



UAC NEWSLETTER

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Dear brothers and sisters in the Union

This month brings biographical material on the cause for beatification of **Emilio José Barletti, 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)

Emilio José BARLETTI, a postulant of the Irish Province of the S.A.C. in the Argentine Delegation, was born on November 22 1952 in San Antonio de Areco. He belonged to the group of five Pallottines, killed on July 4 1976 in the Pallottine house in Buenos Aires: three priests, one student of the Major Seminary and he, a postulant. Their process of beatification has not yet been opened juridically, but is presently in the phase of preparation.



Emilio, at just two years of age, lost his father. In his first three years of rural elementary school he had his mother as his teacher; he finished his primary education at San Antonio di Areco. He did his secondary schooling at the Hipolito Vieytes National College in Buenos Aires, where he received a special award for high academic performance and won medals for the best averages and as best student.

After obtaining his secondary school diploma, he enrolled in the Catholic University in 1970, where he studied Law and Social Science for three years, then going to the University of Buenos Aires and subsequently to the Faculty of Theology of the University of the Saviour (Università del Salvador) in San Miguel.

Entering as a postulant in the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, he integrated into the Pallottine community of San Patricio in Buenos Aires. Here he met his death, alongside the four other Pallottine martyrs, at dawn on July 4 1976.

Fr. Kevin O'Neill SAC, very well-respected among Pallottines, notes that an examination of Emilio's activities as a student gives us a picture of his personality; he was seeking the path which God wanted him to follow. He did not see it clearly, and so tried different social and religious activities. It was in the latter, however, that he found the truth, which began to help him to concretise his ideals. Despite various difficulties and personal weaknesses he strove to be faithful to God and to his conscience.

After his death, among his papers which were scattered around his room, a letter was found, dated July 2, addressed to his mother, in which he expressed his gratitude towards his mother and his love for her, she who had such great significance for him and who was also his teacher. It was a letter of farewell.

Fr. Rodolfo Capalozza SAC, who knew Emilio well, underlined that he had a radically concern for the poorest. Emilio did not just speak of the poor and work for them, but even shared all that he possessed with the most needy. I believe – writes Fr. Rodolfo – that if his mother gave him a pullover and he already had one, he gave it to the poor. One time found himself with only one pair of trousers and was looking another pair, but couldn't find any, as he had given them all away.

Fr. Rodolfo, finishing his testimony, writes that "the cause of the killing of all five is that which they had in common, a passion for Jesus and for the Gospel; the desire to live the Gospel as a response, in that concrete time, to the needs of their brothers and sisters of that time and to the challenges of that moment... If they killed all five, it was for what they held in common: Jesus and the response of the Gospel to the times in which they were called to live".

2. Germany: The **Fourth National Congress of the UAC in Germany** took place from September 16th to 18th in Hofstetten. Fr. Edward Fröhling SAC was the main speaker on the theme of the Congress, "Our charism of being together – a sign of hope for the Church". About 30 participants were inflamed by his passionate talk, in which he challenged them to change their perspective from one of crisis to one of hope – trusting in God

who leads the Church into a future which he alone knows. Everyone can and should be part of the universal apostolate by getting in touch with God and thus also drawing others to get in touch with him. What is needed is to live our charism of being together in an open dialogue that allows very different persons with their often very different individual perspectives to be and to remain together, at a time when the Church is in danger of breaking apart. The meeting was a profound encountering of one another and of God, in which prayer, Eucharistic celebrations, sharing, and an outing to an historical Pallottine place in Germany all played an important role.

3. Fr. Gaetano Ianni SAC RIP: On September 16, Fr. Gaetano Ianni SAC went home to God. Fr. Gaetano had recently been re-elected as President of the Italian NCC, and had formerly been Provincial of the Italian Province of the SAC. For the last number of years he had been working in the Spirituality Centre in Grottaferrata on the outskirts of Rome where, despite his not enjoying good health, many members of the Union from near and far experienced first hand his warmth and hospitality, along with his enthusiasm for and commitment to the Union. Many members of the Pallottine family – lay people, sisters, brothers and priests - gathered with others for a Eucharistic Celebration at the Spirituality Centre on the evening of Saturday September 17 at 18.30 to pray for Fr. Gaetano, to show their love and affection for him and to express their gratitude for all that God had given them through his person and his ministry. His funeral took place in his home town of Salerno on Monday September 19. May the God of Infinite Love reward him for his many years of faithful service as a Pallottine priest, and may he rest in peace.



4. New Members of the UAC:

- **Poland:** Between the end of May and the beginning of July, thirty new members made their Act of Apostolic Commitment in the Union of Catholic Apostolate in Poland.
 - **Otwock** - On May 29, in the presence of Sr. Barbara Rohde, the person responsible for formation in the Union in Poland, seven people in the UAC Community in Otwock made their Act of Apostolic Commitment.
 - **Wola** - On June 16, 2011 in a ceremony presided over by Fr. Zdzisław Słomka SAC, President of the UAC In Poland in the parish of St. Adalbert (Wojciecha), 15 people from the UAC Community in Wola made the Act of Apostolic Commitment.
 - **Czestochova** - On July 3, 2011 during a Eucharistic celebration led by the Vice-Provincial of the Annunciation of the Lord Province Fr. Lesław Gwarek SAC, six people from the Divine Mercy UAC Community made the Act of Apostolic Commitment.
 - **Katowice:** On July 9, 2011, in the presence of Fr. Stanisław Rudziński SAC, two people from the Queen of Apostles UAC Community in Katowice made the Act of Apostolic Commitment.
- **Germany:** This year the German NCC accepted six new members into the Union. Two of them made their Act of Apostolic Commitment on June 4 in the Pallottine parish of Bad Zwischenahn and another on June 18 at the Pallottine hospital in Bensberg, while a fourth will make her Act of Apostolic Commitment on October 1 in the Pallottine parish of Friedberg and the final two during a pilgrimage to Rome on October 4 at San Salvatore in Onda.

5. Celebration of the Union, October 29th: This year marks the eighth anniversary of the formal erection of the Union in the Universal Church. Continuing the practice established in 2004, members of the UAC in the area of Rome will gather on Saturday October 29th at 15.30 in the Church of Spirito Santo dei Napoletani, via Giulia, where St. Vincent was Rector from 1835 until January 1846, when he moved to SS. Salvatore in Onda with his small community. The concelebrated Mass at 16.30, at which all of the Union members present unite in publicly renewing their Act of Apostolic Commitment together, will be led by the President of the Union Fr. Derry Murphy SAC. Let us all join in this time of recollection and thanksgiving for the gift of the Union and pray that our lives may be transformed ever more deeply through the fire of the Spirit of Pentecost so that we may become ever more energetic and creative and faithful witnesses to the love of Christ in the Church and in the world.