



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER *September 2017*

First woman leader of global Pallottine Family to deliver Silvester lecture



The first woman to be international leader of the Pallottine Family, Donatella Acerbi, is to deliver this year's Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture.

Donatella, from Rome, is President of the General Coordination

Council of the Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC), of which Australia's Cheryl Sullivan is a member. Donatella's predecessors in this role were priests and her leadership of a global community of men and women, lay and ordained, is rare in the Church.

She will speak on the topic "Joys and Struggles: A Lay Woman Leader in the Global Church" at this year's Lecture, the 11th annual oration held since 2007. The lecture is held in conjunction with Australian Catholic University.

The lecture, as usual, will be held at Australian Catholic University's Christ Lecture Theatre in Young Street, Fitzroy, on Tuesday 24 October 2017. Refreshments will be offered between 5.45 and 6.15pm, with the lecture to begin at 6.30pm.

Mission Prayer

God of Infinite Love,
we pray that your Spirit inspire us
to reach out and assist
the most vulnerable people.
Inspired by the zeal of St. Vincent Pallotti
may we be filled with a desire
to be apostles wherever we are.
Bless us with courage,
empathy and determination
as we reach out to families
who are in need of support
to be able to live life to the full.
May the Holy Family,
who fled to Egypt for safety,
inspire us to use our gifts and skills
to welcome and work for the wellbeing
of asylum seekers and refugees.

Amen.

RSVP for catering purposes by **16 October** to Anne Dowling on (03) 9304 2926 or by emailing Ronnie Maloney at rmaloney1537@gmail.com

Donatella, a teacher of English Literature at a high school in Rome who has lectured in Italian literature in China, was the first General Secretary of the UAC and contributed to the drafting of the UAC General Statutes, which received their final approval by the Vatican in 2008.

She was a member of the early UAC General Coordination Councils and of the early Italian National Coordination Councils.

Donatella is a member of the UAC Community "Quinte Dimensione" (Fifth Dimension), which originated among the youth of Roman schools in the late 1960s.

Her stay in Australia is to include visits to parishes in the care of the Pallottines in Melbourne and Perth and to Pallottine communities in Victoria and WA.

Last year's lecture was given by Bishop Eugene Hurley of Darwin on "The Vision of a Synodal Church in the Year of Mercy". Donatella will be the fifth woman to have delivered the lecture.

Common Outreach Project Committee would like to thank those who gave feedback re the prayer. We received a number of suggestions and the committee then had the difficult task of deciding on the final wording. The following prayer is the final version and has been ratified by the National Coordination Council.

This committee has completed the task that it was initially incorporated to do. Projects are happening that arose under its umbrella. These are continuing. Look out for exciting news about the next step that may require your ARM.

A request/reminder re your annual contribution to – Flame of love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Orphanage Keshero Congo Rwanda

A note of thanks to all those who responded to the “reminder” in the April newsletter re the renewal of annual subscriptions to the orphanage in Keshero and of course thanks to those who continue to make monthly donations through automatic debit. For those who may have been meaning to make an initial contribution or renew their annual subscription this note is a prompt, recognising that often these things can slip our minds.

In order to continue to provide an ongoing donation of \$300 per month we do require some further support. We have provided updates over the year on the support your contribution has made to the orphanage. We will continue this practice over the coming year. This project is a way for us as a Pallottine Family to reach out to those in need. Remember \$5 per month or \$60 per year from 60 of us guarantees the ongoing success of this project.

The National Coordination Council Bank details for a direct deposit are:

- Account name: Union of Catholic Apostolate Keshero Project.
- BSB: 083347 Account Number: 439222523.

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

God Bless you all

Cheryl Sullivan - President of the National Coordination Council. 14 September 2017

A Time To Gather and Share

Looking back I see that it is now seven years since we commenced the quarterly “Gather and Share Sessions”, the first one being held in October 2010.

Over the years these sessions have provided us with an opportunity of being together, recognising our mutual bonds and having time just to BE and socialise with each other.

The sessions were initially held in members' homes. Over the years we have changed the venue and now meet in the various Pallottine ministered parishes and centres. We have covered many facets of our charism, with each session focusing on a particular aspect of Saint Vincent's call for each of us to be apostles of Jesus. The input and sharing (frequently taken from sessions in the formation booklets prepared by Fr Pat Jackson) offer an opportunity for both ongoing and initial formation. Ongoing formation was a need expressed frequently by Vincent. We never stop learning!

The dates for the sessions are printed in this newsletter, so if you would like to attend please just come along. If you want some further information I would be happy to hear from you (9416 7138 or 0417 386 706). Don't be daunted, they are rather low key and engaging opportunities to listen, pray and share – both during the gathering and over a meal.

The time is from 4.00pm to 7.00pm on a Sunday evening. We make sure we finish on time!

The next Gather and Share will be held on Sunday 19 November at Saint Anne's Parish, 54-60 Knees Rd, Park Orchards 3114.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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Thanks, Fr. Eugene, for telling us about the 125th Anniversary Celebrations in Germany and about some people we know !



Missionshaus der Pallottiner in Limburg a. d. Lahn

The important occasion of the first establishment of a Pallottine presence in Germany will be celebrated in Limburg on 28th October and in Friedberg on 29th October. Yes, important for Germany and important also for Australia because the German province gave birth to the Australian Regina Mundi Region in 1901 and supported our Region for many years. So it is important that two of the three remaining German Pallottines in Australia represent the Regina Mundi at the celebrations. Fr. Benno Rausch is not able to attend because of health reasons but Fr. Joe Butscher will leave on 24th September, returning on 8th November. Br. Ludwig Gunter will leave Perth on 23rd October but he intends to retire in Limburg.



Br. Ludwig has given the best of his 55 years of life to the Region and has contributed to and profoundly shaped the Pallottine landscape in Australia during those years. He arrived on 11th November, Remembrance Day in 1962, and was appointed first to Tardun and in 1968 he was transferred to Beagle Bay Mission where he gained a reputation as a top mechanic, who could repair and maintain any kind of machinery be it diesel generators or motor vehicles. In 1980, he was moved to Pallotti College at Millgrove

***where he plied his trade—and many others—for 8 years. Then back to Tardun again where he served God and the Society until the property was sold in 2013. In recent years, he has lived in Dongara with Br. Wim Van Veen .He will be sorely missed in Australia because of the quiet, faithful and unassuming way he*

carried out his duties and lived his life as a Pallottine Brother,

Speaking of Br. Wim, after Br. Ludwig leaves, he will retire to Rossmoyne at the end of October.

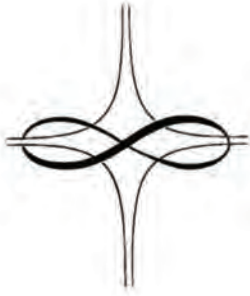
He is a self-taught botanist with an in depth knowledge of the local flora and fauna. He is also a keen historian and he has compiled documentation about people and places around the Tardun area, these have been valuable additions to the archival resources.

Let us pray for Br. Ludwig and Br. Wim as they adapt to this time of change and ask they will be rewarded for years of service by a fulfilling time of retirement. .

*** I wonder if anyone had a similar experience to me in being grateful that Br. Ludwig was at Pallotti College .When I was leaving, on a Sunday night, after being a weekender, my car wouldn't start!! Plenty of petrol, new battery, fairly new car. Would the RACV come? How would I get home—it was already late.. Br. Ludwig to the rescue—a simple explanation but I don't believe one which a 'run of the mill' mechanic would have identified!! Deo gratias.*

Merle





The PALLOTTINE FAMILY, welcomes Donatella Acerbi

President of the General Coordinating Council (GCC)
of the UAC from Rome to Australia.

Donatella is the first lay woman to be elected President of the GCC.

Donatella will be in WA (26— 31 October 2017)

and will be attending / visiting / partaking:

Thursday 26 Oct 7pm Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne.
Friday 27 Oct 9am Queen of Apostles School
Saturday 28 Oct 7pm Mass at Rossmoyne

We welcome all to join us

Sunday 29 October

9:00am Mass at Queen of Apostles Church, 57 Tudor Ave, Riverton

10:00am Morning Tea in the Parish Hall

10.:30am Donatella will present

“Joys and Struggles: a Lay Woman Leader in the Global Church.”

(a repeat of her lecture to be presented at the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture
at the ACU in Melbourne)

11.30am Prayer and opportunity for
renewal of Apostolic Commitment

12 noon Shared lunch in the Parish Hall

with parishioners and members of the Pallottine Family.

Please bring a plate of food to share for lunch

Tea, Coffee and drinks provided

ALL WELCOME

RSVP for lecture & lunch essential

Please contact Tricia Wisolith 0431 017 484

or email goariverton@ozemail.com.au

by 22nd October 2017.



St. Vincent Pallotti
canonized 1963

“All are called to be Apostles”



Union of Catholic Apostolate

Retreat Day with Renewal of Commitment

Saturday, 21st October
10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

There will be a 9.00 a.m. Parish Mass

St Christopher's Hall, Doon Ave. Syndal

Donatella Acerbi,
President of the Union of Catholic Apostolate,
will **lead** the renewal of the
Act of Apostolic Commitment

which will take place at the end of our day together. It will
be a day of prayer, input, quiet, reflection and sharing.

Donatella will be at the 6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass

General Statutes:

29. *All the members of the Union participate in the annual renewal of the Act of Apostolic Commitment on the date designated by the National Coordination Council.*

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

RSVP 14th October

Anne Dowling phone: 9304 2926 email: avdowling@bigpond.com

There will be donation box for participants who can help defray the costs of the day.

St. Christopher's Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Fatima & Spain 9 – 28 May 2017

We arrived via Dubai in Barcelona, the second biggest city of Spain. Next day off to the Benedictine monastery of Montserrat noted for the Black Madonna. We later visited the still unfinished Sagrada Familia, designed by Gaudi.

To Lourdes through the Pyrenees; the fantastic roads and overpasses made us feel like we were in Switzerland. It was a place of grace with an international Mass for 20,000 in the underground church and over 50 priests concelebrating, visit to the baths, stations of the cross and the candlelight processions. At the English-speaking Mass in the grotto, I volunteered to do the homily to the delight of our group.

Then off we went by bus to the Shrine of St James, Santiago de Compostela, the destination of pilgrims walking the Camino.

Another long trip to Fatima, processions, prayers and seeing where the angel met the children, and Mary's apparition above the holm oak. The journey was marked by steps and stairs, toilet breaks and sharing and laughter, and of course, shopping.

We went through Santarem and saw the miracle of the bleeding host, then on to Porto and a cruise on the Douro River then on to Lisbon, birthplace of St Anthony.

Back to Madrid and to the Royal Palace of the Bourbon kings, and then over to the Cathedral directly opposite and again Mass in a beautiful side chapel. We had a Chinese dinner at a restaurant overlooking Real Madrid soccer stadium.

Then on to Segovia and Avila, the walled city where Teresa of Avila was born, the great reformer of the Carmelites.

Finally back to Madrid again where we felt we had achieved much and it was time to go home.

A great big thank you to Mary and Justin Tan, organiser and photographer, to all the guides, pilgrims and to our parish who followed us with love.

Fr. Pat



MAKE SURE THESE IMPORTANT DATES ARE IN YOUR DIARIES.

Donatella Acerbi's visit is such a highlight!!

See details of the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture and the 'fliers' on pages 4 and 5!

We can add also that, on October 22nd. Donna will be the 9am Mass at Holy Spirit, Nth Ringwood, at the 10.30am Mass at St. Anne's Park Orchards and at the Cenacle Prayer at Pallotti College that evening.

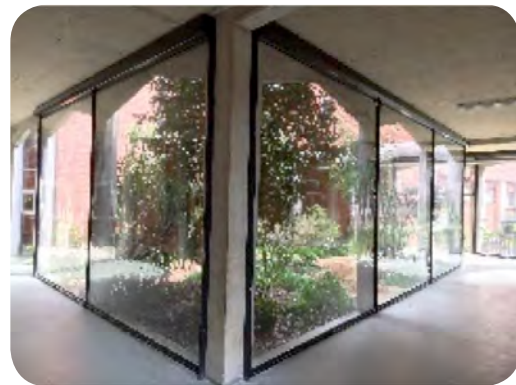
Dates and locations for our monthly Cenacle prayer:

In the West: Always at 7pm at the St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel, Rossmoyne.
Thursday, 26th October. Thursday, 30th November

In the East Begins at 7.30 pm and concludes with supper.
Bring a contribution if you wish.
Sunday, 22nd October. Pallotti College, Millgrove
Wednesday, 22nd November St. Christopher's, Syndal

NEWS FROM PALLOTTI COLLEGE

There has been lots happening at Pallotti College. We have been very busy and will welcome many more guests in the next 2 months. Fynn, who has been with us from Germany for the last year, is on his way back home to start Uni in October. We wish him well and he will be missed!!! On the bright side, we welcome Sophie, Demi and Alena to join our team. Café curtains now enhance the quadrangle and the veggie patch is starting to grow! With the spring weather starting, why not join us for one of our retreat programs before the busy-ness of Christmas??



“The Power of Forgiveness” October 27-29, “Rest, Pray, Recreate” November 10-12.

REPORTS! REPORTS! REPORTS!

Facing the prospect of report writing coming up?

Why not gather a couple of friends, or come by yourself and settle into a room at Pallotti, away from distractions, with all meals provided and shared nibbles and pre-dinner drinks in the evening? Sound good?

Weekends: 13 – 15th October, 3rd – 5th November. If either of these don't suit, ring Bill to see if we can squeeze you in.

Rest In Peace

Recently, two veteran members of our Pallottine family completed their earthly journeys and have gone before us into eternity.

May Mary Kenny and Gunter Ebinger rest in peace.

Mary Kenny died on the 27th July, some years after the death of her husband Brian with whom she shared many years of marriage and had given life to a big family. One of these was Fr. Kelvin SAC who has preceded both his parents to eternal life. Mary and Brian had been foundation parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of the Way, Kingsbury. Not just nominal parishioners but very active ones who, by sharing their real practical skills contributed so much to the life of the parish. It was so right that Mary's life was celebrated there on 2nd August Rest in peace, Mary



Gunter Ebinger, born in Mannheim, Germany, reached Melbourne Australia in 1952.. His childhood had been greatly impacted by the depression and the war. Fortunately, as a school boy, he was taken to the Black Forest where they stayed until the end of the war. Gunter comments; “I had a very interesting youth”! He had hoped to go to the university but his family needed his support so he became a painter and decorator, a trade which he plied for almost 50 years.

He always said that the greatest blessing of his life was that he joined the Catholic Walking Club and the Pallottine Younger Set and met a young lady called Mary Conlan. They were married on 3rd January 1959 at the Holy Family church, before which, Gunter bought a block of land and built the house which is still Mary's home. The big block meant a large vegetable garden and an orchard—great for a family of 6 boys and 3 girls..

Gunter was a committed member of the Holy Family parish community for more than 60 years, which included singing in the choir and taking part in the Holy Family players, as well as watching lots of footie, netball and cricket. Mary and Gunter were also foundation members of the Pallottine Family Groups ---with Helen and Noel Belfrage, Maureen and Bill Rath and Dorothy and John Riggs.

Above all, what Mary and Gunter lived was a real partnership----58 years---negotiating the tough times---loving and respecting each---to the end.

Thanks to Thomas, son number 5, Thomas, for these memories which he shared, on behalf of his family, at their father's funeral at Holy Family Church on 18th August.2017

Remember in November

Yes, this beautiful tradition will continue in 2017.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 11th November for friends, family members, members of the Pallottine family who have gone before us into eternity and whose names can be written in our memorial book.

As usual, at 85 Studley Park Road, Kew at 2,30pm

Followed by afternoon tea towards which a small plate would be appreciated .

You Are Invited To A Sacred Retreat

Where: Oak Maree at Millgrove

When: Friday 27th October to Sunday 29th October

Cost: \$50 per day

Contact

Cheryl Sullivan on 9416 7138 / 0417 386 706

Money Matters

Thank you so much for the financial contributions which you make towards this little publication. They are always welcome, big or small, whether they come by cash or cheque or via the bank – whether they are sent by mail or just handed over when we meet at a function.

The cost annually is still \$15



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Would you miss receiving this Pallottine Family Newsletter?

It has been published for over 50 years and helps us all stay connected and in touch with UAC life in Australia.

Merle Gilbo, its editor, is an octogenarian and is mortal so at some stage we will need somebody/somebodies to continue the production of this newsletter. Would you be able to assist in any way?

If you could contact Anne on 9304 2926 or email: avdowling@bigpond.com

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