

PALLOTTINE FAMILY (UAC) NEWSLETTER MARCH 2013

A FLAME BURNS AS SOUND TRAVELS 50 YEARS IN CANONISATION CELEBRATION

The simple lighting of a candle and a recording helped well over 100 people span 50 years as the Golden Jubilee of St Vincent Pallotti's Canonisation was celebrated liturgically, artistically and socially at Pallotti College Millgrove on Sunday 20 January.

At the beginning of Mass in the College chapel, three representatives of the Pallottine Family -- former Australian Pallottine leader Fr Ray Hevern, the Coordinator of the Mariana Community Cheryl Sullivan and the President of the Local Coordination Council in eastern Australia, Richard Gooden -- jointly lit a special jubilee candle as a recording of St Vincent's Canonisation on the same day in 1963 was broadcast to the congregation half a world and half a century away from that ceremony in St Peter's Basilica.

It was a perfect and very moving moment in a day of celebration.

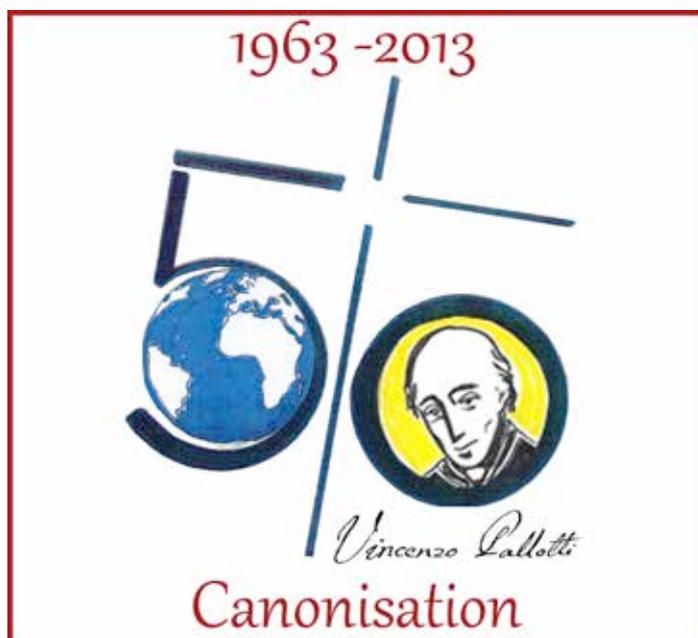
Tricia Wisolith, Richard's LCC counterpart in WA, had arranged for the beautiful jubilee candle to be made by the Benedictine nuns at Jamberoo Abbey in NSW.



Shortly afterwards, a living link was made between the two ceremonies when Fr Joe Kearney, who was at the Canonisation and is now enjoying an active retirement at Rossmoyne in WA, read the Gospel. Fr Joe is 91 and joined the Pallottines 73 years ago.

The presence of so many people from WA, who had participated in two days of consultation at the priests' and brothers' triennial Assembly, was a joy and gave the celebration a truly national flavour.

Fr Eugene San, the Regional Leader of the Pallottines in Australia, was principal celebrant of the Jubilee Eucharist.



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Trinity Group, musicians primarily or previously from St Christopher's parish Sydal, provided the music, joined by Tricia Wisolith. The prayers and music had a Pallottine theme, with Nancy Krebs' God in All Things, based on a prayer of St Vincent, and Jeffrey Honore's The Love of Christ Urges Us On both sung and the Prayer of Trust through Mary Queen of Apostles recited as a Commitment Prayer after Communion.

A jubilee demands a feast and the social side of the day began with a catered meal and conversation in the Shea Dining Room. It was a grand time for reminiscing, for catching up with old friends and for enjoying the incomparable surrounds of Millgrove.

A display of photographs and other memorabilia was set up in the foyer of the Silvester Conference Room and the day's formalities ended with Benediction in the chapel at 4pm.

On its own, the Jubilee of the Founder's Canonisation was a grand event. Set in the context of a Pallottine Australian Assembly and coming only a week before Pallotti College celebrated the 50th anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone, 20 January 2013 at Millgrove was an even more splendid Australian centrepiece of a year of celebrations held internationally and another reminder of how much the Pallottine Family in Australia has to be grateful for.

Mark Brolly

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF PALLOTTI COLLEGE

Pallotti College was certainly a busy place throughout January with three successive and important events. Firstly, the Pallottine Assembly, followed by the 50th Anniversary of the Canonisation of St Vincent Pallotti, and finally the 50th Anniversary of Pallotti College itself. The positive feedback expressed indicates a resounding success for all three events.

For the anniversary of the Laying of the Foundation Stone, it was great to see a large number of past team members, interstate SAC and UAC visitors, local families and friends, International visitors and representatives from many churches and groups which have been guests at Pallotti College over many years. The gathering provided the golden opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances and renew friendships; we were indeed blessed with some Pallotti College "Royalty" present. It was heart-warming to have the opportunity to share the Eucharist together, con-celebrated by SAC from both East and West, with great music and enthusiastic participation by everyone.

We have since received some delightful feedback and expressions of thanks for the Pallotti College celebration and we want to sincerely thank all those many people who played a part in making the day so successful.



A very important part of the day for us was the blessing of our newly completed memorial wall which will appropriately honour our deceased team members. A simple but meaningful ceremony was held in the Mary Paddock to finish a great day.

MaryAnne Dooley & Bill Henderson



ST VINCENT PALLOTTI GOLDEN JUBILEE OF CANONISATION

On Friday February 1st the Pallottine Family at Mary Queen of Apostles Parish In Riverton Western Australia commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the canonisation of St Vincent Pallotti .

The celebration commenced with a concelebrated Mass with our Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB and our Pallottine priests together with parish priests of surrounding parishes.



Fr Paul welcomed visitors and parishioners to the parish for this celebration and Fr Eugene our Regional Superior thanked our Archbishop for his attendance .

The Jubilee Candle was then lit by Fr Eugene, Cheryl Sullivan President of the UAC and Patricia Wisolith President of LCC Western Australia.

The candle was especially made for Patricia by the Benedictine Sisters at Jamberoo in Melbourne.



Lighting the Jubilee Candle

In his excellent homily (see pages 6-7 for full text) His Grace reflected on the words of Pope John Paul that Christians everywhere may become authentic apostles of Christ in the Church and in the world. His Grace emphasised the fact that St Vincent created the Union of Catholic Apostolate not just for priests and religious but for lay people, male and female, young and old, married and single.

The congregation numbered about 300 people and following the Mass all joined in an excellent supper provided by the parish social committee



MARIANA GATHERING 2012-13

As most of those who read the Pallottine Newsletter are aware ,we, the Mariana Community are quite dispersed in location. Thus we take an opportunity every three years to come together for our gathering. During this time we reconnect, pray, review, reflect , share and enjoy the occasion and challenge of being community.

We gathered at Pallotti College on the night of 27th December 2012 until the morning of the 2nd January 2013. The theme for our gathering was based on our Mariana charism –“to live a life of love in and for the world- live in into existence.”

During the year of 2012, as part of the background preparation for this time, each member wrote an article on the actual application of this theme in their own daily living. We recognised of course that the sharing of story in this manner is speaking in that moment of time and equally our lives are not static.

Gordon Carter facilitated the sessions. He was well known to us as he had completed some work over two weekends with community members able to attend on our Enneagram personality types and, how we functioned, managed our lives and responded to life situations.

The other aspect we included in preparation involved a day session with Fr Pat Jackson, SAC sharing and breaking open the words of his book, “ Empowered by love”, based on the life of St Vincent Pallotti.

The sessions over the first two days comprised of each member’ s story being read, reflected upon and sharing offered. This provided us with a rich, spiritual and powerful beginning to our time together and offered a powerful connection in our humanity as individuals, community and as part of global community. The obvious in the sharing of each members’ contributions was the gift of our shared humanity with the joys, hopes, challenges and vulnerabilities. In the sharing it was evident that there were common themes –the importance of contemplation and caring for interior life, the Sacrament of now- living in the present moment, and Mariana’s role in both UAC and the Church.

The following days involved quiet and shared reflective time reviewing and previewing our call as Mariana in 2013 as individuals and as community , particularly in light of our earlier sharings.

Interestingly or maybe not, a commonality arose around the themes.

The three themes that emerged for our community and personal spiritual development were as follows:

- 1) The implications and responsibilities of the Mariana role in the UAC
- 2) Being fully present and living fully that moment
- 3) The Spirituality of Aging, its realities and practicalities.

We certainly face and are engaging in thought provoking, stimulating and challenging times

During this time we also held our Annual General meeting. Part of that meeting include our three yearly elections for the Mariana Committee. This committee comprises a Coordinator and two Consulters. We thank the outgoing committee Mary Whiting- Coordinator and Cheryl Sullivan and Ronnie Maloney as consulters for their service and commitment and offer our wholehearted congratulations and prayerful support to Cheryl Sullivan – Coordinator and Mary Whiting and Anne Dowling as consulters.

Mary Rowe, January 2013

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF PALLOTTINE CAMPS AT MILLGROVE SUNDAY 24TH FEB 2013

Delightful memories of past times and a magnificent sunny day helped make the 50th anniversary celebration at Casa Pallotti another great memory for all those who attended “the Journey back, Journey Forward” gathering.

Mass was con-celebrated with Fr Pat Jackson and Fr Eugene San, outside on the grass, under towering gum trees, majestic mountains and blue sky. Our prayers for good weather were answered. We thank Michael McIvor and the team of truly talented musicians for their contribution of fabulous music.

At the end of mass, Fr Pat Jackson blessed the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Plaque which will become the centre piece of a memorial garden to be constructed in front of Regina Apostolorum.

After mass, it was time to reminisce with friends past and present and once again enjoy each others company as we shared many stories and much laughter. We all felt richer for the opportunity of once again, being able to spend time at Casa. Many past groups were well represented including Lay Missionaries, Mariana, Casa Care, Married Couples Weekends, Family Camps, Youth Camps, Cenacle Community and Younger Set.

We would like to thank our Casa Caretakers, Kerry and Phil Lee and their children Taylor, Ebony, Jack and Stephanie, along with the team of volunteers who worked hard to make sure that Casa Pallotti looked its best and all who attended, were welcomed with warmth and generous hospitality.

A special thanks to Lawrence Whiting who did a truly extraordinary job of locating and scanning photos for our display of camps and groups over the past fifty years.

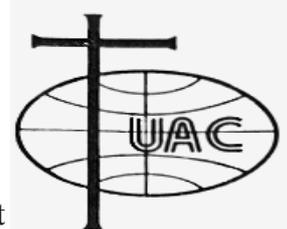
Thanks to all who came along and we hope that you know that Casa Pallotti will continue to be a place where you are always welcome in the spirit of St Vincent Pallotti.

Richard Gooden



HONORARY TREASURER REQUIRED

The National Coordination Council (NCC) is seeking the services of a person skilled in financial management / accounting to undertake the role of Treasurer for financial activities associated with the NCC and the Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust. An annual honorarium will be paid to cover any associated costs. If you are able to assist we would love to hear from you. For a copy of the position description and further information please contact Cheryl Sullivan on 9416 7138 or email cherylsullivan@optusnet.com.au



13TH SAC REGIONAL ASSEMBLY, 18 – 23 JANUARY 2013, PALLOTTI COLLEGE, MILLGROVE

The Cenacle scene of Mary with the disciples of Jesus praying in the Upper Room as the Holy Spirit descended upon them (Act1:13-14) and the Crucifixion scene of Mary and the Beloved Disciple at the foot of the cross (Jn19: 25-27), were the two biblical scenes that were dear to St. Vincent and integral to his ecclesiology. On morning of the first day of our Regional Assembly we were privileged to have a world renowned scripture scholar and lecturer, Fr. Frank Moloney SDB, help launch us into the XIII Society of Catholic Apostolate Regional Assembly by providing us with spiritual nourishment to sustain us in the following days of discussions and dialogue. His spiritual input on the topics of ‘Universal Call to Holiness’ and ‘The Challenge to Love in John’s Gospel’ prepared the ground and gave us the foundation for the ensuing discussions. Our many words of the Assembly can now be built upon the Word of God.

During this Assembly, we broke from tradition and decided not to elect a Chairperson. Instead we asked Patricia Bergin to fill the dual role of being the facilitator as well as being the chairperson. This enabled all of us to participate fully, on equal footing, in the process of dialoguing without any of us being incumbent by the duties of directing and controlling the discussions.

Another innovation proposed by the NCC and taken up by the SAC was to have Sr. Elizabeth Dodd rsc, a Religious Sister of Charity, present at the Assembly as an expert observer and a critique person. Sr. Elizabeth is well experienced in forming Boards of Managements and Public Juridical Persons among Religious congregations.

During the afternoon session of Day one, Fr. Pat Jackson sac in his inimitable and creative manner presented the person of St. Vincent Pallotti to the group. In the ensuing discussions the Assembly was able to draw out certain aspects of Pallotti’s gifts and charism applicable to our time.

Although we had adopted “Formation and Mission/ Outreach, Our Way Forward” as the theme for the Assembly during group works other corollary issues such as parish ministry, communication, Pallottine identity, retreat work, overseas immersion and interfaith dialogue were also raised.

We began each day with Morning Prayer of the Church and concluded the day with half an hour of Exposition followed by the Eucharist. Different SAC members took charge of the liturgies on different days.



One of the highlights of the Assembly was the 50th Anniversary of Pallotti’s Canonisation Mass celebrated on the 20th of January, midpoint of the Assembly. The next 3 days of the Assembly, 21st to 23rd January inclusive, were set aside for the SAC members to look at the issues raised during the first 2 days, and to review our current ministries in the light of the recommendations made at the previous Regional Assembly held in 2009.

On the final day of the Assembly we formulated a number of resolutions, recommendations and directives for the RLT to implement in the coming months. As we conclude this time of grace, we hope to build on the momentum generated by this Assembly, to actualize our ideals and to translate our words into deeds.

Eugene San SAC

CONGRATULATIONS

Fr. John Winson, on the publication of yet another book. The title is: Paul II, Culture of Life. What a good time to launch a book reflecting on the Papacy as we wait and pray for the election of a new Pope.

THE HOMILY GIVEN BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF PERTH, TIMOTHY COSTELLOE AT THE RIVERTON JUBILEE CELEBRATION

In 1986, in the year coincidentally in which I was ordained as a priest in Melbourne for the Salesian Congregation, Pope John Paul 11, speaking to the Pallottine Family, called on all members to “continue to multiply your commitment so that what Vincent Pallotti prophetically announced, and the Second Vatican Council authoritatively confirmed, might become a happy reality, and that all Christians might become authentic apostles of Christ in the Church and the world!”

I would like to reflect on these words of Pope John Paul this evening because, as he points out, the idea that every Christian is called to be an authentic apostle of Christ in the Church and the world is one of the key messages of the Second Vatican Council whose fiftieth anniversary we are celebrating along with the fiftieth anniversary of the canonization of St Vincent Pallotti.

I imagine that many of you know much more than I do about St Vincent Pallotti. Certainly the Pallotines here tonight, who live according to his spirit and who keep alive his charism, are the real experts in his life, his mission and his spirit. What strikes me about him, in addition to the fact that so much of his work is so similar to the kinds of things my own founder, Saint John Bosco, was involved in, was his unique and fundamental insight into the true nature of

our Christian vocation: that we are all called to be, in John Paul’s words, “authentic apostles of Christ in the Church and in the world”.

This has always been true of course but we have not always remembered it very clearly in the history of the Church. It has been very easy for us as Catholics, and perhaps still is, to think that it is really only the priests and religious, or the relatively small band of very committed and dedicated lay people, who are called to carry out the mission of the Church. The rest of us, we often think, are simply asked to get on with our day to day lives and do our best not to hurt or harm anyone in the process.

But if that were the case why would Pope John Paul be speaking about every Christian as an authentic apostle? Why would Saint Vincent Pallotti have created the Union of Catholic Apostolate, which wasn’t just for priests and religious but also for lay people, men and women, young and old, married and single? Why would he, in other words, have created the Pallotine family?

As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his canonization it is important I believe that we ask these questions about St Vincent Pallotti. They are urgent questions for our time because it is even clearer to us now that it was to St Vincent in his own time that priests and religious, and



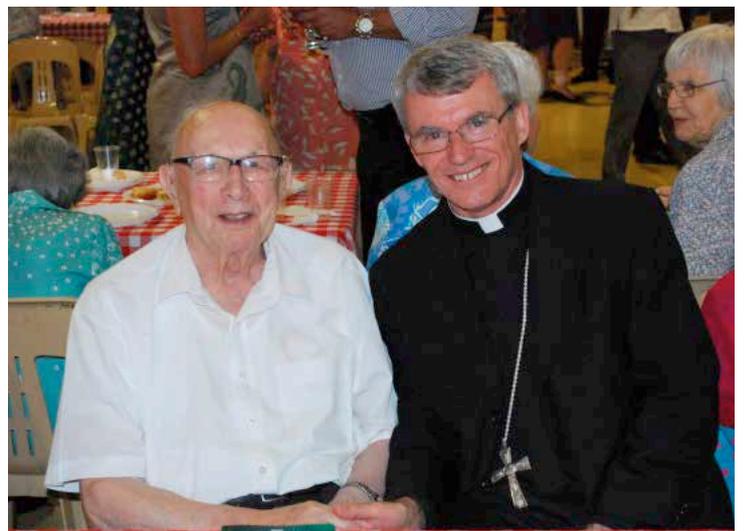
a small band of committed lay people, cannot fulfil! on their own the mission which Christ gave to his whole Church to carry the message of the gospel to every corner of the world. Every baptized person, simply because he or she is baptized, and that of course means I think every single one of us here in the Church tonight, has been chosen by God, consecrated by God, and filled with God's Spirit in order to go out into our world and share this extraordinary gift of our faith with everyone.

There is something very important here I believe for us to reflect on. I wonder if you have ever asked yourself why it is that God has given you the gift of faith and seems not to have given the same gift to so many other people. Can it be because God likes us more than others and so wants to give us things that he holds back from other people whom he doesn't like as much? That can't be the case because the Scriptures tell us that God has no favourites. Can it be then that we have somehow deserved this gift and others haven't? That it is a kind of prize for being good while others, who don't have the gift of faith, must have done something wrong? This too can't be the answer for most of us received the gift of faith as infants - we certainly haven't been given it as a reward for good deeds. Or is it that we have the gift of faith simply because we had the good fortune to be born into a Catholic family? But surely something as important as our faith can't be the result of chance. Surely God must have had something to do with it.

These may seem strange or even irreverent questions but they are really very important ones because they leave us, I believe, with only one

possible answer. God has given us the gift of faith because he wishes to use us, each one of us, and to work through us, to bring the gift of faith to others. In this sense faith is very close to love - the love that St Paul speaks about in our second reading. Just as love is a reality in our lives which only makes sense if we share it with others, so too faith is exactly the same. We are meant to share it with others, and as we do we find that it becomes more important to us and continues to enrich our own lives.

St Vincent Pallotti it seems to me knew all this instinctively. He understood that everyone of us has a vocation given to us by God which has at its heart the call to be sharers of the Good News of Jesus with others. Married people will do it in your own way, teenagers will do it in your own way, single men and women, young people and old, priests and religious, healthy and sick people, quiet retiring people and boisterous out-going people, confident people and shy people - each of us, using our own gifts and responding to the realities of our own lives - will be able to be, as Pope John Paul put it to the Pallottine family- an authentic apostle of Christ in the Church and in the world. This I think is the great challenge that tonight's celebration and the fiftieth anniversary of Vincent Pallotti's canonization holds out to us; It is the question each of us is asked to reflect on in our own lives. 'What can I do - in my real concrete situation - to be a real apostle of Christ, a real share of the Good news of Jesus, a real sign and bearer of Christ's love for others? This is the question I leave with all of you tonight.



A COMMITMENT CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION!!

In Perth, on December, 8th 2012, Tricia Wisoloth and John Nagle made their formal commitment to 'Christ and a life of love, with and through the UAC'. The words of their prayer express this simply and beautifully. Congratulations, Tricia and John.



My God, Holy Father, I give you thanks
for having created me in your image,
for redeeming me through the Death and Resurrection of
your Son Jesus Christ,
for giving me the Holy Spirit.

With this faith
and in response to your love
which consecrated me to you in Baptism,
I declare, today, my decision
to follow Jesus Christ, Apostle of the Father,
in my state and condition of life.

I place all the gifts of nature and of grace,
and, my life itself, at the complete service
of the Kingdom of God
and of the mission of the Church,
as a member of the
Union of Catholic Apostolate
according to the charism
of our Founder Saint Vincent Pallotti,
for my sanctification and that
of my brothers and sisters,
and for the salvation of humanity.

I entrust this my decision to
Mary, Queen of Apostles
and patroness of the Union,
and I invoke the protection of
St. Vincent Pallotti and of
all the Angels and Saints.
Amen.

REST IN PEACE!

The members of the Pallottine Family who have come to the end of their earthly lives are always remembered in our prayers though their names are often known to God alone. From time to time we do hear about particular people and know there will be others of our readers who will know them too.

Margo Baker, nee Toohey died in December 2012, and her funeral was held at the cathedral in Wagga Wagga on the 14th. She had been a lay missionary/nurse in La Grange –now Bidyadanga ---for 6 years in the 60s. That was a long stint in those days when distances were greater, hospital equipment was very 'basic', the summers were hot. On her return to Wagga she married and took up a very active life in her community—as a member of St. Vincent de Paul, as a lector, as a Communion minister etc. Always and truly a member of the Pallottine family.

Dr. Lyn Billings died recently also. The medical work that she and her late husband (John) did has been

affirmed here and in many parts of the world. They had a real connection with the Pallottine family because, being residents of Kew, they were very often at the evening Mass in the Shrine.

Looking much further afield---and to a younger generation. You'll remember the sad word that went around the world—another shooting massacre in USA. This time it was at Sandy Hook Elementary School where many children and teachers died. The grandparents of one little girl ---Josephine Gay---are very active members of the Pallottine family in USA. That brings it closer, doesn't it, although we don't know them at all?

George Richards who with his wife (Paddy) was a member of a couples' group years ago, died at the end of last year. Paddy, writing to tell me, also mentioned how much they enjoy keeping in touch through this newsletter.

Matt Furlong also died recently. His wife, Agnes, nee Schaefer, who was an active member of the apostolic groups at Kew in the 50s, has just notified me of her current address---so the newsletter reaches her.,

VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAY MINISTRY

Each year there are two rounds of awards for the Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry. The first round concludes on April 30th and the second on 31st October.

Last year the Scholarship Trust committee supported the following applications:

Round 1 – a grant to a member of Black Voices Inc. to attend the 2nd National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference in Perth, 6th to 8th June;

- a grant to a young man working in a program entitled ‘Kids living safer lives in Indigenous Communities’ to continue his studies in Behavioural Science at Charles Darwin University (Darwin);
- a grant to the Catholics on Campus Coordinator at Monash University, to enable him to attend the Proclaim 2012 conference on the New Evangelisation, 9th to 11th August in Chatswood, N.S.W.

Round 2 – awards to two prison chaplains/pastoral practitioners in W.A. to support their theological studies, a requirement for their work;

- a grant to a Melbourne parish community leader to continue developing a parish communal project.

Some successful applicants have sent reports of their projects/activities to the Scholarship Committee, so that we not only know how the grants are used but we benefit by sharing their experiences and successes.

It is good to know that this UAC support for lay people engaged in works of co-responsibility for their parishes and communities is available, as far as our finances allow. Donations to help us further this outreach are welcome and cheques can be made out to the Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust.

Pat Heywood, on behalf of the scholarship committee.



CONGRATULATIONS, LISEBY.

Dear readers,

I’m pleased to write these few words to tell a little about me and the voluntary work which I’ve done over the years for which, last December, I received a Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) award.

When my two sons started school in the 1980s, I found I had some ‘free’ time. As it happened my family responsibilities, volunteer work and paid employment seemed to evolve alongside each other. For example, I looked after children while their mothers attended short courses at the local leisure centre and helped a physiotherapist to work with children with disabilities.

My involvement with the Pallottines began in January 1998 when I was one of 6 volunteers who went to Millgrove to do a retreat/training with Fr. Pat Jackson. It was a useful, prayerful, reflective, important time to be together as a group, getting to know each other before starting on our new work/adventure at Wandalgu Hostel and farm at Tardun. The existing team at the hostel welcomed the six strangers warmly and helped us to bond together for a common purpose.

I began as a fulltime house parent for the junior high school girls but found working with the junior primary girls a really satisfying experience. They missed their families horribly and so I did my best to be a comforting and reassuring presence, but I also had to be a responsible adult authority figure when that was appropriate. It was with sadness that I said goodbye to my beloved little girls at the end of 1999. I remember the words of a wise person: Children need our love the most when they deserve it the least. I will always remember the challenging but uplifting times at Tardun. It was a steep learning curve but the experience stays with me as I continue my pilgrim journey.

In the years since my return, I have found many interesting activities to become involved with.

They include being:

- a founding member of C.H.A.R.M---a cultural and historical society which helps the broader Australian community to know Mauritian culture.
- a playgroup leader for the Aboriginal health services in Dandenong and Noble Park.
- a member, and an ex-president of St. Vincent de Paul
- a member and ex-convenor of the parish Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee.
- a supporter of the City of Casey Multifaith Network.

REST IN PEACE, FR. KELVIN KENNY. SAC

Kelvin was born on 21st January, 1951, the second son of Mary and Brian Kenny. As the family continued to grow, the boys were joined by seven sisters. Their home was in Kingsbury, a developing suburb of Melbourne, ideal for boys (and girls) with a meandering creek and vacant blocks where the billy cart making skills could be put to the test. Kelvin began school at Holy Name, East Preston and as early as grade 5 became interested in missions. By the end of his secondary education with the Marist Brothers, he was thinking of being a priest. In his careful manner, he researched a number of communities but the way the Pallottine Fathers interacted with his family convinced him he should join them..

He did so on 9th February 1969 at Pallotti College, Millgrove, remaining there for his postulancy, his novitiate and two years after his consecration. Then he moved to Kew and Box Hill for theological studies, leading to ordination on 29th May 1976. After serving in a couple of Melbourne parishes, the dream of his childhood became a reality and he went to Tardun in W.A. to begin five years looking after aboriginal students. His next call was back to parish life---this time as assistant priest at Queen of Apostles, Riverton and then to care for the community at Rossmoyne. In mid-1998,



- a member and supporter of Wellsprings Centre for Women in Dandenong.
- a member and supporter of the Melbourne branch of Friends of Ermera, a district in Timor Leste.

I am thankful for all who have crossed my path helped me to learn, grow and become (still doing) the person I am today. I will finish with a short prayer. Lord, I leave my past to your mercy, my present to your love and my future to your providence.

Liseby Lapierre

to his great joy, he again had the opportunity to minister to aboriginal people---this time in Geraldton. During this time he was the archivist, systematically cataloguing documents, photographs and artefacts-----preparing for all who want to explore the Pallottine story a priceless resource. By the beginning of 2007, Kelvin's progressive illness meant he needed more care so he moved to Kew and eventually spent the last three years of his life at Villa Maria in Bundoora.

Predictably, Kelvin chose the readings, the music and the quotes for his funeral. The hymns: 'Here I am, Lord', 'Make me a channel of your peace,' and 'Galilee Song' say so much about what was important to him. We can understand why he chose St Paul's description of love from Corinthians for the first reading. 'Love is always patient and kind'----and Kelvin was. 'Love is not conceited, rude or resentful' and Kelvin never was. He was such a kind-hearted person who never spoke badly of anyone. He had great faith and found meaning in his suffering so that, even when his speech was deteriorating, the words he spoke were right from his heart and very touching. He could have been described as a contemplative who knew the value of the present moment. He appreciated the little things in life and was grateful for every service. He once quoted: Meister Eckhart: "If the only prayer you say is 'thank you' it will be enough". Kelvin will most surely be enjoying the fullness of life.

Note: Thank you, Michael Kenny and Fr, Eugene for giving me the words you spoke so I could bring this 'picture' of Kelvin.

Merle Gilbo

BORN INTO LIFE 21ST JANUARY 1951

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE 22ND NOVEMBER 2012

*Our Lady of the Way, through whom to God I pray; Gentle Mother ever near,
a kin to all in joy and fear: Listen today to my plea, take me along the way
with Thee*

OUR LADY OF UKRAINE

Every country has a special picture, icon or representation of Mary as their patroness e.g. in Australia we claim Mary Help of Christians as our national image/ name for her, and as well we Pallottines in Australia have devotion to her as Queen of Apostles.

When the General Congress of the Union meets together every five or so years, participants are asked to bring a picture, statue, icon or some special representation of Our Lady, which is very meaningful to their country of origin. In a very beautiful and moving ceremony a representative of each nation places their image on a special table for the duration of the Congress and then, at its closing, these Marian images are exchanged so that a particular country carries another country's loved Mary image and both are united in prayer together through Mary, until the time of the next Congress.

In this spirit, the Australian contingent at the first General Congress in Poland in 2005 took a copy of the picture of Our Lady of Good Counsel which St. Vincent Pallotti gave to the Benedictine monks at New Norcia in Western Australia. We

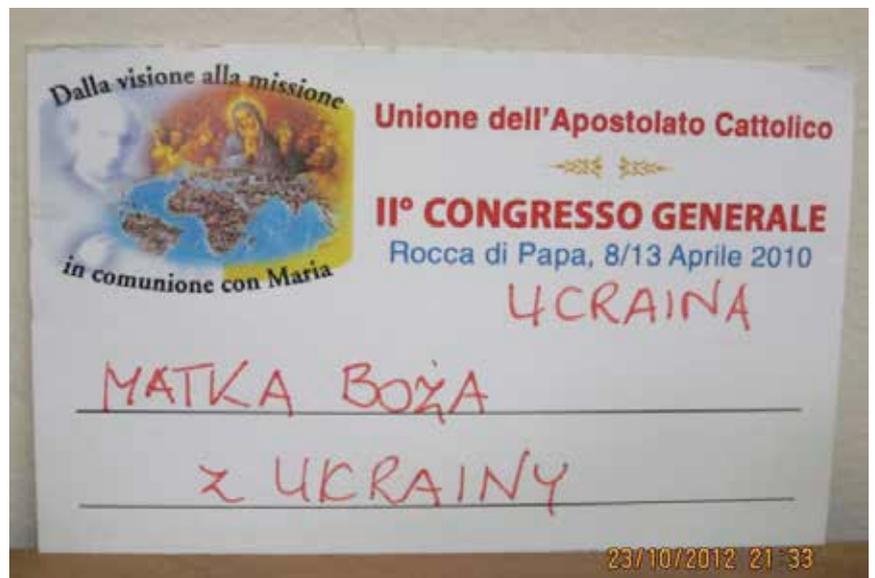
exchanged that picture with Uruguay's statue of Mary as Queen of the Universe. We then circulated the statue as much as we could, in the same way that the Fatima statue circulates in some parishes.

When some of us attended the second UAC General Congress in Rome in 2010 we made another exchange and now we have an icon from the Ukraine which features Mary as Our Lady of Ukraine, together with an icon of Jesus. Since 2010 the icon has been moving around our Pallottine family, has 'visited' members in W.A. and Pallotti College at Millgrove and is now housed for the time being in the Shrine at Kew.

If you would like to participate in hosting the icon for a couple of weeks, contact either Merle Gilbo or Pat Heywood through this Newsletter and we'll make the relevant arrangements.

Meantime we pray together with the people of Ukraine for many blessings from Mary's intercession for all concerned.

Pat Heywood



**THANK YOU
FOR SENDING ARTICLES,
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**“ WHO IS THIS MAN VINCENT PALLOTTI
—THE RADICAL DISCIPLE”
GATHER AND SHARE AT THE PARISH OF HOLY SPIRIT
120 OBAN ROAD, RINGWOOD NORTH**

**THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO
PARTICIPATE, PRAY, SEE A FILM
ON VINCENT PALLOTTI, SHARE—
THOUGHTS AND A MEAL**

WHEN:

4.00PM ON SUNDAY 24 MARCH

**WHERE: THE MARY BRESNEN
ROOM , HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH,
RINGWOOD NORTH - 120 OBAN
ROAD, RINGWOOD NORTH VIC
FOLLOWING THE FILM,
WE WILL SOCIALISE OVER A
MEAL SO PLEASE BRING A PLATE.**

**PROGRAM FOR THE AFTERNOON WILL INCLUDE:
THE FILM, “THE FAITHFUL RADICAL”. THIS FILM
PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF THE LIFE OF ST VINCENT
PALLOTTI AND HIS CHARISM. SO OFTEN PEOPLE WHO
LIVE IN PARISHES SERVED BY PALLOTTINE PRIESTS
WONDER ABOUT THE MAN WHO WAS THEIR FOUNDER.
COME AND LEARN MORE ABOUT VINCENT AND HIS
VISION. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE A
SHARED MEAL, FINISHING BY APPROXIMATELY 7.00PM.**

**For further information please
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come along on the day**

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Vincent Pallotti
Canonisation

*“God, who is love, has
created us in God’s own
image and likeness; by
creation we are living
images of God’s love”*



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