



Pallottine Family (UAC)

NEWSLETTER *December 2022*

A Hope and a Challenge

Bishop Vincent Long certainly delivered both at the WSML on the 26 October at the Catholic Theological College East Melbourne. I had almost given up hope of feeling positive about the Church and the Plenary Council efforts coming to anything worthwhile. Now I have hope about OUR Church.

Vincent gave us a delightful image of Walter Silvester, the U Boat Commander, turned Tug boat Commander, help steering the Church of Melbourne from a Perfect Church image to a Pilgrim People. Vincent spoke of Walter's leadership and empowerment of the laity through the many groups and organizations he worked with.



Like Vincent Pallotti, Vincent Long spoke about a church of equals belonging to ALL baptised people and the innate dignity of every person.

Vincent showed how Vatican 11 changed the focus of the spirituality of Baptism – from Baptism as forgiveness of sin, to Baptism as endowing Spirit and Mission, empowering the discipleship of all. Pope Francis is leading the Reform of the Reforms with his image of a Compassionate, Open and Merciful Church – with the ability to heal wounds and hearts. A church that is not an exclusive club but for the whole planet.

Vincent talked about a synodal Church that Listens – a church journeying together as People of God.

The Challenge for me is to Be the Church I hope for – I'll start with working on my Active Listening Skills.

If you wish to listen to Vincent's talk The link is below. Copy into your search engine.

<https://youtu.be/7Vc77JuLg8k>

Mary Whiting

Left to right: Mary Whiting, Bishop Long, OFM Conv., Prof. Gabrielle McMullen, Fr. Kevin Lenehan, Master of CTC.
Photo by Mark Brolly

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

FATHER ZENON HANAS SAC IS THE NEW GENERAL OF THE PALLOTTINE FATHERS



On October 1, the delegates of the XXII General Assembly elected Fr. Zenon Hanas, SAC, the former Provincial Superior of the Warsaw Province of the Pallottines, as General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottines).

Fr. Zenon Hanas SAC was born on June 16, 1963 in Legionowo. He was ordained a priest on May 6, 1989 in Ołtarzew by Cardinal Józef Glemp. He graduated from theological studies in Ołtarzew and at the Catholic University of Lublin, as well as philosophy studies with a doctorate in social communication at the Institute of Media and Social Communication at the Hochschule für Philosophie in Munich. In 1996-1999 he was the editor-in-chief of the Publishing House Apostolicum in Żabki. In the years 1999-2004 he was the vice provincial of the Pallottine Province of Christ the King. He is a lecturer at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw and at the Theological Seminary in Ołtarzew.

From October 2004 he was the vicar general (vice-general) of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Fathers) in Rome. In 2017, he was elected Superior of the Pallottine Province of Christ the King, where in 2022 he was re-appointed to the office of Provincial.

Fr. Zenon is also the president of the Archbishop Henryk Hosier Familiaris Laetitia Foundation and the president of the UKSW Development Foundation, chairman of the European Meeting of Major Superiors SAC, member of the KWPZM Consult.

Father Zenon Hanas SAC accepted the office of Superior General during the ceremony of professing the faith and taking the oath in the Chapel of the Missionary Animation Center in Konstancin Jeziorna, in the presence of the Prosecutor General, Fr. Adam Golac.

Fr. Hanas is the 23rd General Superior of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate and second only to Fr. Wojciech Turowski (1947-1953), and Pole elected to this office. As provincial, he is close to the Ołtarzew Seminary, where the Pallottine Seminary is being established.

Fr. Łukasz Gołaś SAC

More SAC Election News from Konstantin

Warmest congratulations to Derry Murphy of the Irish Province of the Mother of Divine Love Province who has been elected First Consultor (Vicar General) at the Pallottine General Assembly in Poland.

The three General Consultors elected are Joseph Jules NKodo, Daniel Rocchetti, and Rahul Philips.

Congratulations to all as they continue their important work of spreading Vincent's Charism.

I know they will appreciate our prayer support.



Derry Murphy SAC

In our shared charism
Mary.

John Elkin

6TH OCTOBER 1940 - 1ST SEPTEMBER 2022



I share with you these words Fr Dean spoke at John's Funeral – Lois Elkin

It is safe to say that John was very much a 'Pallotti' person, through and through, although he would admit that he was dragged, kicking and screaming into this life.

To be honest it's all Lois' fault.

Before they were married, Lois attended a teacher's weekend at Regina Apostolorum, driving John's car which was purloined as being better than her little car. This, of course brought her and ultimately John into Fr Walter Silvester's sights. They attended Mariana nights and events at Kew. With John trying to avoid Walter who was equally determined to shoehorn John in. The vision of a determined Walter Silvester pursuing an equally determined John is quite amusing. But the rest is history as they say. Eventually Walter and Vincent Pallotti won and John was captured by the vision.

They attended their first married Couples Weekend in the mid 70's. From there they joined the Married Couples Retreat Team Fr Walter and the couples giving the input. These continued for many years. Following on from this in the mid 80's Lois and John also designed and ran Faith Renew weekends to enhance the Renew Program being run throughout the Melbourne Archdiocese. All of this was done with John's characteristic humility, generosity and humour (particularly puns).

The Pallottine vision was part of his life by this time and John and Lois' first trip overseas was to join with others at the 1985 Pallottine UAC Assembly in Rome, followed by a trip to the Holy Land.

Through all this involvement. Pallotti College became an important place for him. The involvement was spiritual but also practical. When time permitted, John used his practical skills at Pallotti College to help with groups, washing dishes, serving food, carpentry, cleaning up, painting and, even on one occasion, mouse proofing a room!!! Up till today, it is still fine!!

It was inevitable then, that when the Pallotti College board was established, John 'volunteered' to be on it and became the inaugural Chair. Over the years, he led the Board with humour, care and wisdom. His business experience and accounting skills came to the fore as he was also on the Finance Committee, providing invaluable knowledge and assistance to all the finance decisions.

It's safe to say that Pallotti got 'under his skin' and he lived out this vision, pulled into the love stream of practical love – love in action.

Together, Lois and John, formed a team – spreading this love and compassion, just as those who were sent out by Jesus in pairs, Luke 10.

News from Pallotti College

Three Cheers!

The Camino is on again!

Date: Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd April 2023 Cost: \$280

Accommodation: Pallotti College Distance Walked: 65kms over 3 days

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An offer of spiritual direction

My name is Kathleen Walshe, I am a widow with children and grandchildren.

In 2011 I graduated as a Spiritual Director in the Ignatian Tradition at Campion Retreat Centre, Kew.

Recently I have attended several retreats at Pallotti College in Millgrove, and would now like to invite anyone who may be seeking Spiritual Direction, to contact Pallotti who will forward your enquiry onto me. You can make enquiries by calling Pallotti on 5966 2585, email admin@pallotticollege.com.au

My ministry includes Spiritual Direction by telephone, video call or in person. I currently see people at a parish in Altona which is close to where I live, however there is now an opportunity for me to see people at Pallotti, depending on the level of interest for this type of ministry. Further information can be obtained by contacting Pallotti.

I welcome all enquiries and treat each with confidentiality.

Kathleen Walshe Spiritual Director



**There will be Mass at 8.30 on Christmas Eve.
All are very welcome**

Former Pallottine world leader, Bishop Séamus Freeman, dies

Bishop Séamus Freeman, a regular visitor to Australia and key figure in the development of St Vincent Pallotti's Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UAC), has died in his native Ireland. He was 78.

Bishop Séamus was Rector General of the world's Pallottine priests and brothers from 1992-2004, having first visited Australia in 1985 with his predecessor, Fr Martin Juritsch. He returned to Australia as leader in 2001, the centenary of the Pallottines' arrival at Beagle Bay.

He led efforts to have the statutes of the UAC, known more informally as the Pallottine Family, being recognised ad experimentum by the Vatican on 28 October 2003 as a "Public and International Association of the Faithful" and he became the first international President of the UAC. The statutes, as amended, were confirmed by the Holy See in 2008.

The President of the UAC National Coordination Council in Australia, Ms Mary Whiting, said Bishop Séamus "has now joined our many friends in the arms of God". "Séamus's love of Pallotti and his vision led to the approval of the Union by the Vatican," she said.

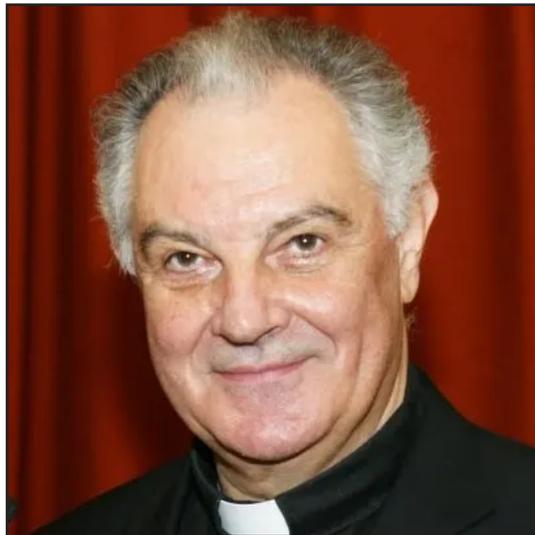
"He came to Australia several times. I remember his ready smile and sense of humour and of course his teachings on 'Communio' and Collaboration."

Born on 23 February 1944, the eldest of eight children, in County Tipperary, Bishop Seamus's family later moved to Callan, County Kilkenny, where he attended school.

He entered the Society of the Catholic Apostolate in Thurles, Tipperary, and made his first Pallottine consecration in 1965 and was ordained a priest on 12 June 1971.

After studies in the US, Bishop Séamus spent most of the next four decades in various pastoral, formation and governance roles in Rome.

In 2007, he became Bishop of Ossory in his native Ireland – a diocese once led by Australia's first resident cardinal, Patrick Moran of Sydney – and the following year he visited Australia for the last time, for World Youth Day in Sydney.



As bishop, he enabled the realisation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan as "The People's Plan for Ossory" and employed the first lay pastoral worker there to ensure its continued implementation, according to the Irish Pallottines' website. He also restored Saint Mary's Cathedral in Kilkenny.

Ill-health led to Bishop Séamus's retirement in 2016.

He died on 20 August in the presence of family and close friends. He lay in repose at the Pallottine

College in Thurles on 24 August before being moved to St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, where his Funeral Mass was concelebrated on 26 August. He was buried in the grounds of the Cathedral.

Bishop Séamus was pre-deceased by his parents Bridget and James, his sister Maureen and brother Martin. He is survived by his sisters Esther and Mary, his brothers Tommy, John and Pat, their families, his Pallottine confreres and the priests and people of Ossory diocese.

Scholarship Report

from Pauline Connell 2021 Recipient

I first heard about Pastoral Supervision for those involved in ministry in 2014. I remember a lecturer speaking of the research she was doing in this area. At the time I was studying Pastoral Counselling and we were introduced to Pastoral Supervision as a way to support all involved in ministry. The lecturer was preparing a paper for the Anglican Church, arguing for the benefits to clergy, parishioners, and the broader community.

It seems she was 'on the right track', when the Final Report of The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in December 2017 were handed down. It stated all involved in ministry attend Pastoral Supervision on a regular basis. Five years later, sadly we haven't yet reached this position. Having worked in parish ministry and now chaplaincy for over 15 years, I was keen to explore how I might be able to assist in providing this service to others.

So what does Pastoral Supervision offer?

Regular supervision allows the minister to develop a trusting professional relationship with someone who joins in assisting them to review and reflect upon their ministry role within a faith context. They become a trusted companion to the minister. It is a place to celebrate what is working well. It is importantly a safe place to unload what might be causing unrest or even distress. This may be presenting as a sense of loneliness or isolation particularly in regional settings; difficulty sleeping or resting; emotional and physical fatigue which unaddressed will lead to burn-out; becoming short-tempered with staff, parishioners, family, and friends; being dogmatic rather than collaborative in decision making; adopting unhealthy habits such as excessive drinking.

Supervision can help to maintain or re-instate boundaries necessary for us to continue to minister in a healthy and supported way to God's people.

The term supervision is perhaps unfortunate. Many hear it as being called to account; to justify their practice. There is resistance as 'something new' or extra to fit into an already busy schedule: something they feel they have managed well without so far. Unfortunately, history would indicate otherwise. We know the harm that has been caused to children, families and vulnerable people as well as the personal toll of a heavy workload. I wonder if Pastoral Companionship could be a more helpful title? The trained supervisor joins with the minister to explore suitable alternatives to their particular context.

Skilled conversation led by the supervisor, can assist the minister to reflect upon their work, their attitudes, their relationships, their environment, and their spiritual life. Appropriate referrals are made as required.

In essence, Pastoral Supervision is about 'checking in' with ourselves, NOT being 'checked up on'.

Pastoral Supervision is not counselling, mentoring, Spiritual Direction, or a role review. It is a skilled conversation where we can become more self-aware and explore the 'blind spots' that can influence our practice. In this safe place we can be honest and allow ourselves to be vulnerable to explore our mistakes or areas of concern, allowing us to grow personally and professionally. The conversation is confidential, except for the usual mandatory requirements around abuse or self-harm. This is discussed in the first session where a covenant is entered into by the supervisor and the supervisee.

I am very grateful for the opportunity to have studied Pastoral Supervision with the support of the St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship.

The scholarship acknowledges the value and importance of this service to all involved in ministry. Pastoral Supervision will allow us to have a healthier, more supported ordained and lay ministry. This will be reflected in relationships, within parishes and outreach communities. There is an honesty and recognition that we need to do better to support ministers as well as the individuals and groups whom they serve. The errors and misdeeds of the past cannot be repeated. We need to be active and committed to all within the church as well as all who access our services. We want to stand proud, and through honest reflection and action, show we have learnt from the past and are changing our practices into the future.

I look forward to offering Pastoral Supervision to the dedicated men and women who give of themselves through ministry. I believe Pastoral Supervision will provide valuable support which will result in better resourced ministers who in turn will be reinvigorated to provide ongoing pastoral care to God's people.

UAC Au East LCC Calendar 2023

Day	Date	Time	Event	Venue	Notes
Sun	22-Jan	Start: 3pm Mass: 5pm BBQ: 6pm	St Vincent's Feast Day Social Event Keshero Fundraising	Glen Huntly	Organise, Set-up, Shopping, Fundraising, Mass-Liturgy, Clean- up, BBQ: LCC, UAC-ARM: (Cmty: Anne, Cheryl, Ralph, John H, Leenus)
Thu	9-Feb	2.00 pm	LCC meeting	Murrumbeena	Prayer: Merle
Fri - Sat	TBA	TBA	NCC meeting	TBA	TBA
Wed	22-Feb	N/A	Ash Wednesday	N/A	No Cenacle Prayer
Wed	22-Mar	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Millgrove	Leader: Dean
Sun	9-Apr	N/A	Easter Sunday	N/A	N/A
Fri	21-Apr	5pm?	St Vincent Pallotti Birthday	Clayton South	Mass & Shared Meal Bring a plate Organiser: Shibu
Thu	11-May	2.00 pm	LCC meeting	Syndal	Prayer: Justin
Mon	22-May	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Glen Huntly	Leader: Pat
Sat	27-May	N/A	Feast of Mary, Queen of Apostles	N/A	Parish-level
Fri - Sat	TBA	TBA	NCC meeting	TBA	TBA
Thu	22-Jun	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Syndal	Leader: Ralph
Sat	22-Jul	7.30 pm	Cenacle Prayer	Ormond	Leader: Siby

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



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During November, we specially remembered the many members of the Pallottine family who have gone before us into eternity –dedicating our Cenacle Prayer at St. Anthony’s Glenhuntly on the 22nd to them and , as far as we could, bringing the memorial book up to date. We must now add Fr. Pat’s twin brother, Michael, to the list and Margaret Wallis (O’Dea) a very active participant in the Kew apostolate groups.

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