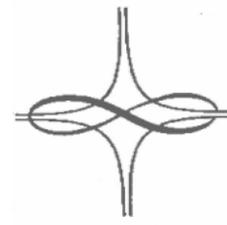


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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE - PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the UAC,

Maria and Isabel are currently in Rome attending the National Formator Promoters meeting. While our president is away, the duty of the President's greeting falls to me, Murray Hollman, as vice president. I pray this issue of In Via finds you all healthy, happy, well rested and ready to head into Fall.

At our fall CNCC meeting, we discussed some things that I would like to share briefly with you now. Firstly, our fall Retreat will take place October 18-20 at the Sanctum Retreat Centre with the theme of "Authentic Call to be Good People, Good Christians, and Good Apostles." Our retreat master is Father Paul. If you wish to register, please contact Isabel Bolhuis by October 4th, 2019 (late registrants may be accepted). If you are unable to afford to come but would like to attend, please mention this to Isabel when you register as there are limited bursaries available. On a side note, I proposed to my wife 11 years ago at our fall retreat (on October 19th) -- though we are unable to attend the retreat (thanks to the wonderful children that came to be thanks to that fateful evening!), it always holds a special place in our hearts. We will be praying for you all!

Secondly, the manual of formation rewrite is going well. All the chapters are currently finished or in progress, with an end date of December 2019! Thanks to everyone for their hard work and time on this project. We look forward to being able to use these chapters within our own groups, as well as with new members!

Lastly, as discussed at this year's Study Day, we are planning to take on a very large-scale group project as a CNCC. This project will be a fundraising effort to help rebuild a convent and school in Belize. Preliminary ideas for this project are to begin building relationships and community within our individual parish communities, but we are in need of a few people who would like to help envision what this project could look like. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact my wife, Rachel, or watch for the news of a meeting date in future communication from Yolanda.

May the Lord of the Harvest send forth his blessings upon you this season.
Murray Hollman



UAC Family Eucharist 2019

We celebrated our family Eucharist this year at Annunciation Church in Edmonton, AB on August 23/19. A very special occasion of celebration with several Pallottine Priests in attendance.

As you see in this picture they were:

Fr. Irudaya Paul Raj from Calgary
Fr. Anthony Narisetty from Hinton
Fr. Thomas Reddy Basani from Edson
Fr. Jayarajan from Drayton Valley
Fr. Henry Rosenbaum from Calgary
Fr. Frank Feldman from Calgary
Fr. George Neuman from Edmonton.

The celebration was highlighted by Lorraine Oakes and Joan Selent professing their commitment.



Here is what Joan Selent and Lorraine Oakes say about their coming into UAC Family:

First of all, I would like to let you know how I came to the UAC. I had reconnected with Isabel Bolhuis at an Adoration night at Sacred Heart, and got together for a coffee, where she introduced me to the UAC. I was invited to come to the UAC gatherings where I felt drawn to Vincent Pallotti in that he wanted to bring people to God, spread faith to all people, to help others in need and a love so strong for God. He was asked to undertake many tasks and accepted, saying God will help me to accomplish these tasks, even if he felt unworthy.

Second, I felt it was such a special day at the Family Eucharist to become part of a family where we grow spiritually and help each other in a movement to touch others as St. Vincent did. Belonging to the UAC is a gift in that I am a Pallotine apostle of God.

Joan

I was first introduced to the Union of Catholic Apostolate by Angelina D'Almeida and Loretta Kohlman when they spoke at our RCIA Session. I completed my journey to become a Catholic, a lifelong dream since I was eleven years old, and was confirmed in the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil of 2017. What I heard and saw in Angelina and Loretta intrigued me, and I knew I wanted to learn more, much more about this Union of Catholic Apostolate. Angelina invited me to attend my first Family Eucharist in 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church; and I was very grateful and eager to learn more about the UAC. Here, I met Father Seifert. What a delightful and wonderful Priest! I hunger for the Lord and for all ways that I can serve. My formation and journey learning about the UAC has led me to my Commitment on August 23, 2019. It is a day I will cherish in my heart. I am humbled and grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ, to Saint Vincent, and to all the wonderful family I am now a part of. I sincerely thank you all.

With a deep love in Christ,
Lorraine Oakes.

Reflection – Faith and Trust in God

How much do we really trust God? Mary did when she said, “Be it done unto me according to thy word.” St. Joseph obeyed God’s messenger the angel, who told him not to be afraid to take Mary into his home in circumstances quite different from what he had planned. Jesus’ ultimate words from the cross, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.” need no further explanation.

We may not have to face circumstances quite as dramatic as these but there are times in everyone’s life when we have to “let go and let God” as the saying goes. St. Vincent Pallotti gives us an example of this complete faith and trust in God in his method of prayer when he often thanked God beforehand as though his prayer had already been answered. This is the advice given in the letter of James where he says, “Ask in faith, never doubting.” (James 1,6). This is the way we speak to someone we really know and trust.

St. Vincent, we have read, had to deal with anger and pride in his own nature which is difficult to believe when we look at the images of him or read the accounts of his extraordinary patience by those who knew him especially in the most trying of circumstances. How else but with faith and trust in God did he cope with the struggles, difficulties and obstacles, some deliberately put in his way, as he worked to establish the apostolate?

He was able to instill this faith and trust in others as in the young man, Giovanni Maria Mastai -Ferretti, who wanted to become a member of the Papal Guard but whose hopes were dashed by an attack of epilepsy. St. Vincent, upon meeting him shortly afterwards, told him that he would not guard but that he himself would be guarded. Twenty-eight years later, on June 17, 1846 he was elected Pope Pius IX. He served as Pope until Feb. 7, 1878 – a period of 31 years and 8 months, making him the longest serving pope to date.

Blessed Elisabetta Sanna also experienced a “de-railing” of her plans. She greatly desired to visit the Holy Land but due to rough seas and subsequent severe sea-sickness on the crossing from Sardinia, she and her travelling companion were compelled to remain in Genoa where excessive delays in obtaining further travel documents forced them to abandon the trip. Instead, they travelled to Rome where the rest, as they say, is history – at least to us Pallottines!

There are many examples of saints and holy men and women who began their vocations with ideas and aspirations of what they thought God wanted of them, but ended up in different circumstances. St. Anthony, for example, wanted to be a missionary but when his talent for preaching became noticed, his life took a different turn.

If we look back at the events in our own lives, I’m sure many of us can see turning points we didn’t plan or anticipate. Although it is natural to be concerned about events in our future, it is useless to be overly anxious about things that may never happen.

St. Vincent reminds us that the past and the future are not as real as the present. Our lives are in God’s hands. “He loves us and unceasingly seeks what is for our benefit.” (OCC IV 308) This is why he could say with conviction on his deathbed, “The Society will develop and be blessed by God. You will see. I tell you this not simply because I trust that it will happen but because I am certain of it.”

These words remind us of Jesus’ assurance in Matthew’s gospel where he says, “I will be with you until the end of the age.” (Mt 28,20) These words of Jesus bring us great comfort in our world today. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that “this assurance of Jesus is realized above all in the Eucharist; it is in every Eucharistic celebration that the Church and everyone of her members experience his loving presence and benefit from the full richness of his love.” (Regina Caeli Address, Monday, Octave of Easter, April 13, 2009.)

We should remember this in the especially difficult times in our lives and let his promise and presence bring us the peace he left as an inheritance to those who trust in him.

Margaret Coyle – Emmaus

Presented at the CNCC meeting Sept. 14/19

Rosary Garden – St. Mary’s Red Deer, AB



Please join Emmaus group on Monday, October 7th – 1:30 pm to pray the rosary.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

All are welcome!



Please pray for the following:

- Bill Coyle who celebrated his 87th birthday August 30th.
- Pierre de Beaudrap who passed away recently and his family.

Please keep in your prayers all our ill members, those who are house-bound and our deceased members.

May God show his infinite love and compassion at this time through the intercession of Our Lady Queen of Apostles and St. Vincent Pallotti.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Rosary Garden – Oct. 7/19 – 1:30 pm

UAC Retreat – Oct. 18 – 20 at Sanctum Retreat House – west of Caroline. Please register (payment will be accepted at the retreat - singles \$250.00, a room for married couples \$350.00)

2020 –International UAC Congress in Rome – start collecting your loonies, we would love to have a group attend again.

Put everything in God's hands.

St. Vincent Pallotti

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Submissions for In Via are welcome from all members of the UAC. Below is a list of categories that will be considered for publication. Please note that the editor has the discretion to use, omit or delay submitted material based on editorial guidelines prepared by the Canadian National Coordination Council, space limitations, or appropriateness of the submission for that particular issue.

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New members or groups	Articles	Recipes	Pictures

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