



Union of Catholic Apostolate - UAC translated from Latin.

The UAC was founded by **Saint Vincent Pallotti** in Rome in 1835.
(Not to be confused with Saint Vincent de Paul)

St. Vincent Pallotti was born in 1795 and lived his entire life in Rome.

- ❖ He spent his priesthood working in the poorest areas of Rome.
- ❖ He assisted the poor, the sick and the marginalized.
- ❖ He founded orphanages, institutions of charity and shelters.
- ❖ He gave spiritual assistance to soldiers, workers, students, and prisoners, among many other things.
- ❖ He became known as the Apostle of Rome to his contemporaries.
- ❖ St. Vincent died in Rome on the 22nd of January, 1850. (His feast day).
On the 22nd of January, 1950, he was proclaimed blessed by Pope Pius XII and on the 20th of January, 1963, he was canonized by Pope John XXIII.

Pope John XXIII, said of the Saint: "St. Vincent Pallotti is one of the more eminent figures of apostolic action of the 19th century...He was not satisfied by ordinary ministry. He was an innovator of new ways whereby people could come to know and love God." (ACTA SAC V, 367).

St. Vincent realized that lay people, as well as priests, brothers and sisters, could and should work together, as one body, for the same purpose.

In his words, " The Catholic Apostolate, that is, the universal apostolate, which is common to all classes of people, consists in doing all that one must and can do for the greater glory of God and for one's own salvation and that of one's neighbour."

Today, The Union of Catholic Apostolate (UAC) defines itself as "a gift of the Holy Spirit, a communion of the faithful who, according to the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti, promote the co-responsibility of all the baptized to revive faith and to rekindle charity in the Church and in the world, and bring all to unity in Christ."

The members of the Union are committed to:

- **Formation:** Continuous learning about what you believe and growing in your Spiritual life, both individually and as a community.
- **Community:** Sharing service and faith with those around you.
- **Service:** God is love. We are called to love like God, which calls us to serve those around us in an unselfish and selfless way.

"Christ's love urges us on." 2 Corinthians 5:14

There are Pallottine Communities throughout the world, in 54 different countries.

If you are interested in learning more about the UAC or becoming a member, please contact Isabel Bolhuis at 403 -314-0031.

