



# Pallottine Family (UAC)

## NEWSLETTER *December 2019*

### Pallottine Camino to Christmas 2019

This year the Pallottine Formation team has created an Advent Programme entitled “A Pallottine Camino to Christmas,” covering the four weeks of Advent. A Camino in this sense is not a walking but a talking, a conversation together with companions, exploring the meaning of Advent as we open up the Scriptures in a personal way for our lives. As we open up the terrain, there are signposts along the way to catch our attention and give direction. Our theme song is, “O Saviour come to those who wait...” which captures the basic meaning of Advent: Coming and Waiting, getting ready for the Lord. We share key scriptures and the Gospel for each Sunday as the yearning grows in us for Him, as Mary and any mother knows. A companion on our journey is Vincent who adds his take on the Pallottine Camino.

This year we have been invited to five parishes: Syndal, Thornbury, Dallas, Murrumbena and Donvale parishes and our UAC teams will be assisting and joining in the conversation with the support of the parish priests.

Please pray for the guiding of the Holy Spirit to excite and give us joy and strength for the journey. The concluding prayer for the first week that we pray together is:

***“God, Infinite Love, as Advent begins you urgently call us from sleep to the many needy people and events around us. Yet you ask us to wait, to let our desire for you grow strong, so that we can walk this Advent Camino together with you. Let love be our motive and service our strength. Help us to prepare well for the birth of Jesus, whose coming we await, for He is our salvation and our light in the night-time. Keep us awake that we may meet him when he comes. Amen”***

Hope to catch up with you on this way of being Church. **Fr Pat Jackson**

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As mentioned above, this year this ‘**good news**’ has been spread directly through a few parishes, but, alas, too late to include the details here this year. Maybe you have been in one of those parishes and were able to live Advent in this special way. On an optimistic note, we hope there will be more parishes in 2020 and that we will make sure we publish the details in good time.

**We can pray/sing this beautiful Advent song:**

O Saviour Come to those who wait  
And open wide the heav’nly gate  
Drop down, O clouds, like gentle dew  
O come, o come Emmanuel  
And save your suffering Israel.



# Faithful Unto Death: Ms Crescy John

We should begin by recalling that there is an Australian connection to the life of Ms Crescy John. She and another member of her community (Kristsevikas), Ms Joyce Almeida visited Australia a number of times. It is likely that some of you will remember meeting them. These visits led to 'return' visits to India by members of Mariana and meeting the members of Kristsevikas at Asian/Indian conferences of Secular Institutes. Both Crescy and Joyce have been also in touch with the Pallottine family in Australia via the newsletter.

Someone has said, 'A beautiful soul cannot be forgotten.' This is true of Ms Crescy John who passed away peacefully on the morning of September 4, 2019 in Pune at the age of 87. Many would have heard about her but a few really would have known her for what she was.

Ms. Crescy John, born at Calicut in Kerala, accepted the call to join the Secular Institute (Khristsevikas) which was in the process of being formed and made her way to Rome on January 1, 1961 where she along with other young ladies joined a three year course in Theology at Regina Mundi and later a year of Spiritual Formation in Germany. She also did some studies in Hinduism. She was especially fond of the Bhagavad Gita. After the period of formation this group of Indians made their first commitment on September 16, 1964 and returned to India on January 15, 1965 to start their mission in Raipur, Madhya Pradesh under the guidance of the then Apostolic Administrator, Msgr. John Weidner SAC, where the Pallottines had their mission. Ms Crescy John was appointed the first President of the Khristsevikas and held this office for another four terms at different times. She also contributed to the formation of members.

Crescy, with her God given talents gave her best to the beginnings and growth of the Institute. She would seek advice from experts on various questions, and also from the group itself, always making sure the Institute was on the right path. She along with another first member, Ms Joyce Almeida, prepared the Constitution for the Institute.

Crescy contributed to the foundation of the Indian Conference of Secular Institutes as well as the Asian Conference of Secular Institutes. She worked closely with Fr. E Zeitler SVD and Fr. J. Neuner SJ and this led to many visits to Rome and to inviting secular Institute visitors from



other parts of the world. Presently, the Indian conference of Secular Institutes ( ICSI) has a membership of 34 and the Asian Conference of Secular institutes (ACSI) about 82.

Always wanting to be a learner, Crescy did her masters in Feminist Theology at Maryknoll school of Theology in New York This led to participation in seminars and conferences for women, and she was one of the few women who addressed the Bishops at a major meeting, the federation of Asian Bishops' conference. Her studies led to working for the empowerment of women as she saw the sufferings of women all over India and elsewhere.

As a Kristsevika, Crescy spent most her life in Mumbai. She was soft and gentle, her kind and helpful nature led her to reach out to many people in need. That emend she had a wide circle of friends from all religious backgrounds. Simplicity, patience and humility were her hall marks.

Ms Crescy was inspired to live her secular calling through the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti, the founder of the Union of Catholic Apostolate, known as Pallottines of which Kristsevikas are apart. She was a person of faith and prayer, her love for the Word of God and contemplative sustained her. Her inner will power helped her face and endure many difficult and challenging situations in her life. Even in the time when her strength was failing, she always cheerful hopeful and positive. 'Rest in peace, Crescy and thanks to Crispina D'Costa, a fellow, member of Kristsevikas for sharing something of her life.

# Meeting of the National Formation Promoters in the Union – Rome

## 18-23 September 2019

“A charism without pedagogy (method of teaching) is reduced to a theory” the formation promoters from 9 countries were told at our recent meeting in Rome. Formation should be a means of arriving at the Charism, the goal of promoting holy cooperation with God for the salvation of all. In Vincent’s words, be flexible, use all means, use all opportunities and be inclusive.

Vincent was a keen promoter, one who took the initiative, organised and sustained, excited and stimulated. He was inspired by God to promote the establishment of The Union, and his vision was to promote in the faithful perfect charity and mercy. At this stage I was feeling a little inadequate so to make the feeling complete, we were advised that we needed to have a lifestyle following the values of the Charism because, “we educate more with what we do and much more with what we are”. Fortunately, Vincent doesn’t require perfection, only that one should do one’s best!



All of the keynote speakers were passionate and inspiring, here are some of the points which made their mark on me:

1. Our Charism is a great treasure and an apt response to today’s secular church, we need to go forth, to lead or die.
2. We need to follow the spiritual itinerary of our Founder, prayer, formation, mission.
3. We need to form genuine Christians in the spirit of Church. All Disciples where each vocation is beautiful.
4. We can all take part in formation, we need to seize every opportunity to talk about Vincent and his writings.
5. The Cenacle format provides one of the best methods of formation.
6. We need to find new ways to make our product appealing to today’s church.
7. Apostolic commitment to the Union is not the last step, there should be ongoing prayer, formation and mission.
8. We need to include the protection of minors and vulnerable adults in our formation programs.
9. Isn’t it nice to live in a time when the Pope speaks the same words as our founder? Fr Derry Murphy gave a wonderful presentation on this subject entitled “Jesus at the Centre”.
10. Set off again and again with new trust in God’s gift to us, Vincent’s Charism.
11. Co-responsibility does not mean uniformity.
12. All are called to collaborate, not just like minded people.

The presentations by the various national formators drove home the reality of point #11 above. We had India and Poland with a very structured approach at the one end of the spectrum with Columbia and Tanzania’s flexible sharing of Vincent’s charism at the other end. Italy, Australia, Canada, Brazil and Ireland falling somewhere in the middle. What struck me was everyone’s love for our Founder, their desire to share his charism and that everyone was doing their very best, sometimes in trying circumstances. The USA with their Catholic Apostolate Centre are in a league of their own and are doing a marvellous job for those of us who don’t want to reinvent. They have a great website with many resources which can help us all with our ongoing formation.

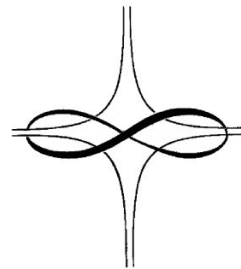
The meeting was a wonderful example of Cenacle in action. We gathered, we prayed and broke bread, we shared and became inspired and finally we were sent back to the far corners of the globe to live our Apostolate.







## WESTERN AUSTRALIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020 ALL WELCOME



|  |                                 |                     |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| January  | 30 (Thurs)                      | 7.00pm              | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne   |
| February                                       | 27 (Thurs)                      | 7.00pm              | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne.  |
| March  | 6 & 7 (5.30pm Fri – 8.30pm Sat) | FAST 24 at Riverton |  |
|  | 26 (Thurs)                      | 7.00pm              | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne   |
|  | TBA (Sat)                       | 2.30pm              | Pallottine Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation at Pallottine Hall, Rossmoyne       |
| April  | 18 (Sat)                        | 7.30am              | Feast of St Vincent Pallotti - Mass at QoA Riverton, followed by shared breakfast. |
|  | 30 (Thurs)                      | 7.00pm              | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne   |
| May  | 28 (Thurs)                      | 7.00pm              | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne   |
|  | 30 (Sat)                        | TBA                 | Queen of Apostles Feastday at Queen of Apostles Church Riverton                    |
| June   | 25 (Thurs)                      | 7.00pm              | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer at Rossmoyne.  |
| Date TBA for Mass & UAC Gathering at Rossmoyne |                                 |                     |  |

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Fr Ray 0427 776 934 or Tricia 0431 017 484 or Fr Paul 08 6188 6877

## OUR LADY QUEEN OF APOSTLES YOUTH MINISTRY – FAST24

**FAST24 2020 will be held on 6 & 7 March at Queen of Apostles Parish, 55 Tudor Avenue, Riverton WA**

FAST24 Perth 2019 For the past 5 years, the Queen of Apostles Parish Youth Apostolate (Riverton, WA) has run the FAST24 Experience program during Lent. In 2019, the FAST24 Experience was introduced to St Christopher's Parish (Syndal, VIC) for the first time. The FAST24 Experience was created as a way for both young and old to experience Lenten Renewal together during the Year of Mercy (Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy) in 2015. Anyone can attend, especially the young-at-heart!

FAST24 is about having a deeper experience of Lent through 24 hours of fasting and spending time together in a parish community; to pray and play while experiencing the joy of being part of a journey towards Easter and celebrating the Lord's Resurrection together.

The program begins with a meal on Friday evening (before the fast begins) followed by Stations of the Cross. There will be talks (by inspirational speakers), group discussions, "live" music, creative games, night prayer, and more! And those who wish to take part in a sleepout (in solidarity with the homeless) may do so – otherwise go home and be back the next morning. Morning Prayer begins the next day, interspersed by inspirational speakers, games, more praise and worship, group discussions, holy hour, confession and finishes off at the end of the fast with the Vigil Mass for Sunday followed by a meal together.

**Registration:** If you'd like more information, please email: [qoariverton@ozemail.com.au](mailto:qoariverton@ozemail.com.au)

**Cost:** \$20 per person (includes two community meals, i.e. one before the Fast, and the other after the Fast)



# VICTORIA UAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

## ALL WELCOME

| Day | Date  | Time                    | Event   | Venue            | Notes   |
|-----|-------|-------------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Wed | 22/01 | 5.15 p.m.               | St Vincent's Feast                                      | Kew              | Mass & Shared Meal  |
| Sat | 22/02 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Fr Leenus' Place | St Kevin's Ormond most probably. Ring 0429869457 if you need to confirm.  |
| Sun | 23/02 |                         | Formation 1   | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue   |
| Wed | 26/02 |                         | Ash Wednesday   |                  |   |
| Sun | 15/03 | 4.00 p.m.               | Gather & Share  | Kew              | Based on <i>Laudato si: on care for our common home</i>   |
| Sun | 22/03 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue<br>Bring something for light supper   |
| Sun | 12/04 |                         | Easter Sunday   |                  |   |
| Tue | 21/04 | 5.15 p.m.               | St Vincent Pallotti Feast Day (Australia)               | Kew              | Mass & Shared Meal<br>Bring a plate of food or some drink to share  |
| Sun | 03/05 |                         | Formation 2   | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue   |
| Fri | 22/05 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Clayton South    | Theme: Mary, Queen of Apostles<br>cnr. Bunney Rd and Springs Rd   |
| Sun | 14/06 | 4.00 p.m.               | Gather & Share  | Syndal           | Based on <i>Laudato si: on care for our common home</i>   |
| Sun | 22/06 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Kew              | 85 Studley Park Rd<br>Bring something for light supper  |
| Sun | 05/07 |                         | Formation 3   | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue   |
| Wed | 22/07 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Fr Leenus' Place | St Patrick's Murrumbidgee probably<br>Cnr. Murrumbidgee & Dalny Roads   |
| Sat | 22/08 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               |                  | Keep an eye out for details re venue  |
| Sun | 06/09 |                         | Formation 4   | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue   |
| Tue | 22/09 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue<br>Bring something for light supper   |
| Sat | 24/10 | 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. | Retreat Day with Renewal of Act of Apostolic Commitment | Clayton South    | All members of the Pallottine Family throughout the world are expected to renew their Act of Apostolic Commitment about this time. Please mark on your calendar or in your diary now! |
| Tue | 27/10 | 6.30 p.m.               | Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture                       | ACU              | Look out for further details in the Pallottine Family Newsletter next year.   |
| Sun | 8/11  |                         | Formation 5   | Syndal           | St Christopher's, 5 Doon Avenue   |
| Sun | 15/11 | 4.00 p.m.               | Gather & Share  | Fr Leenus' Place | Keep an eye out for further details re venue  |
| Sun | 22/11 | 7.30 p.m.               | Pallottine Cenacle Prayer                               | Millgrove        | Pallotti College<br>Remember in November  |

Advent Camino Program: Formation Committee will provide details closer to the time.

**Clayton South:** St Andrew's Church, Cnr Bunney Road and Springs Road, Clayton South  
**Ormond:** St Kevin's Church, 73 Glen Orme Avenue Ormond.  
**Phone:** Anne D. 9304 2926 Merle G. 9497 1691

# A Promise Kept!!

Yes, the September issue promised the 'Social event of the year' – to be held at Kew on 23rd November and it was indeed a promise kept. We gathered on the wide back verandah of '85', happily greeting each new arrival, and so often renewing old friendships. All the time enjoying the 'nibblies' and a glass of whatever. Meanwhile the 'cooks' were hard at work in the car port—quite close enough for us anticipate the sausages sizzling there.

After this happy time, we moved to the 'theatre' (library) for the real reason we had gathered. That was to hear from Cheryl about the time she spent at the orphanage we are supporting. We are all a lot clearer now—knowing Keshero is in the DRC —Democratic Republic of Congo, not far from the border with Rwanda.

Her photographs told the story so well—and the facts and figures convinced us that we can play a part by helping to fund the daily essentials which are life and energy and hope for the children. In fact, she was able to make many references to ways our money has helped.

At the time of the launch—March 2016—the suggestion was that 50 donors, giving \$5 or \$10 per month meaning a total of \$3000-3600 per year, would generate a dependable contribution towards providing food for the children. It is very reassuring that all the money you give will reach the children because it will be transferred directly to the SAC Provincialate in nearby Ruanda from where it will be passed on to the orphanage –as needed

If you have been contributing, thank you and please keep going.

## If you'd like to know the ways you can—here goes!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) pledge a total of \$......to be paid .....now .....monthly....quarterly.....annually  
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## Banking and postal information:

Make all cheques payable to: Union of the Catholic Apostolate Keshero Project

**Deposit direct debits to:** BSB 083347      **Account Number:** 439222523

## Address donation forms and payments to:

Wojtek Nowicki, Treasurer, Union of Catholic Apostolate Inc,  
c/- Pallottine College, 85 Studley Park Rd. Kew Vic 3101

For any questions, please contact **Wojtek Nowicki** at:

**Email:** whbxsj@yahoo.com.au **Mobile:** 0425 726 028



*The Queen of Apostles School Children keeping up **their good work** and handing over another cheque.*





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# Pallottine Camino 2020

*"the love of Christ urges us on"*  
St. Vincent Pallotti

## Pallottine Camino

Commencing at  
St Christopher's Parish,  
5 Doon Ave, Syndal.

### BRING:

- BYO lunch for the first day
- Daypack for holding items required while walking
- Mobile phone & water bottle
- Sturdy walking shoes & socks
- Symbol to place at cross during final liturgy
- Sheets, towels, pillowcase, toiletries, clothes & personal items

Luggage will be transferred to Pallotti College from St Christopher's on the first day

### COST:

#### Camino:

**\$260** (includes transfers, 2 nights accommodation and all meals except lunch first day )  
EARLY BIRD RATE \$245, paid by 29 February.

### **Please note:**

This walk covers 20+ km per day. Training and a good fitness level are required. Walkers participate at their own risk.



Pallottine Camino  
"The love of Christ urges us on"

## A pilgrimage walk from St Christopher's Parish Syndal, to Pallotti College Millgrove.

**April 11<sup>st</sup> to 13<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

**Approximately 65km over three days.**

*A time of sacred pilgrimage between two significant sites of Pallottine Spirituality & Mission.  
Meditate on your experience of God in nature while walking in fellowship & friendship with others.*

#### **Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 8am: Pilgrim Commissioning & Mass at St Christopher's
- 9am: Commence walking east on High St Rd. to join the Dandenong Creek corridor of beautiful walking trails to Kilsyth, 23km.
- Transfer to Pallotti College at conclusion of day's walk & evening prayer/reflection

#### **Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Morning Mass and transfer to previous day's end point at Kilsyth.
- Walk to join the Warburton Trail at Mt Evelyn, then along the Warburton Trail to Woori Yallock. 25km.
- Transfer to Pallotti College & evening prayer/reflection

#### **Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Morning Mass and transfer to Woori Yallock.
- Walk to Pallotti College along Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct, 15km.
- Placing of symbols at foot of cross and closing Liturgy
- Late afternoon transfer to St Christopher's Syndal

*Join this beautiful walk along Dandenong Creek,  
the Warburton Trail and O'Shannassy Aqueduct to Millgrove.*

**All Welcome**

Contact Bill on 5966 2585 or email [admin@pallotticollege.org.au](mailto:admin@pallotticollege.org.au)  
for further information

*We pray that people everywhere will be blessed with the peace & joy and security which every human heart yearns for.*



## *Gather & Share 2020 Caring For God's Creation Save the dates in Victoria*

The 2020 Gather & Share Sessions will be held on 15 March,  
14 June, 15 November 2020.

The theme of the sessions will focus on the well known encyclical  
of Pope Francis, "Laudato Si"

The March newsletter will provide a more in depth explanation of  
the content of each session, this is just to whet your appetite.

### **PUT THE DATES IN YOUR DIARY NOW.**

We look forward to some fruitful discussion on how we care for  
God's Creation today.

**REMEMBER YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN THE PALLOTTINE  
FAMILY FOR MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE IF YOU WISH.**

**The Celebrations will begin with Carols at 8pm,  
followed by Mass at 8.30,  
at 85 Studley Park Kew and Pallotti College, Millgrove.**

## *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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