



UAC NEWSLETTER

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Union

This month brings biographical material on the cause for beatification of **Salvador BARBEITO**, 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)

Salvador BARBEITO DOVAL, SAC, a member of the Irish Province of temporary consecration, was born in Pontevedra, Spain, on September 1st 1946. He was one of the five Pallottines assassinated on July 4th 1976 in the Pallottine community in Buenos Aires, three of them were priests, Salvador a professed student and a postulant. The beatification process has not yet been juridically opened but is in the preparatory phase.

Salvador moved from Spain to the Argentine with his parents and sister when he was five years of age. He received his primary education in Barracas. He entered the minor seminary of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires when he was thirteen and in 1965 he passed to the major seminary. As a seminarian he was involved in pastoral work in two parishes in Barracas. In 1969 he left the seminary while discerning his vocation to the priesthood. He completed his studies in philosophy and pedagogy in an Institute of the Higher Council of Catholic Education while teaching philosophy and psychology and working as a catechist. He worked in Bethania College, Belgrano, at St. Vincent Pallotti school and in St. Patrick's Parish, Belgrano, Buenos Aires. In 1974 he became the Rector of San Maròn College, of the Maronite Fathers. He both understood and respected young persons and dedicated his life to service in education.



He directed a group of young persons at the Ateneo San Patricio, the aim of this group was to "grow in faith" and "grow in knowledge of Christ". The members of the group would meet every Saturday, read the Gospel together, pray and also assumed a concrete commitment in serving the needy and the weaker members of society.

In 1975 Salvador was officially admitted to the Pallottines and begun his Introductory Formation at St. Patrick's parish in Belgrano; on May 31st. 1976 he made his first Pallottine profession. He had an ardent desire to become a priest and to serve the Church and especially young persons.

Fr. Rodolfo Capalozza SAC, knew Salvador for 13 years and described him in the following terms: he wanted to be the friend of everybody, he always sought the will of God, he saw all in the light of faith, he lived for others.

A young woman who was very involved in the Ateneo San Patricio thanked Salvador and the Pallottine Community in Belgrano for their service to youth with this prayer:

"THANK YOU for teaching us to live in love,

THANK YOU for your friendly presence,

THANK YOU for helping us to understand the way you chose to follow,

THANK YOU for an apostolate in which you revealed to us the true face of the Gospel,

THANK YOU for the words that time and death have not extinguished,

THANK YOU because now you watch over us from heaven and intercede for us with the Lord, that he may show us the way".

2. The annual celebration at San Giorgio di Cascia 2011: the town land of San Giorgio is 915 meters above sea level and comes under the municipality of Cascia in the Province of Perugia. This tiny village which is 170 kms from Rome was the birthplace of the Pallotti family. St. Vincent's father, Pietro Paolo Melchiorre Pallotti was born there in 1755. Vincent himself went to San Giorgio on September 8th 1819 and stayed there until the 23rd

for a brief holiday. When Pietro Paolo left his home place in the hills of Cascia he never imagined that his son would make him known in the entire Pallottine world.

This year the annual celebration in honour of St. Vincent Pallotti took place in San Giorgio on May 8th. About forty (40) Pallottine priests and Pallottine sisters of both Congregations from four continents, Europe, Africa, South America and Asia, travelled to San Giorgio to join in the celebration. Once again Sr. Edoarda Torti, CSAC, travelled to San Giorgio some days prior to the celebration and animated a triduum of prayer and reflection with the local community. The solemn Eucharistic Celebration was led this year by Fr. Almir Roman of the San Paulo Province of the Society who is a member of the International Queen of Apostles College. He was joined in the con-celebration by the priests who were taking part in the yearlong course for Pallottine formators along with a number of others from the International College. Fr. Natale Rossi, who lives in San Giorgio di Cascia where he was parish priest for 62 years (he is now 89) took part, as did the descendents of the Pallotti family from the local area and those who travelled from Rome for the occasion.

Mass was followed by a bountiful lunch prepared as always by the very hospitable Pallotti family of San Giorgio. At 4pm the traditional procession with the statute and relics of St. Vincent through the streets of the village took place, this was led by Fr. Stanislao Stawicki who gave a reflection and an introduction. A band from Cascia animated the procession and lent it a festive air. Sr. Ighes Burin, Vicar General of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate, in the name of the Pallottine family, thanked the Pallotti family for their hospitality and for maintaining this moving tribute to our great saint.

3. Italy: Mgr. Felicetto Gabrielli, Vicar General of the Diocese of Palestrina, Italy, was admitted to the UAC during a concelebrated Mass which took place during the annual UAC retreat at the Centro di Spiritualità san Vincenzo Pallotti, Grottaferrata, on Saturday April 30th.

4. The General Coordination Council of the UAC held its annual meeting at the Centro di Spiritualità, Grottaferrata, from May 18th to 23rd and all the members were present. Fr. Jacob Nampudakam, SAC, Rector General of the Society and Ecclesiastical Assistant, participated for the first time.

In the course of the meeting the Council appointed Fr. Rory Hanly, SAC, as Secretary General of the UAC. Fr. Derry Murphy, SAC, President of the UAC, is now Provincial Rector of the Mother of Divine Love Province of the Society and will move to Dublin.

The Council gave its consent to the appointment of Ms. Maria Domke as Promotor of Pallottine Formation in the National Coordination Council in Canada, and to the appointment of Sr. Barbara Rohde, SAC, as Promotor of Pallottine Formation in the National Council in Poland.

The Council also approved the establishment of a National Coordination Council in Bolivia and confirmed the election of Fr. Pedro Lidio Gonzales Lafuente, SAC, as President, of Sr. Teofilia Ruiz of the Instituto Mariano of the Catholic Apostolate, as Vice-President, and of Sr. Lidia Chavarría, of the same Institute as Secretary.

The Council ratified the approval of the revised Regulations of the National Coordination Councils of Poland, Italy and Brazil which had been presented to the General Secretariat and also reviewed the programme of Pallottine formation which had been presented by the National Coordination Council of the USA.

5. The one year course for Pallottine formators held at Via Ferrari, Rome, concluded with a concelebrated Mass at the Church on SS. Salvatore in Onda, on Saturday May 28th, at which Fr. Jacob Nampudakam was the main celebrant. The seventeen participants, ten Pallottine priests and seven Pallottine Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate, will now take on new pastoral and apostolic roles fortified by the experience of in-depth Pallottine formation lived in a spirit of communion.

6. The National Coordination Council in Germany held its annual meeting from May 20th to 22nd, in Limburg. Members shared openly on the apostolic life of the Union and the communities; Fr. Ulrich Scherer spoke on the topic of prayer in the life of St. Vincent; the meeting approved the request for admission to the UAC submitted by six persons.