



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER

April 2022

UAC Sixth Ordinary Assembly held in Rome between March 13 and 20, 2022

Mary Whiting and I (Cheryl Sullivan) recently returned from Rome after attending the Union of Catholic Apostolate 6th ordinary General Assembly. The following is a very brief overview of the assembly, there are more comprehensive reports on the assembly on the UAC website (<http://www.unionofcatholicapostolate.org>) (a site I would encourage all to have a look at and keep up to date with the international happenings within the UAC.)

The theme of our meeting was Journeying Together as People of God. This theme was chosen as we respond to the call of Pope Francis to become a Synodal Church – as our Assembly prayer stated - we embrace the model of a synodal Church, a listening Church, a people responding to God's call in this third millennium. This theme echoed in the assembly in various messages, homilies, presentations.

- Saint Vincent did not have the intention to create a spiritual elite but a group of people not distant from the rest of the ecclesial community, on the contrary he wanted to help the whole church.
- We are called to a universal vision. Our mission is Jesus on mission.
- Jesus is a model of Synodality –mingling, journeying, listening and dialoguing with others. Our own charism is integral to the call to synodality today. We are being called to relationship, going to the periphery, listening, dialoguing, including inter religious dialogue, discerning the call of the Spirit.

Over these days reports from each of the countries were presented. In addition to the impact of COVID 19 we heard comments regarding: recognition of ageing membership, the ongoing need for the development of collaboration between all Pallottine vocations, the need for the growth of Synodality within the UAC, the quest to reach out to the peripheries, reaching out being inclusive of youth – listening, dialoguing, accompanying youth in their world of work and life and care for our earth our world as called for in Laudato Si.

Integral to the assembly is the election of members to the General Coordination Council. Mark Brolly, who many of you know was elected. Mark has been a member of the Pallottine Family since childhood and with his love of Saint Vincent and journalistic skills to name but two, will make a great contribution to the council. (I am not sure that his love to the Carlton Football club will bring a lot of life and understanding to the council members!). Donatella Acerbi, the outgoing UAC President and Fr Roque Gonsalves SAC, the UAC General Secretary, both retired from the council and will be greatly missed.

Cheryl Sullivan
March 30, 2022

In this magazine, we share news, views and reflections of the way the UAC (Union of Catholic Apostolate) lives the vision of St. Vincent Pallotti here in Australia.

Child Safety

Child Safety is of vital concern. The UAC has a child safety team working to ensure safety for all who have contact with our apostolates. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of children within our UAC/Pallottine Family, please contact our UAC Designated Persons for the protection of minors - Denise Carl at dcarl@bigpond.net.au or David Carl at merriwa2000@gmail.com

VI GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UAC SYNODALITY: JOURNEYING TOGETHER AS PEOPLE OF GOD

With great joy the Members of the VI Ordinary General Assembly of the Union of Catholic Apostolate announce the new GCC. It is composed of the three ex officio members: Fr. Jacob Nampudakam SAC; Sr. Ivete Garlet, CSAC; Sr. Josephina D'Souza, SAC and the ten newly elected members: Fr. Gilberto Orsolin SAC (Brazil); Fr. Rory Hanly, SAC (Ireland); Sr. Liberata Niyongira, SAC (Rwanda); Mr. Michal Grzeca (Poland); Sr. Helena Pimenta, CSAC (Brazil); Ms Gabriella Acerbi (Italy); Ms Linda Barikmo (USA); Mr. Dominic Cherukara (India); Mr. Marek Brolly (Australia); Fr. Florent Eloundou, SAC (Cameroon).

God's powerful blessing on the members of the new GCC, those continuing and those beginning this mission of service for the entire Union: may the Spirit of the Lord be upon you, sustaining and guiding you according to the charism given through

St. Vincent; may He bring about in you a profound spirit of unity in communion, of corresponsibility in mission and help you to spread it throughout the Union and beyond in service of His Kingdom, in the Church and in the world, especially in service of those who are most in need.

Heartfelt thanks and every blessing to Ms. Donatella Acerbi for her years of dedicated service and leadership as UAC President. She will continue in this capacity and be responsible for the ordinary administration of the UAC until the election of the new President at the first meeting of the new GCC (scheduled for 16-19 June 2022) is confirmed by the Holy See (cf GSt, 82).

And also a heartfelt word of thanks to those who served as members of the outgoing General Coordination Council of the Union but are not continuing – Fr. Derry Murphy SAC (Ireland), Ms. Cheryl Sullivan (Australia),

Ms. Sonia Saldana, (India) Sr. Beniamina Tropiano, CSAC (Italia) and Sr. Bo ena Olszewska, SAC (Polonia). May God reward you for your generosity and commitment, and bless you as you continue to serve the life of the Union for the good of the wider Church and world in your other ministries and commitments.

A special vote of thanks to Fr Roque Gonsalves, SAC, General Secretary of the UAC, who concludes his mandate as General Secretary of the UAC for his committed service as Secretary and guidance of the General Secretariat of the Union. May Mary, Queen of Apostles, bless him in his new apostolate and accompany with her maternal protection.

PRAYER FOR THE VI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This prayer was specially written in preparation for the Assembly. It is not surprising that what it asked will always be relevant. - Herewith is a slightly modified version, right for the future...

Mary, Queen of Apostles, as followers of your Son, Jesus and listening to the call of Pope Francis we embrace the model of a synodal, a listening Church, a people responding to God's call in the third Millennium.

May we be open to, and in prayer, perceive the voice of your Son, Jesus. May we listen attentively to the voices of all people and to all of creation. May we, in our diversity, actively respond in committing ourselves to re-awaken faith and enkindle charity as joyful, missionary disciples.

May we meet the needs of this time at the service of the Gospel message entrusted to us today.

In journeying together as people of God, in communion with and acting out of love, we trust you Mary as we have every confidence in you, our Mother.

St. Vincent Pallotti, as your sons and daughters, we ask your help to follow our call to seek and find God in all things

Mary, Queen of Apostles—Pray for us.

Saint Vincent Pallotti—Pray for us

Blessed Elisabetta Sanna—Pray for us

Blessed Pallottine Martyrs—Pray for us

Pallottine Cenacle Prayer: what's it all about!

St Vincent had a great devotion to Mary Queen of Apostles as we see in the picture he had commissioned of her with others at Pentecost. We read in the acts of the Apostles that Mary and some women were praying with the apostles in the Cenacle (the upper room in which the Last Supper was held). After the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus we can guess at what they were praying about and we know that it led to a powerful experience of God's Spirit animating them to go out and spread the Good News.

This is what our Pallottine Cenacle Prayer is about. We come together to pray both silently and aloud in accord with what is happening in our lives, in the lives of our communities and especially in our world and be re-activated to go out again as Good News to others. From gathering with others who share Pallotti's charism, we are strengthened in living individually, knowing we are spiritually united with others. We belong to and are valued members of something bigger than ourselves. Of course, we conclude with a light supper (please BYO plate to share) - and chance to strengthen those relationships. Zoom was a wonderful connector but that supper was missed.

In **Western Australia**, the gatherings are not on the 22nd, but on the LAST Thursday of every month, except December, so the next few are: 28th April, 26th May, 30th June, 28th July, 25th August.

For information - Fr Ray 0427 776 934, Tricia 0431 017 484.

In **Victoria** we normally choose the 22nd of the month, but there are changes, for example, in April 21st is the day we celebrate, because it is St Vincent's 227th birthday!

5.15pm Mass at Kew - see below.

Additions: Exceptions

Saturday June 4th - The Feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles - we gather at Kew at 2.00pm

Cenacle Prayer Evenings

Sunday 22nd May 7:30pm St. Anthony's Glenhuntly

Wednesday 22nd June 7:30pm St. Christopher's Syndal

Friday 22nd July 7:30pm St. Patrick's Murrumbena

Keeping in touch: We know how often COVID has made us change times/events. We hope that life will be more settled but once bitten, twice shy. It would be great if we had your email addresses. If you would like to add yours to our long list, contact Anne Dowling on avdowling@bigpond.com



A Wonderful Response



Jimmy and Pat Jackson and friend



The task ahead

It started as a cry for help from Fr Pat for his brother James who because of poor health was struggling to prepare sixteen acres for sale in Mickleham so that he could live near his younger sister Rose Marie. Robert Vecchio set the date for Saturday February 5th and miraculously twenty-five people young and old came from St Christopher's, including two from Fr Leenus's parish, Silvio with a mulcher, Richard and Patrick Gooden with a wood chopper two brothers, and men and women with mowers, saws, gardening tools and a will to work with a spirit of enthusiasm and service.



Couldn't have done without it



A well earned rest

Our theme was Formation Through Action and it certainly showed - Robert with chain saw and whipper snipper, ten trees and branches from fallen trees had to be cut up and mulched, youth like Ian and adults like Steve with wheelbarrows bringing branches to be mulched and then carted to beds around the house that women and couples had prepared, two gates painted white, Adam, James and Ron mowing four large areas. Firewood for three years was stacked, and after nine hours of solid work the place looked a real picture. And a few days later four women and three men came with energy and worked on the inside of the house. The property was up for auction and thanks be to God and to all our generous helpers Lot 720 Mt Ridley Rd, Mickleham was sold. God bless you all with sincere thanks and prayer.

Fr Pat Jackson



(Left) Smiles all around
(Right) Lovely old gates

Celebrating the life of Denise Margaret Wilson

27.04.1939–22.10.2021

Just as we were going to press in December that we heard the sad, but not unexpected, news that Denise Wilson had died. We knew she would be farewelled appropriately and are glad to share something of that celebration.

Denise's family and friends gathered at the St. Vincent Pallotti Chapel at Rossmoyne and by the miracle of modern technology were joined by others scattered across Australia.

Celebrants were Fr. Ray Hevern, Fr. John Flynn and Fr. Paul Manickathan and the music was supplied by Margaret de San Miguel and Ashley Almeida.

The friends who planned Denise's farewell knew her so well ---- prayers, readings, hymns, symbols all wonderfully reflected her life, beginning so appropriately, with "Come as you are".

Then:

A letter from St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil.3.20-21) –*"Our homeland is in heaven."*

The Psalm: Boniwell's, My Shepherd is the Lord.

The Gospel of John. John 14 1-6 *"Do not do your hearts be troubled. Trust in me"*

The prayers of the Faithful brought together all the parts of her life—as a sister and a daughter, as a member of the Pallottine family and lay missionary, as someone always offering compassion and hospitality, a generous friend embracing many in her community, especially the aboriginal people, remembering also family members and friends who had gone before her.

This breadth of care and concern was expressed in the Offertory hymn; the Beatitudes and of, course, it was Aboriginal Our Father which was sung.

Dear everyone,

This morning Barbara Shea entered her eternal reward and is now in the arms of her loving God.

As you all know very well, Barbara has been an invaluable part of the Pallottine family from the early days with Walter Sylvester SAC, and a founding Member of Mariana. Her lived love of Vincent and his Charism has inspired many to apostolic and missionary adventures. Her presence at Pallotti College Millgrove for many years, inspired weekenders to share in the offering of hospitality and welcome to all who came.

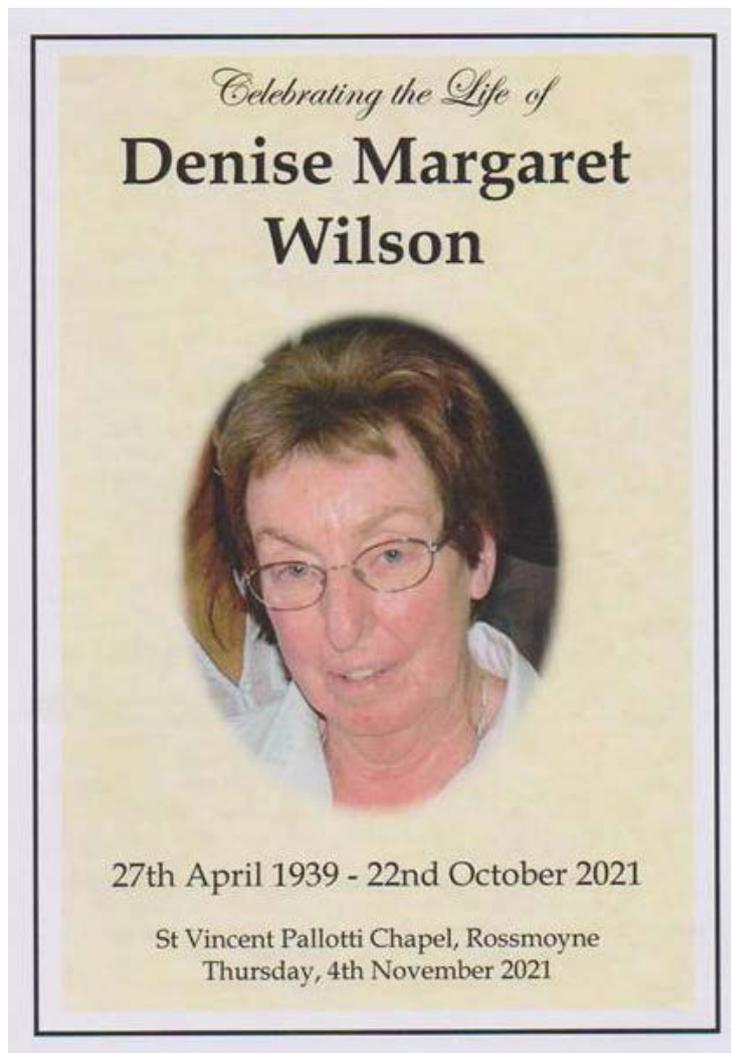
She will now join the growing number of our Pallottine family watching over us from the cloud of witnesses.

Love to all as we journey towards Easter.

Significant for Communion—Our Supper invitation and, as Denise left the chapel for the last time: Strong and Constant. She now rests, in peace, in the Karrakatta cemetery, Perth.

Thank you for what you were and what you did and what you gave, Denise.

REST IN ETERNAL PEACE



A significant event for Mark Brolly

The name 'Mark Brolly' is certainly very familiar to members of the Pallottine Family. Apart from other connections, he has so often contributed to this magazine. When I heard that he is about to retire, it dawned on me - so belatedly - that we should share a little bit about him and his interesting life.

He was born in Pascoe Vale to an Australian mother and an Irish- Scottish father and remained loyal to and knowledgeable to his Irish and Scottish heritage. It was in Pascoe Vale that he met another Scottish family - the Jacksons. Who doesn't recognize Fr. Pat Jackson's accent?

Very soon after receiving his HSC results, Mark began his cadetship at the Age. He did a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at RMIT and the usual rounds cadets did - such as sport, police rounds and industrial relations.

He left the Age in July 1983 to travel and to prepare for work as a lay missionary among Aboriginal students with the Pallottines in Western Australia. These years, 1984-85 were rich and formative years. He was fortunate to be able to return to the Age when he came back to Melbourne in 1986 being first sports sub-editor and, for almost four and a half years the religious affairs reporter. During that time, he did a Bachelor of Theology at the ecumenical United Faculty of Theology. In 2003, while still sports subbing, Mark began writing for Australia for the London-based international Catholic Weekly, the Tablet - a role he continued for the next 15 years. He took a redundancy from the Age in 2008 and then began the next/final stage of his career, responding to an advertisement for a journalist at Anglican Media Melbourne. A very rewarding and enjoyable posting which took him to retirement.



No matter what else he was been doing, Mark has always an energetic and generous member of the Pallottine family. For example, he served a term as chairperson of the Local Co-ordination Council- East and was a foundation member of, and continues to serve on the committee which plans and manages the Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture. Most recently, as Cheryl Sullivan tells us, Mark was elected to the International Council of the UAC, the General Co-ordination Council, abbreviated to the GCC, and he has always been so generous and willing when he has been asked to contribute to this magazine.

Our best wishes for a really a fulfilling - and long - retirement, Mark.

The might of the pen... wielded by you!

You are invited to take up the pen and write in support of Christian responses to issues of our day. Your letters can make a difference.

UAC-ARM invite you to join an advocacy group that you don't have to leave home to belong to.

The aim is to write letters to politicians, sign petitions and take action in support of just causes, such as increasing the number of refugees that Australia accepts overall so that more can be accepted from Afghanistan and the Ukraine. Letters in an election year particularly can carry a lot of weight!

Those interested would let us know the time of the week that would be most be suitable for them to write letters for about half an hour to an hour. If there is some commonality, we would then set a time for a fortnightly zoom/ phone session that would start with our

Mission Prayer and then issues etc. could be discussed. We would also email samples of letters, addresses of parliamentarians or others to whom the letters would be sent, and issues to respond to. Of course, the letters carry more weight if they are not all worded the same but are personalised by you.

If you can't join in on Zoom/ phone sessions that's fine. You can choose your own time and still be connected with all the other members of the group ... and you don't have have to leave home...except for posting.

If you would like to join this UAC-ARM advocacy group please send your name, email address or phone number along with the time that would best suit you to avdowling@bigpond.com or text your details to 0429 869 457. Anne Dowling in Victoria and Marnie Ryan in Western Australia will then set things up.



All it takes is one good person to restore hope.

Pope Francis

An opportunity to respond to the needs of asylum seekers

Hello all, this is a follow up from our previous newsletter when we sought people who might be interested in reaching out to asylum seekers in our country.

In collaboration with the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, we have identified a couple of activities, we as members of the Pallottine Family, might be able to offer – perhaps hosting a family for a weekend, in your home or holiday home in a rural or seaside area for a weekend, or taking a family on a day's outing. We will be hosting an information evening sometime soon after Easter and would love to hear from you, perhaps expressing interest in attending the evening or seeking clarification, asking questions. My mobile number is 0417 386 706 and email cherylsullivan11@bigpond.com

In the words of Saint Vincent Pallotti, know that “God will be with you in all your apostolic undertakings”

Cheryl Sullivan

UAC (Pallottine Family) ARM Committee.

30 March 2022



Sacred Retreat

The Mariana Community invites you to take some time out to BE in the moment and enhance the inner spirit of your life.

When: Friday 13th May 2022, arrival 4:30pm – starting 6:30pm

Returning home after lunch on Sunday 15th May 2022

Where: 'Oak Maree', 5 McNamara Road, Millgrove

GROUP ACTIVITIES such as **GUIDED MEDITATION**

TIME of **PRAYER** and **SHARING** or **PERSONAL TIME** to **REFLECT**

WALK, MEDITATE, GO OUT for a **COFFEE**

Want to know more or to book?

Contact Mary Saunders 0427 525 962 or mrsaunders7@outlook.com

Cost: \$60 per day

All meals provided with a 'help yourself' breakfast

Bringing nibbles and some drink to share is always welcome

“The only love is God.” Vincent Pallotti

Eastertide Blessings

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