. Meanwhile we urge you to make a note of the date in your diary.

Pat Heywood, on behalf of the committee.



SEE  
SEPTEMBER  
ISSUE FOR THE  
VICTORIAN  
CELEBRATION!

## **PALLOTTI'S BIRTHDAY - WESTERN AUSTRALIAN STYLE**

Celebrating St. Vincent's birthday on or near the official date in April is already a long tradition in Western Australia, centring around the Queen of Apostles parish in Riverton.

This year about 120 parishioners gathered for a Eucharist of praise and thanksgiving at 7pm on Friday 20th April. Fr. Ray presided, with Frs. Paul, John Luemmen, John Flynn, Joe Kearney and Joe Butscher concelebrating. Afterwards a most enjoyable supper was served in the parish hall, with the centre piece again being a large sumptuous birthday cake for our Saint.

The homily was preached by Fr. John Flynn who pointed out that St. Vincent used today's Gospel about the seventy-two disciples sent out to preach the Good News to justify his vision of a universal apostolate, one that included the laity. These first

apostles were lay people filled with the Holy Spirit in a special way, even before the Spirit's public descent at Pentecost.

Another justification for Pallotti's insistence on a shared apostolate with lay people was his desire to be, like Jesus, the apostle of the eternal Father. Pallotti reasoned that since all Christians are obliged to imitate Christ, lay people too are obliged to act as apostles of the Father.

Fr. John urged all UAC members to immerse themselves in the same Holy Spirit, to emulate the Gospel seventy-two and Pallotti in accepting the challenge "to participate in the mission of the Church in ways that our Spirit given and natural gifts enable us" and "to grow more and more in the spirit of St. Vincent himself" for the "salvation of our own souls and the souls of others and for the building up of the Body of Christ".

With thanks to Fr. Eugene and Denise Wilson for this news item.

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## **NEW PALLOTTINE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

An exciting new step along the road of transition at Pallotti College was taken recently. The inaugural meeting of the Pallotti College Board of Management was held (last month) on 27th April. The board members have been selected for their expertise in various areas pertinent to Pallotti College.

The external members of the Board (and their areas of expertise) are as follows: John Elkin – long time member of UAC with a great degree of experience in the financial world – chaired the first meeting; Merle Gilbo OAM – member of the Victorian LCC and long term associate of PC; Cathy Connor – brings a wealth of experience from customer relations and also marketing; Gavin Broderick – well known and connected member of the Upper

Yarra Parish and member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society; Greg Westerbrook – lawyer with many years experience dealing with Catholic Church matters.

From Pallotti College are Bill Henderson and MaryAnne Dooley – managers and long term volunteers (Bill is also an accountant and former Business Manager for Sandhurst Diocese, MaryAnne has for several years co-ordinated volunteers and Liturgy at the College) and Dean Bradbury sac – Pallottine Priest, Member of NCC and responsible for matters Spiritual. Lindsay Rust sac completes the (new) leadership team of four at Pallotti.

The Board, which will meet quarterly, will have oversight of Pallotti College as well as being a support and resource group for the College.

Fr. Dean Bradbury



"For unto Thy faithful, O Lord, life is changed, not taken away."  
—Requiem Mass Preface.



OF Your Charity  
Pray for the Repose of  
the Soul of

**Bro. Kevin Taggert,**  
S.A.C.

## WHY A WING AT PALLOTTI COLLEGE CALLED THE TAGGERT WING?

We all go to places—schools, hospitals, churches—buildings of all kinds which have names attached to them--- and it IS interesting to know something of the person who was honoured in this way. The Taggert is named for Kevin Taggert who died on 11th December 1961---50 years ago. Thanks to the members of the Taggert family who replied to my request for information when I wanted to include a brief story of his life. .

Kevin was born in Swan Hill, Victoria, on 3rd December 1931, the fifth child of Mary and Martin. He had a congenital heart condition but with the love and care of his family and medical skills, he was able to go to school and, even when he sometimes he had to stay home, he learned a number of skills --knitting and cooking --which filled the time and gave him great satisfaction. He did become strong enough to move to Ballarat to study book-keeping, which seemed to be a career he could pursue considering his limited strength. However, life became even better when he and his brother Pat went to board at the Christian Brothers' College in Newtown, Geelong. There he was inspired by the life of the Christian Brothers and he came to believe that God was calling him to join them. In 1950, he went to the Juniorate in Minto, NSW to undertake studies on religious life and gain teaching qualifications and he was professed in 1953. During his time as a Christian Brother, he met the Pallottines in the person of Fr. Walter Silvester who became his spiritual director. Kevin felt that God was calling him again, this time to be a priest. After many years of prayer and discernment, supported by his superiors and his family, he reached his decision to follow this way. After a designated time at home in in Bannerton, he was free to join the Pallottines and after his novitiate, he was professed

as a Pallottine Brother in January 1960. He was very happy but, at the same time, impatient for the time to come when he would move to Manly and, in due course, be ordained as a priest.

At this time, his heart condition was again causing him problems and it was decided that he would undergo by-pass surgery which was carried out at St. Vincent's Hospital Sydney on 11th December, 1961. The operation itself was a success but, alas, due to a malfunction of the bypass machine, Kevin died on the operating table. Following an inquest, he was buried as a professed Pallottine Brother in the Pallotti section of the Melbourne General Cemetery. That was not the end of the story but another beginning. At that time, at the end of the 50s and into the 60s, plans were being drawn up for the building of Pallotti College, with the challenge of raising the enormous amount of money needed. Many people were contributing --by direct donations, by all kinds of fund-raising endeavours. The Taggert family ---and their wide range of friends and neighbours--- could see that a worthy way of remembering Kevin would be to make a substantial contribution to that big 'bill'. Hence the Kevin Taggert foundation, skilfully run by the late Olga and Russ Whately, and Bert Hodgkinson. At that stage, I (Merle) was very involved in the fundraising and many of the places from which the donations came have stayed in my mind. —Mallee towns, such as Annuello, Bannerton, Chinkapook..

As 12th December 2011 came closer, the family wanted to get together and where would be more suitable than at Pallotti College itself!. Fortunately, it was the day when the team of volunteers who support the college all through the year were gathering to celebrate the year's work together. Two groups of people with so much in common, in the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti. A joyful celebration of Mass was followed by a shared meal and the chance to take this photograph of the assembled Taggert family. Merle Gilbo

# **EPIPHANY SAINT VINCENT PALLOTTI RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE.**

**50 FIFTH AVE ROSSMOYNE.**

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

**DATE 10 TH FEB 2012.**

To commence this article I feel it would be appropriate to start with a brief history of the Centre and it's surrounds. This information will be of great assistance to new recipients of this News Letter.

**HISTORY.** The two lodges that make up the Epiphany Centre were originally accommodation facilities provided by the Pallottine Community for Aboriginal students from the Kimberly region and other country areas of W.A. This allowed these children and young adults to further their education in Perth at High schools and colleges of advanced education as these facilities were not available, at that time, in the north of W.A.

With the gradual establishment, by the State Government, of these schools in the north the need for parents to send their children to Perth was greatly reduced and as such the total facilities that were available in Rossmoyne were now underutilised.

At some point in the early 1990's the U.A.C. decided that making the two main lodges, Leummen Lodge and Valentine Lodge, available to the general community, and in particular, the greater Catholic community for conferences and retreats would be of great value.

To this end in 1992, or thereabouts, a lay committee of about 12 people was formed to both run and manage the centre. This original committee was made up of dedicated people who had worked for the Pallottine Community or were trained and educated within the centre.

This committee ran and staffed the centre for 3 to 4 years and then a decision was made to employ, on a semi voluntary basis, live in managers. Since that time the following people have, for various periods contributed to the ongoing operation/management of the centre, Denise Wilson, Roy & Lena Lynch, Michael & Lyna Ho, Francis & Gary Thomas.

Since the 1 November 2006 the Centre has been very ably managed by John & Carmen Madden. The Maddens are originally from Melbourne however they came to W.A. many years ago and finally settled in Kalgoorlie where they were active participants in the local Catholic Parish. They raised four beautiful children, one boy and three girls and



are now proud grandparents of five grandchildren. While in Kalgoorlie John, who is a carpenter by trade, ran his own building business and Carmen, other than being a mother and wife did spend time assisting in the running of a C.W.A. hostel. Upon arriving in Perth some six years ago and settling in the Riverton area they became members of Queen of Apostles Parish, where as new parishioners they were visited by Father John Leummen who happened to mention that we were looking for live-in managers for the Epiphany Centre and as they say in the classics, the rest is history. John and Carmen are still with us today. Because of their past work history they are both extremely valuable assets and we trust they will remain with us for some time yet.

To assist John and Carmen we have a management committee to provide support and direction. This committee consists of the following members of our Queen of Apostles Parish, Kelvin O'Connor, chairperson, Marlene O'Connor, secretary, Margaret Hughen, treasurer, Bill Spence, John Madden, Michael Ho, Trish Wisolith, U.A.C. and Father Eugene San, S.A.C. We are currently looking at expanding this committee by an additional 2 to 3 members.

The Epiphany centre, as noted above consists of two lodges, both lodges have large kitchens and dining rooms together with meeting and lounge rooms. Leummen Lodge has overnight accommodation for 23 people in single or multiple bed rooms and Valentine Lodge has 14 single bedrooms. We have extensive grounds (approx 3 acres), we are in walking distance of the Canning River and within easy reach of Perth city.

Kelvin O'Connor.

## ST VINCENT PALLOTTI'S CANONISATION

As we celebrate this year of jubilee, MARIANA COMMUNITY Invites you to participate in a "Sacred Retreat" An opportunity to have "a cenacle like experience" to "reflect, be still, pray and share"

OAK MAREE

5 McNamara's RD

MILLGROVE

Friday 26th October 2012

(lunchtime)-28th October

2012(after lunch)

Friday 22nd February 2013

(lunchtime)-24th February 2013

( after lunch)

You may choose to come for a few hours, a day, the weekend.

Whichever suits you.

Overnight accommodation

at Oak Maree is available for

10 people in shared rooms. If

you would like to be assured

of a single room there is the

possibility of booking at Pallotti

College, depending on their

availability.

Cost \$15 per day, \$35 overnight

– Oak Maree. If you were

staying at Pallotti College the

cost would be in arrangement

with the college.

Groups Welcome

Enquiries -Cheryl Sullivan

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## CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF QUEEN OF APOSTLES.

This feast, celebrated on the Saturday before Pentecost was very dear to St. Vincent Pallotti and is such a significant one for the Pallottine Family, because it brings to our minds and our hearts the time the apostles were gathered with Mary in the Cenacle awaiting the promised Spirit. No wonder that it a day we want to be together!

The people of the parish of Riverton, Perth, whose patronal feast it is, will have a special privilege. The 7pm Mass, on Friday 25th will be concelebrated by the newly

appointed Archbishop of Perth, Most Rev. Timothy Costello SDB. Supper, and an opportunity chance to meet and welcome the Archbishop, will follow.

In the East, this year is different because of the celebration of the 75 years of the Kew House (on 16th June) as part of the Jubilee celebrations.

So, it will be a case of united in spirit, but private celebrations.

Mary, Queen of Apostles.

Pray for us.



## JUBILEE PRAYER

Saint Vincent Pallotti, please help us to live faithful to the charism and mission entrusted to us; make us persevering on the road to sanctity, support us in living with compassion, fraternal charity and in a spirit of communion at this time, in the service of the Church and the world. Amen



**A MATTER OF MONEY.** In fact, a gentle reminder that there are considerable costs involved in bringing this newsletter to life. \$10 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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