



UAC NEWSLETTER

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Union

This month brings biographical material on the cause for beatification of **Alfredo LEADEN SAC**, prepared by Fr. Jan Korycki, SAC, Postulator General of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, as well as other UAC news.

1. CAUSES FOR BEATIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE UAC AT DIOCESAN LEVEL (continued)

Alfredo LEADEN, SAC, a priest and member of the Irish Province, was born in Buenos Aires on May 23rd 1919 and was ordained to the priesthood on December 19th 1942. He was one of five Pallottines murdered in Buenos Aires on July 4th 1976: three priests, Frs. Pedro Duffau, Alfredo Leaden and Alfredo Kelly, a student of the mayor seminary, Salvador Barbeito and a postulant, Emilio José Barletti, all five were of the Delegation of the Irish Province in the Argentine. The Beatification process for them has not yet been opened juridically, however it is in the preparatory phase and was initiated liturgically on August 4th 2005 in Buenos Aires. On that occasion the decree of the opening of the preparations for the process of beatification which had been signed on June 29th 2005 by the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, was read out during the concelebrated Mass in the Church of St. Patrick, led by the Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Buenos Aires, Mgr. Guillermo Leaden, brother of the late Fr. Alfredo. Representatives of the Archdiocesan Curia, of the state authorities, of the Pallottine communities in Buenos Aires and numerous members of the faithful participated in the Mass.



Alfredo Leaden completed the novitiate in the Pallottine novitiate in Ireland and did philosophical studies there also, he started his theological studies in Rome but because of the outbreak of the Second World War he returned to the Argentine and completed them in the Jesuit Collegio Maximo at San Miguel. He served the Pallottine delegation and the Church in parish work, he was Rector the Local Community in Mercedes, Novice Master of the delegation and Provincial Delegate from 1972 until 1976, the year of his death.

Fr. Kevin O'Neill SAC described Fr. Alfredo in the following terms: "We can summarize his qualities in a single word – amiable. In the true sense of the word it means more than being worthy of love, it also means that he was easy to love, to wish well, he was a man of peace who possessed a great interior peace which was transmitted in his actions. His manner was gentle and he was sensitive to others and because of this suffered. He was also very sensible and had great courage when situations required it. His human and priestly qualities brought those of the late Fr Thomas O'Grady who left an indelible impression in our Argentine mission, to mind. The tragic and premature death of Fr. Alfredo Leaden left a vacuum in our ranks which will not be filled for a long time".

Fr. Rodolfo Capalozza SAC, a student of Fr. Alfredo and later Regional Rector in Argentina, wrote of Fr. Alfredo “Alfredo seemed to have supernatural peace, an uncommon peace. He transmitted the peace of God. To go into his room was like the psychological experience of entering a sanctuary, it was orderly, and he radiated amiability and innocence. Going to confession with him was to experience tenderness, affability, his gestures and his actions spoke directly of the presence of God (...). He was a man who respected new experiences, one who did not want to ignore the voice of the Spirit.”

Fr. Alfredo was eliminated, probably for his abundant courage in forthrightly proclaiming the Gospel. His manner of living his priestly service touched at some deep level the hearts of the enemies of the truth and justice, persons who had no other manner of responding except that of crude and gratuitous violence.

As Christians we can and must pray the Lord that light be thrown on Fr. Alfredo’s death and his holiness.

Annual celebration of the erection of the UAC in Rome: on October 28th the members of the UAC in Rome and the surrounding areas gathered in the Church of Santo Spirito dei Napolitani where St. Vincent had been Rector from 1834 up until 1846. On this occasion the principal celebrant of the Mass was Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, the new Rector General of the Society of Catholic Apostolate and Ecclesiastical Assistant of the UAC, he was accompanied by the President of the UAC, Fr. Derry Murphy and by a large group of Pallottines from the local communities. A special and very welcome guest was the Coadjutor Bishop of Coroaà, Brazil, Mgr. Sebastiao Pinheiro Coelho, in Rome for the ‘ad limina’ visit. The Pallottine Missionary Sisters and the Society have communities in his diocese in Codò and Timbiras in the Amazonia region. The members fervently renewed the Act of Apostolic Commitment during the Mass and at the conclusion Sr. Izabela Swierad, the Superior General of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters, urged us all to be committed witnesses of Christian love and hope in the world.

New members of the UAC: Sr. Monika Szupryt wrote from **Poland** to notify the Secretariat of the admission of four new members to the UAC in a Eucharist celebration held on September 19th this year.

Louise Gay, the NCC Secretary in the USA, informed the Secretariat of the admission of sixteen (16) **new members in the USA**; thirteen were admitted at a Eucharistic celebration in St. Veronica’s Parish, Milwaukee, on July 10th and the remaining three on October 24th this year, the number includes a Diocesan priest and pastor of St. Veronica’s Parish in Milwaukee.

Miguel Angel DellaVilla of the NCC in **the Argentine** wrote to say that on Saturday October 30th a large group of members of the UAC renewed their Act of Apostolic Commitment at a Mass in the Parish of Nuestra Senora del Rosario de Pompeya, Castelar, and at which twelve persons from the two Pallottine parishes in Castelar made their Act of Apostolic Commitment.

Rwanda-Congo. The Pallottine family in Rwanda – Congo hosted a Regional Congress on Divine Mercy at the Divine Mercy Sanctuary of Kabuga, Rwanda, from October 18th to 24th, this year. The theme of the Congress was “Divine Mercy, an antidote to the evil that ravages our society”. Further information on the Congress may be accessed at: <http://www.blog-gratuit.com/misericordedivinekg>

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