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Dear friends,

I welcome with great joy your expressions of satisfaction at the Number zero of the *UAC Newsletter*. It has certainly been an honor for me to be able to start this initiative that I believe can really serve as a bridge among the different realities developed within the Union of the Catholic Apostolate in the world. It is beautiful to be able to collaborate - also through this simple means - to spread the spirit and the charism of our Founder S. Vincent Pallotti, which has believed in the strength and in the collaboration of all the baptized in the Church since the beginning of his mission.

The summer-break is by now over and we look with new enthusiasm to the walk that is before us.

From this number the *UAC Newsletter* will also be translated into other languages, thanks to the help of those who have made themselves available to offer their service to the UAC International Secretariat.

Using this occasion I ask everyone of you to find, through your Pallottine communities, someone who knows the Italian language, and who can help to develop this service of translation of the *UAC Newsletter* from Italian into another language. Thanks to the fast means of the Electronic Mail, it is possible to activate a net-work of contact that, in a short time, can give uproarious results! Really I count a lot on your availability.

Patrizia Modica
UAC Secretariat



- **12.09.2001:** The General Coordination Council together with the members of the UAC Secretariat met, at the SAC Generalate, to discuss the organization of the 1° UAC Congress (cfr. StG. n.67) that will take place in September of 2003. Already in the month of July last the General Coordination Council has taken contacts with the President of the UAC Coordination Council in Poland introducing the desire to organize the Congress in Poland. On September 13, during the meeting of National Coordination Council of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate that has taken place in Varsavia, it has been approved by the members, the proposal to organize the Congress in Poland in the month of September 2003. The place will be decided subsequently.
- **From July 15 to August 15,** the XXIII General Chapter of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine) has taken place at the Provincial House in Rome “Regina Apostolorum.” On August 11, Mother Ivete Garlet has been re-elected Superior General of the Congregation. Mother Ivete is of Brazilian nationality; she is 57 years old, of which 36 of religious life. She has already lent her precious service to the Congregation as Superior General during the six years term just concluded and now her

religious family, has confirmed, with renewed joy, its trust. On August 12, the Chapter has elected, as Consultors, four deserving religious from the Provinces of their Congregation: Sr. Josélia Giuliani (Brazilian), Sr. Ighes Burin (Brazilian), Sr. Armida Sacco (Italian), and Sr. Grace Gabrielle O'Brien (American).

- **From October 7-18 2001**, the Congress of the Pallottine Formators will be held at the Center of Spirituality "St. Vincent Pallotti" at Grottaferrata (RM)

News from the Pallottine World

- ❖ Father José Elias Fadul, sac, Provincial Rector of the Province of St. Paul of Brazil, has communicated that during the meeting of the Brazilian Council of UAC that has taken place on August 25 at the Pallottine Seminary of Londrina in Paraná, the new president and the new secretary of the National Council have been chosen. They are respectively Father Angelo Londero and Sister Ines Casarin. We express with joy our congratulations and we wish them a long and fruitful activity animated by the spirit of the Pallottine Charism.

On this occasion we want to express our heartfelt congratulations to sister Ines for this important appointment to the UAC Secretariat; and also count a lot on her collaboration from the distant Brazil.

- ❖ I thank really from heart Sister Marthe Litawa, sac, Vice-President of the UAC Regional Council in Rwanda for the words of appreciation for the UAC Newsletter. This shows that we have finally begun to communicate with the Pallottine world and to transmit everything that can be useful to our mutual knowledge. In her message Sister Marthe has communicated to us that in Rwanda also the National Council for Rwanda and Congo has been constituted on 25.05.2001. We have been very happy to receive this news and we congratulate them for everything they are going to realize in these countries in the spirit of the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti.

- ❖ Sister Mary Michael Ronan, sac, of the Congregation of the Missionary Pallottine Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate in the United States, has communicated that on June 8 2001, there has taken place a meeting at the Day's Inn in Baltimore, in which it has worked on the revision and the changes to be introduced into the draft of the National Coordination Council of the United States of the Union of the Catholic Apostolate. The set up of the actual rule foresees to entrust a structure of a national character beneficial to the lay members of the Union.

Naturally this rule follows the indications given by the prepared model from Rome for international use and asks for its approval. A first meeting of this Council, composed mainly of lay members belonging to the UAC, representatives of the different groups inside the UAC, will be held at Baltimore in Maryland on April 6, 2002.

I take this opportunity to thank Sister Mary and the Provincial Superior, Sister Elisabeth Heptner, for the wishes they have sent me as being a new member of the Pallottine Community. I confide in your prayers so that my job can be in tune and harmony with everybody.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary:

O Mary, Queen of the Apostles, after the example of S. Vincent Pallotti, we ask your maternal help so that the desire to incessantly pray for the diffusion of the Kingdom of God may be increased more and more in us. We beseech you further, since you can watch over on the whole world, to protect all your children from the violence. Today the world needs peace, and may you make each of one us, through your intercession, really a witness of peace and love.