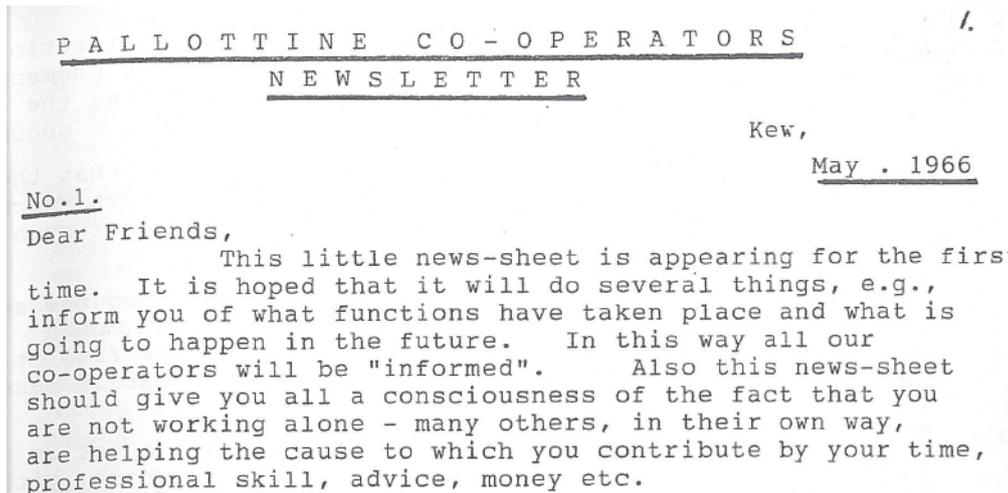




Pallottine Family (UAC) Newsletter

June 2016

Our first Newsletter, 50 years ago



The Beginnings and how its changed

Its first name, Pallottine Fathers' newsletter, was obvious at the time!! How far we've come in understanding the wonderful vision of St. Vincent which includes us all—different roles, one mission, one united Pallottine Family.

In 1966, it was put together in ways were so primitive compared to today. Offered articles were almost always handwritten. For duplication they were either typed on Gestetner stencils or on plain paper with duplication on a spirit duplicator. What a relief when we 'graduated' to passing on the material to someone with expertise to do the layout and then having the duplication done by a commercial printer!

At first Australia Post called it a Category A periodical which meant strict requirements for the format of the wrappers and for sorting in post code order. Wrappers were addressed by people at home and for several years, the rest took two evenings—one

to fold the newsletters and the second to insert the newsletter into the wrappers. Then two team members, Phyllis O'Sullivan and Norma Negri – offered to do the folding at home saving one night. Norma, who had worked in the book binding industry made sure that the post code order was maintained. As time went on, details of the publication were printed on each newsletter and recipients' details were written on stickers. A much simpler process. For several years now, the lists of recipients are kept 'on line', thanks to Lawrence Whiting who inserts the alterations I send to him quarterly and he prints the stickers!!

The gathering of articles has happened in the same way as it does now!! Some appear spontaneously, others in response to requests to people who are 'invited' to write about an event. For a few years before her death



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in 2014, Pat Heywood and I used to meet for 'brain storming' session. I found that very helpful indeed and missed Pat very much but I did learn some of her skills.

After Fr. Eddy Wehrmacher's retirement, he shared his technical skills to upgrade our procedures and even provided the equipment we needed. The big challenge was to persuade computer illiterate people like me to make the change. Thank you for your patience, Fr. Eddy. Others followed him until we reached the process we have today. Many/most articles come to me by E mail -so convenient for photographs too. I read, review, edit, write 'captions', and E mail to SNAP printing and then sit beside the graphic designer to decide on the layout together. The proof reading, making any changes/corrections and the printing goes ahead. The number sent to individuals is now about 300 but the distribution has widened because the parishes whose pastors are Pallottine priests receive some in bulk, as do Casa Pallotti, Epiphany and Pallotti College. The vision of the worldwide Pallottine Family has always been very significant to me and that is why I am happy to send copies across the world. ---India, Ireland, USA, Italy, Poland, Germany etc.

When I started to write this, this, I had hoped to acknowledge, by name, many/most of those who have contributed over these 50 years but!! That proved to be a task beyond my memory. If YOU were one, thank you. God will thank those who have gone before us. Overall, it has been a wonderful journey in a great cause.

Merle

Letters to the Editor

Any publication that reaches the milestone of celebrating its golden jubilee is indeed a great achievement. When one considers that this publication has reached this milestone having had the one editor for its fifty year history magnifies that achievement.

Merle Gilbo in addition to ensuring this newsletter has been published over this last fifty years has been a major link in keeping our broad Pallottine family both in touch with each other and up to date with the ongoing development within the Pallottine family.

Looking back at over 200 hundred editions I was struck by the rich history that is available. Some examples of this history includes:

- stories from the missions in Western Australia,
- adult faith formation programs from the days of groups in Kew through to the development of Pallotti College as a centre for adult faith formation.
- Ordinations, Consecrations, Missionary Crosses and Commitments of; SAC, Mariana, and Lay people
- the deaths of many of these courageous people as they entered their eternal reward.

Gathering these articles has been achieved with dedication and commitment by Merle living her apostolate within the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti. Of course we all know that in addition Merle has worked full time as a Scientist, been an active member of her Parish and undertaken many other voluntary tasks too numerous to mention. Her being awarded an OAM a few years ago provides some indication of how her work has been recognised.



Thank you Merle and we look forward to many more editions of our PFN.

Cheryl Sullivan

As is probably true for most of the regular readers of this Newsletter, in my mind it is practically synonymous with the name 'Merle Gilbo'!

I am slightly surprised that this publication started only 50 years ago, as I have personal recollections of having met up with Merle as early as the mid-1950s! It was at a 'Retreat' weekend with Fr Walter Silvester at a campsite somewhere in the Corio/Geelong area when Merle and Barbara Shea looked after our small group of CBC St Kilda Matriculation students.

Of course, the Newsletter is also inextricably linked with the 'Pallottine Missionary College', 85 Studley Park Road, Kew and all the personal memories people have of their association with the Pallottines and the many gatherings of people and friendships and experiences they can remember having there. Personally, I vividly remember a highly significant conversation I had one night at Kew with a CBC, St Kilda fellow student, Gary Crawley. He asked me whether I still intended to go to Werribee to study for the Priesthood. When I said I did, he said that if he was going to be a priest he would be a Pallottine! I did not know what he was talking about and naively asked him, who are they? Well, as most of you know, the rest is history! By September of that year, 1955, I had quickly decided to join the Pallottines!!!

I would not be surprised to hear that many other readers of the Newsletter -contributors, associates and other visitors to the 'College' at Kew, also have similar memories of having had 'life-changing' experiences as a result of their contact with the Pallottines, as well as with this little publication:- what it stands for, its personal stories, its inspiration and encouragement.

Congratulations and sincerest thanks to you, Merle, and to your happy band of helpers!

Father Allan Mithen

Thanks Merle

It is said that the pen is mightier than the sword. Words have the power to heal or to hurt; they can build people up or tear people down. They have the capacity to create community or to destroy. It is the former rather than the latter that has defined PFN as the enduring newsletter for the Pallottine family in Australia. Over the past 50 years, PFN has become a vehicle for disseminating information as well as a tool formation; a source of inspiration for many and a mode of communication for some. Congratulations to Merle and the PFN. Ad multos annos.

Eugene San SAC

From Ireland

I love to receive the PFN in the post; why? In writing this letter I realize that there are a number of reasons; something of Merle's commitment and dedication comes through in each number; it carries news and views; it has a fitting way of honouring those who have died and marks their contribution to the Pallottine family; it provides an update on what is happening in the UAC in Australia; the breadth of Pallottine life and the fabric of interwoven relationships is conveyed; it is visually attractive with clear text and colour photos.

Congratulations to Merle and all who contribute and a thousand thanks for each edition.

Derry Murphy, SAC.



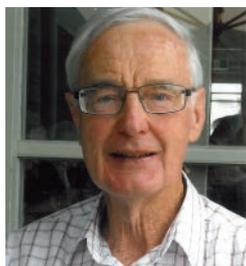
Greetings from Germany

Some years ago, at a Pallottine International Congress, I met Fr. Hubert Socha SAC who had been known to me by name. From that time, I sent him the newsletter as a way of ongoing connection. He has sent greetings on this occasion. "I am always greatly interested in reading the newsletter and I am pleased to pass it on to others. Thank you."

Fr. Hubert Socha SAC

Thanks for this opportunity to contribute to the Newsletter.

My first contact when I arrived at 85 Studley Park Rd., in the late 50s, was when Brother Pat Bicknell said to come and have a 'cuppa.



I met Merle who had just come in from her work at the Serum Laboratories where she did sensitivity work as a Scientist.

Merle asked me to help her fold up the Newsletters along with 2 or 3 local ladies. We then put them into envelopes and licked the stamps.

I was very impressed with what Merle is still doing. Only last month someone in Broome wrote and told me how she enjoyed reading the Newsletter.

The Newsletter does help to join us all together while giving us an update on what is happening in the Pallottine Order.

Wally Sharman

I have been reading the Family News Letter since the first edition. My family and friends have also been doing the same and always found it informative and engaging. Many thanks Merle for keeping us abreast of events during these many years. It would have been no easy task. It is always up to date with the latest happenings in the Pallottine world. Congratulations Merle. Please keep up the good work.

It is really time consuming gathering material on a regular basis in order to keep everyone abreast with what is happening in the Pallottine world. I have a reputation of "gutting" articles and magazines, but I always read the Family News Letter thoroughly and with keen interest and so keep up with of the words and actions of our Pallottine members and friends.



Joe Kearney SAC

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Pallottine Family Newsletter I would like to congratulate you and all those involved for your dedication.

I am a relatively late-comer to this wonderful Pallottine Family and have enjoyed sharing and hearing the stories of the many diverse experiences in our Australian region and other parts of the world, of the Family through the Newsletter.

This newsletter helps keep us connected in our vast country. If we can't so easily visit each other and share a cuppa and a chat because of the distances or infirmities – at least through the newsletter, we can get to know and hear of the ongoing life of Pallottine Family in Australia – collaboration of priests, brothers and lay missionaries, parishioners and beyond including other religious too – very much living the charisma of St Vincent Pallotti.

I would sincerely like to thank you, Merle, who and the support of others (especially Pat Heywood in the past), have ensured the prompt quarterly publication of the PFN over the past 50 years. Well done!

We remain united in the Cenacle through our prayerful support of each other and the needs of others.

Warmest wishes and God's abundant blessings,

Tricia Wisolith (Rossmoyne)



I am most great full for my time with Pallottine Younger Set back in the 50 & 60's and the lasting relationships I have formed.

The articles in the Newsletter are very informative and the articles on those who have entered Eternal life give us an insight into that person and what they have achieved through their involvement with the Pallottine Family.



Congratulations to Merle and her team for the wonderful work they are doing to keep us informed with what is going on in the Pallottine Family when we are not able to get to some of the events. May God bless you all.

**Marie (Hodgkinson)
Medicott.**

Dear Editor,

Firstly congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the Pallottine Family Newsletter. That also means congratulations to all the editors, co-editors and contributors over the years. But I wish to concentrate on the present incumbent!

I can only say how incredibly lucky we have been to have such a loyal, persistent and dedicated person at the helm for so many years (nearly 50 years- in fact by the time you read this it is probably 50 years!) Thanks to her vision, not only has it survived and progressed but it goes around the world to link with the Pallottine world family. It is a thankless task: chasing contributors, cajoling articles, keeping the publication broad in its context and continually improving the presentation.

Merle manages to do this within her already busy life. Many people would not realize the many other strings there are to her bow: Board member, numerous parish committees and commitments, ecumenical outreach, community activities and many more. Merle holds the Pallottine vision for all apostles very close to her heart and she proudly states that everything she does flows out of it. Thank you, Merle for taking the time to dedicate yourself to the Pallottine Family Newsletter to the benefit of us all.

A Thankful Reader

Dear Merle,

Warmest congratulations on your 50 years as Editor of the Pallottine Family Newsletter. It's an extraordinary achievement and one for which this reader has been grateful over many years.

Like many families, the Pallottine Family, as we have

traditionally called the UAC in Australia, cannot all be present together very often. But PFN has kept us in touch with each other and sustained and nourished us as people of God inspired by St Vincent Pallotti's charism and by the deeds, often heroic, of men and women who have lived out the Pallottine way of following Jesus Christ.

Thank you! May you be richly blessed and may PFN, in whatever form it may take in future, continue to be a blessing to us.



Yours sincerely,
Mark Brolly

An Update on Keshero Congo

Flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Orphanage UAC Common Project.

In our last newsletter there was an article requesting members of the Pallottine Family to offer financial support to an orphanage in Keshero Congo. This article is to thank the many members who responded to that call. You will be pleased to know, as you are reading this update, the first six months of donations have now arrived at the orphanage, assisting them to meet their needs for basic commodities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We hope by the next issue of this newsletter to provide you with an update from the orphanage itself.

If you would like to participate in the Keshero Orphanage Project but have not got around to it, your contribution will be warmly welcomed. We aim to send \$300 per month to the orphanage and while we will be able to meet that commitment for the first year, we require additional donations to ensure that ongoing assistance is available.

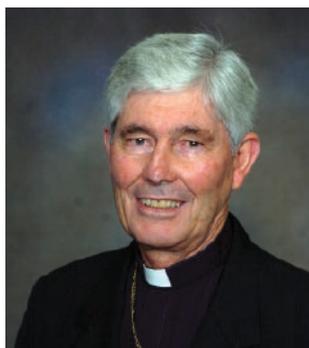
Wojtek Nowicki, treasurer of the UAC National Coordination Council would be very pleased to hear from you and will provide you with any information you may need. Wojtek' contact details are whbxsj@yahoo.com.au or 0425 726 028.

Alternitavely donations can be paid directly into:
UAC Keshero Project Account
BSB 083-347
Account No. 439222523

Another successful Camino!!

Even more enthusiastic walkers than last year!!
Plenty of talk about 'next time'. Watch the September issue for details.

Darwin's Bishop Hurley to deliver 10th Silvester lecture



Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin is to deliver the 10th Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture on Tuesday 18 October, a year after he was in Rome with Brisbane's Archbishop Mark Coleridge (the inaugural WSML orator in 2007) for the Synod on the Family.

His topic will be "The Vision of a Synodal Church in the Year of Mercy". The lecture will be held at Christ Lecture Theatre at Australian Catholic University, Victoria Parade in Fitzroy (enter from Young Street) at 6.30pm. Refreshments will be available before the lecture from 5.45-6.15pm.

Bishop Hurley's long ministry in remote parts of Australia, including to Indigenous Australians, resembles that of many Pallottine priests, brothers and lay men and women.

Born and raised in the Flinders Ranges of South Australia, he was ordained a priest for the vast Port Pirie Diocese in 1964, consecrated Bishop there in 1999 and led it until 2007, when he was transferred to Darwin as Bishop. So for the past 17 years, Bishop Hurley has led, at one time or another, Catholics occupying the "middle ground" of Australia, from the Great Australian Bight in the south to the Gulf of Carpentaria and the Arafura and Timor Seas in the north.

With a Doctorate in Divinity and Masters and other qualifications in education, Bishop Hurley has served as army and industrial chaplain and worked part-time at the University of South Australia during the 1990s lecturing in Australian sociology, philosophy and in a postgraduate program in counselling.

He oversaw the implementation of a Catholic Pastoral Care Team at the inception of the Woomera Immigration Detention Centre in 1999 and was a regular visitor at the Baxter Detention Centre in Port Augusta. He continues to be a regular visitor at the Wickham Point Detention Centre in Darwin and has been invited to join the Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention.

Bishop Hurley chairs the Australian Bishops' Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and is a member of the Permanent Committee of the Bishops Conference. The lecture in honour of Fr Walter Silvester (1919-

2005) has been jointly hosted by the Pallottine Family, known formally as the Union of Catholic Apostolate, and ACU since its inception.

Look for updates on the lecture on www.pallottine.org.au and in the next PFN.

News from Pallotti College

Those in involved in emerging ministries

Including new lay communities or small home gatherings August 19-21,
Contact Denis 0427 449 434
deogratias@bigpond.com

A themed retreat

Discover the God who awaits you

August 26-28
Contact Lorraine
0402 217 123
lorraine 613@bigpnd.com

Living 'ordinary time'

A day for those involved in Liturgy –musicians, cantors, liturgy team members. Led by Br. Michael Herry fms and Fr. Dean Bradbury SAC (59 662 585) Saturday:

Participation in World Youth Day : WYD. Krakow

Three the overseas volunteers who have now returned to Europe are being supported to attend WYD.

As well, the College has been pleased to assist Stavro Marogi, of Penola College to travel to Krakow.



In the picture, the parish priest of Holy Child parish Dallas/Meadow Heights –Fr. Leenus Neetany SAC; Penola Principal, Mr. Chris Caldwell; and Stavro.



Some 2016 Dates for your Diary

Pallottine Cenacle Prayer Evenings

These evenings provide all of us in the Pallottine Family with the opportunity to pray together on a monthly basis.

Time and Date: 7.30pm to 8.30pm on the 22nd of each month.

June : Saint Christopher's Parish – Doon Road, Syndal

July : Holy Child Parish, 227 Blair Street, Dallas

August : Pallottine College, 85 Studley Park Road Kew

September: Pallottine College, 85 Studley Park Road, Kew

October: Pallotti College, Mc Namaras Road, Millgrove

November: Park Orchards/Ringwood North Parish, Holy Spirit Parish, 120 Oban Road, North Ringwood

Gather and Share Sessions

Come along to break open the word, share some of Vincent's Charism as well as company and food. (Please bring a plate to share)

Time 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

Sunday 31st July – North Ringwood/Park Orchards Parish, Holy Spirit Parish, 120 Oban Road, North Ringwood

UAC Formation Program

This program is for those who want to learn more of the great charism handed on to us through Saint Vincent Pallotti, recognising that this charism is the call for us to be apostles following the Gospel of Jesus. These sessions can be seen both as initial and ongoing formation so all are invited to attend.

Time: 9.00am to 3.00pm – including attendance at 10.30am Eucharist at Syndal.

Dates: 21 August and 23 October 2016.

Venue: Saint Christopher's Parish, Doon Road, Syndal

Mariana Sacred Retreat

An opportunity to stop, reflect and share either over the weekend, for a day, whatever suits your needs. (For more information see article in this newsletter)

Venue: Oak Maree, 5 McNamaras Road, Millgrove

Date: From 4.00pm on Friday 23 September to 2.00pm on Sunday 25 September

If anyone has any queries please feel free to ring Cheryl Sullivan on 9416 7138 or 0417386706

Money Matters

Thank you for all who support this publication by giving contributions –whether by hand, by mail or directly into the bank. I've heard that some of you have experienced a difficulty when using the latter method. For others it has worked!!

Anyhow, it's the **Commonwealth Bank—CBA** .

BSB: 06 3 142

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The Golden Jubilee of the Broome Diocese

We joyfully congratulate the Diocese of Broome as it celebrates this milestone and pray that the years ahead will be abundantly blessed.

It is a happy coincidence that, as we look back on 50 years of this newsletter, we see how much common history we share---remembering the years that Pallottine priests, brothers and lay missionaries worked with and for the people of that area of Australia.



Rest in Peace



Margaret Khin Mya San

We pray with and for Fr. Eugene, his father, Aloysius and sisters Eileen and Brigid and grandson Peter on Margaret's recent death. Her funeral was held at St. Kieran's church in Moe which had been their home parish for a good number of years. Many parishioners

joined Fr. Eugene's Pallottine confreres and other members of the Pallottine family in giving thanks for her life. As always, there is much to be learned about the person who has died—and from their family—from the readings and hymns chosen. 'Come as you are'—often used but never overdone because that is just what God is saying to his good and faithful servants. Gentle Woman, Ave Maria which must have often been on Margaret's lips as she made a home for her family far from their native Burma.



Betty (Rebecca) Nechwatal.

Betty, her late husband Otto and their family members were active members of the Pallottine Family in a variety of ways and for many years. At one stage, they built a house in Dee Rd---based on a design Otto knew from his native Austria and conveniently close to Pallotti College. They owned and operated Catholite Church Supplies ---a very familiar shop for many of us. After years of indifferent health, Otto died some years ago. When Betty realized she need more support, she settled at the Little Sisters of the Poor , Northcote which was truly her home away from home. St. Carthage's, Parkville was much loved by the family and it was there that they joined in a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Kevin Bodey

So often, when one member of a long partnership dies, the other follows very soon. It was only earlier this year that we told of Kevin's wife Linda's death and now he has joined her in eternity. It is sad for Michael and his siblings but for Linda and Kevin—no more partings.

Father John Hennessy SAC.

Significant news as we are going to press. Fr. John has died after 95 years of life and 70 years of priesthood. And significant not only for his long life and ministry but he was the first Australian born Pallottine. We look forward to telling of his life and his funeral in the September issue.

Your Sacred Space and Time

The Mariana Community
Invites YOU to participate in a
"Sacred Retreat"

An opportunity to have "a cenacle" like experience; an opportunity to "stop, reflect, be still, pray & share"

When

Friday 23rd September, arrival from 4.00 p.m.
Start 7.30 p.m. after a 6.30 p.m. light meal to Sunday
25th September after lunch

Where

Oak Maree
5 McNamara's Rd
Millgrove

Choice of Residential weekend/day (s)
Numbers limited to 10 for residential accommodation
(2 beds per room)
Groups Welcome

Bookings and Enquiries

Cheryl Sullivan: 9416 7138 or 0417 386 706
Cost \$50 per day

Overview of Program

Activities offered or just in your own time:

Guided meditation

Personal time

reflection / walk / meditate

Scripture meditation

Group Prayer

All meals provided with a "help yourself" Breakfast.

You are welcome to bring nibbles or some drink to share



Consider what it means: God dwells within you. - Vincent Pallotti

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