



A top honour

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Cross begins its journey to visit Australia's youth

As a teenager in 1992, Chris Ryan stood before the visiting World Youth Day cross when he gave his testimony at 7pm Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral. On Palm Sunday this year, the young man, now a Missionaries of God's Love priest, took delivery of the same cross before Pope Benedict XVI in Rome as it set out on its long, two-year journey to Sydney.

"It was a strange feeling seeing it again," said Fr Ryan who is co-ordinator of the 3.8-metre high cross's trek throughout Australia from early next year until World Youth Day in Sydney in July 2008.

Fr Ryan aims to give every student in Australia in years 10 to 12 an experience of the cross as it criss-crosses the nation visiting every diocese. "This is a great opportunity for young people; for those who are Catholic but perhaps not deeply involved and for everyone else as well.

Fr Ryan described the Palm Sunday liturgy in front of the Pope and a crowd of 100,000 people as "very moving".

"The cross is a huge prospect for our country to connect with young people and to help them re-connect with the centre of their faith. This is also the world coming to Australia; I don't know if the rest of Australia knows what it is in for."

Fr Ryan was part of a large group of young Australians who went to Rome to accept the World Youth Day cross from the previous custodians, Germany. He was accompanied by Canberrans Adam Morris, Anna McCarthy and MGL Sister Rosemary Drum, and Sr Marie De Montford, a Missionary of Charity from Queanbeyan.

An icon of the Blessed Virgin and child titled "Salvation of the Roman People" will travel with the cross. The original icon, which is at least 1000 years old, hangs in the Basilica of Mary Major in Rome.

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Australia's youth delegates including Fr Chris Ryan (holding the cross, far left) carry the World Youth Day cross on the first steps of its way to Sydney. Picture: L'Osservatore Romano.

A chance to say thanks

Parishioners will get the chance to show their appreciation to Archbishop Francis Carroll for his service to the Archdiocese when a collection is taken up in churches on the weekend of 6-7 May.

In a letter to priests, Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power said Archbishop Carroll "has never taken more than a very modest stipend and whatever we collect will help him fit out his unit in Wagga Wagga which the Archdiocese has provided for his use.

"I am sure our people will welcome this opportunity to show their appreciation of all that he has been to us as our chief pastor for nearly 23 years."

The decision to initiate a collection was taken at a meeting of the Archdiocese's Council of Priests.

CDF annual report: inside

\$5 mil facelift for our history

Goulburn's historic old cathedral church of St Peter and Paul, which was started in 1871, is set to receive a \$5 million facelift.

The restoration appeal will be launched on 1 June at a gala dinner in the Great Hall at Parliament House, which will also include a salute to retiring Archbishop Francis Carroll.

Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy said the greenstone church, which was built with rock quarried just outside the city, would be restored both outside and in, with the bulk of the money, \$4 million, being spent on the interior.

Former and current politicians Tim Fischer, Johnno Johnson, Brian Harradine, Tony Abbott and Senator Ursula Stephens, as well as former Commonwealth Bank head David Murray, are among the patrons of the restoration.



A 1916 painting of the Old Cathedral.

Fr Percy sees the renewed focus on the historic church fitting in well with the role Goulburn can play in hosting young people from around the world at World Youth Day when it is held in Sydney in 2008.

Fr Percy hopes federal, state and local government will support the appeal, citing the example of the Federal Government's major contribution to previous work on Goulburn's impressive Anglican Cathedral of St Saviour.

Issues relating to maintenance, history and liturgy will be tackled in the restoration on the interior of St Peter and Paul. This will include work on the church's lighting, flooring, heating and sound system, as well as restoring some of the frail and cracked windows, and re-painting. Part of the project will determine if the murals in the sanctuary, which are part of the original building but plastered and painted over in the 1928 renovations, can be uncovered and restored.

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Win a DVD on a great Pope

A year after the death of Pope John Paul II, one of the most trusted names in broadcasting, NBC News, tells the story of one of the most influential leaders of the 20th century.

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What are you doing now?

I live in Gunning, on the southern tablelands of NSW, with my wife Jenny, our almost three year old, Benedict, and our little twins, Jacob and Clare. I am working on another book which is an off-beat history of sleep. It is a wonderful area of research, but also vast. My book about the Hume Highway, Bypass, was really a book about restlessness. So now I am doing one about rest.

What made you realise your vocation?

A vocation is not a single letter of appointment from God with one detailed job description. It is a conversation, part of a relationship. So I am still discovering every day how God wants me to live. My children are busy helping me realise my vocation. They are great teachers. Sometimes we go up to the church in Yass which Benny calls Jesus' house. I hope he understands that he can invite Jesus back to his house too.

What have been your greatest challenges in your vocation?

Well, the hardest thing with little children is tiredness. But it is only

my life

The fourth in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds. We speak to Gunning writer, husband and father of three Michael McGirr.



physical tiredness. I have felt spiritually exhausted in the past and that is much worse. The hardest time for me was when I left the Jesuit order in 2000. I was so relieved to find that I still believed strongly in God afterwards. When I look at Jenny and our three little ones, I know that God believes in me too.

What are the best times for you?

Waking up with five people in the bed. Waking up with just me in the bed. Books before bedtime. Watching the children play. Finding a bit of quiet time to write. Getting letters from readers I've never met. Discovering the right words for an important experience.

What leisure interests do you enjoy?

I'm a classic case of someone who has turned his hobby into his job and ended up without a hobby. I write the weekly "in short" fiction column for the Sydney Morning Herald which means reading five books a week. By the end of that, I can hardly face another page! But I have finally discovered music in my later years and am enthralled by the agonies of Beethoven. I love watching the garden grow.

What would you say to someone considering marriage and fatherhood?

It is the most generous thing you can possibly do. You will learn a lot about honesty, humility and the pain of loving. You be learn how silly it is to think you can live life on your own terms and control the world. You will be rewarded beyond your wildest dreams.

Your hopes for yourself, your Church in 2006?

I hope to live in a faith community where people's experience of God is listened to and respected. I would love the Church to foster an understanding of the Eucharist which embraces the whole of life and not just what happens in church. I hope we can mull over Pope's Benedict's words that God loves us erotically.

Tribute to pioneer women

A founding member of the L'Arche community in Australia, Eileen Glass, will be the first women to give the Marian address at the annual Marian pilgrimage to St Clement's, Galong, on Sunday, 7 May. This year's pilgrimage in the Year of the Outback is dedicated to the pioneer women of our nation. It will begin with the pilgrims' Mass at noon, followed by the procession to the Marian grotto at 2pm. Eileen works with people with an intellectual disability, has given retreats with John Vanier and is involved in spiritual direction and formation. Those attending are invited to make it a special family day and to bring a picnic lunch.

WELL DONE, BOYS:

Students from St Edmund's College Food Science



Department helped prepare and serve baskets of biscuits and cook a sausage sizzle at a recent Copland College community fund-raising fair. Proceeds from the fair went to the National Brain Injury Foundation and to support Darryl's Den a group that helps skill development in brain injured people. The year 8 students who helped were Dolan Moore, Mitchell Sims, Miles Kelly, Matthew Haustead and Trahern Griffiths as well as

Stephen Johnstone from year 11. LEFT: Matthew Haustead with head of food science Paula Moeller.

NEW FACES:

Last month we reported Mike Gaffney, from the Catholic Education

Office, had received a Fellowship from the Australian College of Educators. Well, an office colleague, Dennis Sleight, was another recipient. His award was for an "out-standing contribution to education, particularly in the areas of teachers and the law, and school leadership."

NEW TRANSLATION:

Canberra academic Associate Prof Raymond Canning has presented his new translation of St

Augustine's Instructing Beginners in Faith. His fresh English translation of the work is found in The Augustine Series, published in New York. Augustine's reflection was intended to help communicate the heart of Christian faith to people who wanted to become members of the Church. In the course of the past 1600 years, his treatise has been frequently and creatively adapted.

TAKE NOTICE:

Did these church bulletin notices ever really see the light of day? *At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice. And: Irving and Jessica were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.*

\$5mil restoration plan for Old Cathedral

A photograph of them is published in the book Planting the Celtic Cross, by historian Fr Brian Maher.

Fr Percy said the interior renovations would also focus on enhancing the celebration of liturgy in line with the direction taken after Vatican II.

He hopes corporate and private benefactors from throughout Australia will back the restoration of one of the nation's landmark churches, opened and blessed by Cardinal Moran on the feast of Sts Peter and Paul, 29 June, in 1890.

The problem of rising damp, which resulted from the original church being used as fill when it was demolished to make way for the cathedral, was being tackled by engineer Mr Claude Bagnara. He had devoted more than two years to excavating under the sanctuary in work that had been totally financed by parishioners. Fr Percy said Goulburn parishioners who attended a meeting last month to

hear project consultant Mr Tom Hazell, had been enthusiastic about the restoration. He was committed to keeping them informed about progress.

The city with its restored old cathedral would be in a good position to host pilgrims to World Youth Day in 2008. "Either side of the week of World Youth Day retreat days are held for the young pilgrims. We in Goulburn have a terrific church and are in a terrific location outside of Sydney on a rail line and a double-lane highway to Canberra to accommodate them."

• Tickets for the gala dinner to raise funds for the Goulburn Old Cathedral Restoration Fund cost \$150 each. Tickets for the dinner at 6pm on 1 June in the Great Hall of Parliament House, Canberra, may be obtained from Cath Drinkwater, telephone 0413 960 280, e-mail stpeterandpauls_restoration@goulburn.net.au



Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy under the Old Cathedral with engineer Claude Bagnara who is tackling the problem of rising damp.

A 'significant force' in education

Archbishop given ACU's top honour

Archbishop Francis Carroll has been described as "as one of the most significant forces in the development of Catholic education in Australia" as he was given Australian Catholic University's highest honour.

He was made Doctor of the University in recognition of his tireless contribution to Catholic education and the communities he has served, and his unwavering commitment to ecumenism and interfaith relations.

At the Canberra campus graduation ceremony, ACU National Vice-Chancellor Prof Peter Sheehan said the university was proud to recognise the humble and outstanding achievements of Francis Patrick Carroll.

"From the time of his ordination in 1954 he has given leadership and inspiration to all who have been his people.

"His work as priest, bishop and archbishop have been marked by a commitment to bringing the good news and hope to the people, balanced with a realistic awareness of the concerns of the modern world."

In his address, Archbishop Carroll said becoming a bishop two years after Vatican II, he had sought to live by its vision of Church and to implement its understanding of what it is to be the People of God in contemporary society.

"I have often observed that it has been the best and the worst time to be a bishop, a pastoral leader over the past almost 40 years.

"Hopes were high after the Council and many great developments have taken place. On the other hand, the time of transition has been painful for many.

"My choice of my episcopal motto has proven to be providential.

"In tackling the challenge of preserving the true tradition of the Christian faith and at the same time bringing it in an effective way to an ever-changing world, Nova et Vetera, Treasures New and Old, has served me well."

Speaking to the graduates, Archbishop Carroll said everyone was called to exercise some form of leadership in their life.

"I suggest that you graduates, who have known the advantage of tertiary education and its concomitant formation, are clearly called to the privilege and responsibility of being leaders. May I encourage you to respond to that call with enthusiasm.

"The way you exercise leadership will reflect your personality and gifts, your education qualifications and the positions that you will hold.

"But what are the fundamental values and attitudes you will bring to leadership?

"As a Church leader I have sought, however inadequately, to draw my values and inspiration from the Christian Gospel. My model is Jesus Christ and him as the Good Shepherd. He knew himself to be the Lord and Master. He was always the leader, but he came not to be served but to serve.



LEFT: Archbishop Francis Carroll is congratulated by ACU Chancellor Br Julian McDonald at the Canberra campus graduation ceremony.

"He taught with authority but stood in the midst as one who served and washed the feet of his disciples.

"His life and teaching speak of the servant leadership of a true pastor.

"Christians believe Christ to be absolutely unique but even non-believers can recognise in him a great leader whose life and teaching continue to this day to impact on human history.

"As you reflect on being a leader I suggest you look at yourself, other individuals and the group or community where leadership is exercised."

Archbishop Carroll said an authentic leader must have personal integrity - "always be true to yourself and be true to your true self. What we are will always speak more loudly than what we say. Authentic leaders lead by example."

Children and the young quickly recognised lack of authenticity and once respect was lost, effective leadership was weakened.

"There may have been a time when position guaranteed respect for authority and authority figures; today such respect has to be earned.

"You need to respect yourself and, in turn, expect to be respected by others.

"We cannot, however, expect respect from those we lead unless we, in turn, give that respect, a respect that extends to every individual without exception, be they young or old, intelligent or the slowest of learners, attractive or non-attractive, physically able or disabled.

"Every person has an intrinsic, even sacred, value and an innate dignity that is worthy of respect that has the quality of reverence."

When power was misused, others became subjects rather than persons - subjects to be dominated, manipulated and seen as expendable. This abuse of power that demeans was one of the most negative dynamics in society.

"Over the years I have seen all too many examples of its destructive force in all areas of human life and activity.

"Oppressive dictators, fanatical cultic gurus and the all-pervasive de-personalising spirit of so many structures and practices in western society, clearly demonstrate the destructive evil of the misuse of power for selfish ambition and gain.

"But the same forces can be at work in less dramatic ways in all human relationships even as intimate as the family and friendships."

Archbishop Carroll said the value of genuine unity had become more and more central to his life and ministry over the years.

"In theological terms communion/ communion has become my conviction and passion. In a recent Diocesan Synod, I proposed the theme One in Christ Jesus, which translated into our being an inclusive Church committed to healing, life-giving relationships.

"Clearly the unity we seek to bring is not to be a sterile uniformity but a living unity in diversity. We know that good leadership is inclusive and encourages consultation and cooperation, participation and collaboration.

"St Benedict said that in community discussion and discernment, the youngest member should be given the most attentive hearing.

"Personally I have found some element of truth and wisdom in everyone's viewpoint, however contrary to my own. Of course, problems and disputes will arise. Then there must be the strength to correct where necessary and even confront with firmness but always with fairness.

"The purest form of leadership is one that is lived and exercised in love, a love that seeks the good of others."

Two priests of Archdiocese die

Two priests in the Archdiocese, Fr Peter Sheridan, 77, and Fr Marcus Crowe, 89, died in the past month.

Fr Crowe was ordained by Archbishop Gilroy in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, in July 1941 and served the Archdiocese at Boorowa, Crookwell, Ardlethan, Goulburn, Captains Flat, Jindabyne, Dickson, Gooloogong, Koorawatha, Taralga,

Bega and Michelago until his retirement in 1991.

He was editor of Our Cathedral Chimes, a forerunner to Catholic Voice between 1947 and 1952.

He was born at Bega and attended St Patrick's School, Bega, and St Patrick's College, Goulburn, before entering the seminary at Springwood. He also spent time as part-time hos-

pital chaplain in Canberra.

Fr Sheridan was a priest of the Leeds Diocese in England who came to Australia in 1998 to look after his sick brother.

He returned to England for a short visit before coming back to the Archdiocese where he took up chaplaincy at Canberra Hospital in 1999.

He retired because of ill health in 2001.

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A PM's wife visits Calvary



Staff and patients at Calvary Hospital met Mrs Cherie Blair, the wife of the British Prime Minister when she visited Canberra. Her visit to the hospital was to speak to representatives of the National Breast Cancer Centre together with ACT specialist breast care nurses and other health professionals.

She also met Australian Province leader of the Little Company of Mary Sr Jennifer Barrow and deputy chair of the Little Company of Mary Health Care board Sr Mary Clare Wilson.

Calvary chief executive officer Dr Deborah Cole said the hospital performed about 82 per cent of all public and private surgery in the ACT for women and men with early breast cancer. "The ACT has the highest incidence of breast cancer nationally, with 1 in 10 women in the Canberra region being diagnosed with breast cancer by the age of 75," she said. Three specialist breast care nurses Bethel Holley, Bethany Crowe and Melva Walters were thrilled to be invited to meet Mrs Blair and discuss breast care issues.

ABOVE: Mrs Cherie Blair (second from the left) with Mrs Janette Howard, the wife of the Australian Prime Minister (third from left) and specialist breast care nurses (from left), Bethel Holley, Bethany Crowe and Melva Walters.

Pope's man in PNG

A priest who has served successive apostolic nuncios in Canberra for the past six years has been appointed to represent the Pope in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Mgr Francisco Padilla, counsellor at the apostolic nunciature, was elevated to archbishop. He was born in Cebu City, Philippines, in 1953 and ordained in 1976.

Millions remember John Paul II

Millions across the world last month commemorated the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II, who led the Church for 26 years.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president Archbishop Francis Carroll said Pope Benedict XVI had acknowledged the holiness of his predecessor by immediately opening the cause for John Paul's sainthood.

"The extraordinary world focus on his illness and death this time last year are still fresh in our minds. Who could forget

the sea of people keeping vigil in St Peter's Square as their Pope lay dying in his apartment? They were scenes which brought home so very movingly the impact Pope John Paul II had on the world."

Across Australia, special masses were dedicated to the memory of a pope, who visited Australia three times.

Thousands gathered in St Peter's Square and many visited his tomb in the crypt underneath St Peter's basilica.

At the exact time of John Paul's death, Pope Benedict

addressed the crowds saying a year had gone by but his memory continued to be very alive. John Paul II continued to be present in our mind and in our heart, and continued to communicate his love for God and his love for man.

Pope Benedict XVI said that two words could possibly summarise the life and evangelical mission of John Paul II: faith and devotion.

The recital of the rosary in St Peter's Square, a special mass for the beatification of John Paul II

in Poland, and an interfaith meeting in New Delhi were among the worldwide celebrations yesterday to mark John Paul II's death.

Pope Benedict XVI appeared at his study window and joined pilgrims in the recitation of the rosary. In Poland, at the hour of John Paul II's death, the historic Sigismund bell of Wawel Cathedral pealed. This is the same bell that rang out on the afternoon of 16 October, 1978, to announce to the Poles that one of them had become pope.

Schools reach out to 'Larry kids'

Schools throughout the Archdiocese have been raising money to help the victims of Cyclone Larry, which devastated far north Queensland.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School, Calwell, which ran the Archdiocesan Catholic primary schools football carnival this year gave \$1000 from the proceeds to help Catholic primary schools in the region.

On Holy Thursday, students at Rosary School, Watson, raised money through a gold coin donation on a uniform-free day



Catholic and Anglican churches in Canberra jointly hosted a visit by Fr Gilbert Carlo, a Divine Word Missionary from India. Fr Carlo travels the world to demonstrate how yoga, meditation and chanting - disciplines usually associated with eastern spirituality - can help Christians deepen their relationship with God. He gave two workshops at MacKillop Catholic College and Radford College.

Fr Carlo's workshops in Canberra were hosted by St Thomas the Apostle parish, Kambah, and the Anglican parish of St Alban the Martyr, Woden, as a joint ecumenical project, and were linked with the Jesus All About Life campaign.

ABOVE: Fr Carlo (far right) with Fr Morton Johnston, of St Alban's, and Fr Chris Kirwin of St Thomas' parishes.

when they came dressed as biblical characters.

St Joseph's Primary School, North Goulburn, had a gurnsey day on Holy Thursday for the "Larry Kids" - gold coin donation. St Mary's Primary School, Crookwell, held a "Mad Hatter's Day" to raise money.

Donations towards the Cyclone Larry appeal may be made through the St Vincent de Paul Society, telephone 13 18 12 and at www.vinnies.org.au

Offering to Pope

The Archdiocese contributed \$23,000 last year in its annual offering to support the Pope. The money is made up from the Peter's pence collection and a diocesan contribution. In a letter to Archbishop Francis Carroll, the Vatican Secretary of State said the Pope appreciated the charitable assistance given to him for his service to the Church throughout the world. "He sees in this gift a sign of ecclesial communion, motivated by faith in Jesus Christ and devotion to the See of Peter."

Ageing and spirituality

Two experts from the United Kingdom will be among speakers at a conference on ageing, disability and spirituality which will be held in Canberra in September. The third national conference of the Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies is intended for aged care health professionals, pastoral carers, theologians, policy makers and older people. The conference will be held at The Brassey of Canberra on 26-29 September. Inquiries: Centre for Ageing and Pastoral Studies, telephone 6273 8551, e-mail caps@csu.edu.au or website www.centreforageing.org.au

Anna's positive



A member of the Australian delegation to Rome to receive the World Youth Day cross says she is excited by how the event in Sydney in 2008 will enliven the Church in Australia after seeing what a positive impact it had on Germany's youth.

Canberra's Anna McCarthy pictured above with the icon which will accompany the cross, was one of 60 Australian delegates in the palm procession during the Palm Sunday papal Mass. "Last year I attended WYD in Cologne and experienced the universality of the Church. Once again in Rome I witnessed this unity and community," she said.

"For me, this is one of the most beautiful aspects of WYD. Meeting other young Catholics from around Australia and sharing our faith in Christ with each other was the most memorable part of the pilgrimage. During my time in Rome my call to ministry was renewed, my desire to serve the youth in our Archdiocese was strengthened and my call to follow the Lord each day was clearer than ever."

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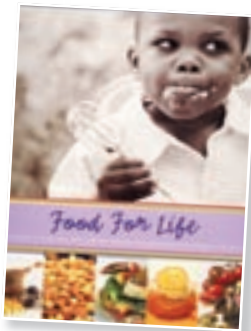
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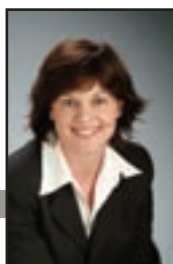
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College was major part of life

I would like to say goodbye and thank you to the many members of Daramalan College staff that I have had the pleasure of meeting and working alongside during my time as a teacher. I have encountered many wonderful characters and have been fortunate to learn much from them.

Daramalan has been a major part of my life. I attended the college as a student for eight years, and went on to be part of the community as a teacher for 25 years. In my five decades at Daramalan College, I had the pleasure of working with every Daramalan College principal except the first one. I am one of the longer serving members of staff in its history. I take great pride in this achievement.

During this time, I have undertaken many challenges and actively involved myself with college life in many ways, including cricket coach, basketball coach, enrichment co-ordinator, president of Daramalan College Foundation, actively involved in the successful opening of Pathways, the college hospitality training facility, member of the Building Committee; rugby union coach, soccer coach and pastoral care advisor.

One of my goals as a teacher has always been to encourage students to strive to go beyond their potential and to achieve the very best that they can in both classroom and on the sporting field. I hope that I have in some way achieved this goal.

Being made redundant so unexpectedly was extremely difficult for me to come to terms with. I have not known any other life other than my Daramalan experience. I will now have to face many new challenges. However, it will not affect the wonderful memories that I own of my Daramalan career. I have always been a loyal and proud representative of the college and the MSC community and have attempted to uphold the MSC ethos. I encourage you all to do this - Fortes in Fide. Happily, my involvement with Daramalan has not completely ended - following a long family tradition, my two children are current students.

Dominic Mammoliti, Giralang.

Auditor needed

Is there a registered auditor, retired or otherwise, who would be prepared to audit the books of a small private charity for free or for a reduced fee? The charity I manage exists to provide funds for Caritas Australia and Catholic Mission. If you may be able to help, please telephone Arthur on 6241 2988.

A Bullman, Giralang.

Bad timing?

The timing of the Catholic Voice's latest photo of Jon Stanhope on prime page 3 (CV, April) was appalling, coinciding as it did with his latest attack on Christian values with his same-sex marriage legislation. This legislation equates same-sex marriage with marriage between a man and a woman and would allow same-sex marriage for 16 year olds.

The Stanhope Government removed all restrictions on abortion from conception to the moment of birth. Abortion in the ACT is just another medical procedure such as a hernia operation. He has reduced financial assistance to Canberra parents with children at non government schools to the lowest level in the country.

The only thing stopping Stanhope from legalising euthanasia is the precedent set by the Howard Government when it overrode similar legislation in the Northern Territory. No doubt when the next Federal Labor Government is elected, one of the first pieces of ACT legislation will be unrestricted access to euthanasia.

The responsibilities of the Catholic media are referred to in the bishops' recent pastoral letter on the Church and the media. The statement notes that the media can be used to proclaim the gospel or reduce it to silence in human hearts.

A strong Catholic media supports people in living out their faith, by informing and connecting and challenging. The letter does not say that the Catholic media has a responsibility to uncritically promote to the faithful secular humanists with an atheist agenda.

Kevin Cains, Garran.

● A reference in the letter "Priesthood and Marriage" from Noel Cook (CV, April) to "Easter Rite" should have read "Eastern Rite".

We have all been given personal invitation by Jesus to follow Him

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I hope and pray that you entered deeply into the great events of Holy Week and Easter and that you were strengthened and renewed in Faith, Hope and Love. I congratulate and warmly welcome those who were baptised at Easter or who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

As we now move into May the month of Mary, let us entrust our ongoing Christian journey to the woman of faith, the woman of hope and woman who loves.

Last month I wrote in anticipation of the Mass of Chrism. I have always found it a rich and moving celebration of our local Church of Canberra and Goulburn. This was particularly so this year as I knew that this would be the last time that I would celebrate it as your chief pastor. I would like to share with you the homily I preached on that memorable night.

HOMILY - CHRISM MASS

Just a week ago we observed the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II. Next week we will celebrate the anniversary of Benedict XVI's election.

These dual events at this time last year were a powerful reminder to me, if that was necessary, that no-one is indispensable. I was there to see the millions of mourners flood into Rome to pay their respects to John Paul II and to celebrate his funeral Mass. After 26 years of a world-wide ministry and inspiring leadership, many were saying "we will never see his like again". In a real sense of course that was, and is, true. And yet, 10 days later, massive crowds were cheering and happily welcoming a new Pope in the person of Benedict XVI. Individuals however gifted and impressive come and go but the Church goes on - life goes on.

This is a chastening thought - for me if I need it - but for all of us, especially those like the clergy, those in ordained ministry, who hold significant positions in the community and exercise pastoral leadership. What is important however is that when God calls us to pastoral leadership, in that time and place we are indispensable. What we do with our gifts and our weaknesses is, by the grace of God, something no-one else can or will do. Our responsibility is therefore to do what we are called to do in the present moment in the best possible way, to the fullest extent of our capabilities.

Tonight as we re-commit ourselves, our priesthood, our diaconate, to the service of God and God's people we cannot change the past, we do not know the future but we can make our commitment whole-heartedly to con-



tinue the journey, accepting whatever the providence of God has in store for us.

This is true for all of us Catholics here tonight as the people of God, disciples of Jesus and members of his body - the Church. Through faith and baptism all have been given a personal invitation from Jesus to follow him in love and to go in his name on a mission of love.

It is remarkable how Pope Benedict's first encyclical grabbed public attention and gave encouragement and inspiration to so many. Personally I have been surprised how often I have come back to the words of the encyclical in my own reflections and preaching.

God is love. The Holy Father says that he wants this to be the keystone of his Papacy. Surely it is the keystone of our ordained ministry, our baptised calling, our life in the Church community and our Christian belief and way of life.

Pope Benedict wrote, "St John offers a kind of summary of the Christian life. We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us. We have come to believe in God's love. In these words the Christian can express the fundamental decision of his life". From that fundamental decision surely must follow a life of love - love of God and love of neighbour - for there is an unbreakable bond between the two.

This primacy of love means that love is the measure of the value of our lives, the value of our Christian calling, the value of our priestly ministry.

We know how difficult it is to measure the effectiveness of what we do. Thinking specifically of priests and ordained ministers how can we measure the success or failure of our ministry? We cannot and it is both realistic and wise to leave that measuring to God. We do however know what measuring stick God will ultimately use. Because God is love, God's standard must be that of love.

Many different, even contradictory expectations are placed on priests and there will always be varying opinions about their pastoral style and the effectiveness of their ministry. Judgments, positive and negative are made about their preaching and liturgical celebrations; their administration and financial management; their pastoral care of people - children, young and old - ; their compassion for the sick and sensitivity to the bereaved; their openness to the disadvantaged and generosity to the poor. So many judgments against so many different

criteria.

If we are wise, we learn not to expect ourselves to meet the expectations of all. Hopefully, we graciously accept words of appreciation and allow ourselves to be cheered and encouraged by praise and gratitude without ever becoming smug with self-satisfaction.

Likewise we can learn from criticism but not be depressed by ingratitude and the negative judgments that will surely come.

St Paul said he did not care for human judgments, he did not even judge himself. The assessment or judgment must always be left to God, and God will weigh us and our ministry on the scales of pastoral love. For pastoral charity or love is the defining quality of the spirituality of the ordained ministry.

Ultimately, as a priest is farewelled from his parish, retires from active ministry or prepares for the final judgement in death, the one and only worthwhile measure will be *Did I love God, did I love God's people who were placed in my care? Did I lead them to love God more and love one another more truly?* If we leave a community a more loving place because we have been there we have been successful. If we leave a community with less love then we have failed. Love within the community is to be nurtured into a deeper communion of love and flow

out from the community in its outreach of justice and compassion.

Pope Benedict would remind us that "today the term 'love' has become one of the most frequently used and

misused of words, a word to which we attach quite different meanings". Pastoral charity or the love of a pastoral leader must be truly human and truly Christian. A love reflecting the heart of Jesus the Good Shepherd and the teacher who taught with authority, the authority of truth - "I came to bear witness to the truth" - and the authority of personal integrity and conviction.

This love is all-embracing and rejects no-one but it does not fail to challenge with the radical demands of the Gospel. It is a gentle and compassionate love. It does not crush the bruised reed nor quench the smouldering flame but it does not allow the self-indulgence of those who define their own truth and morality.

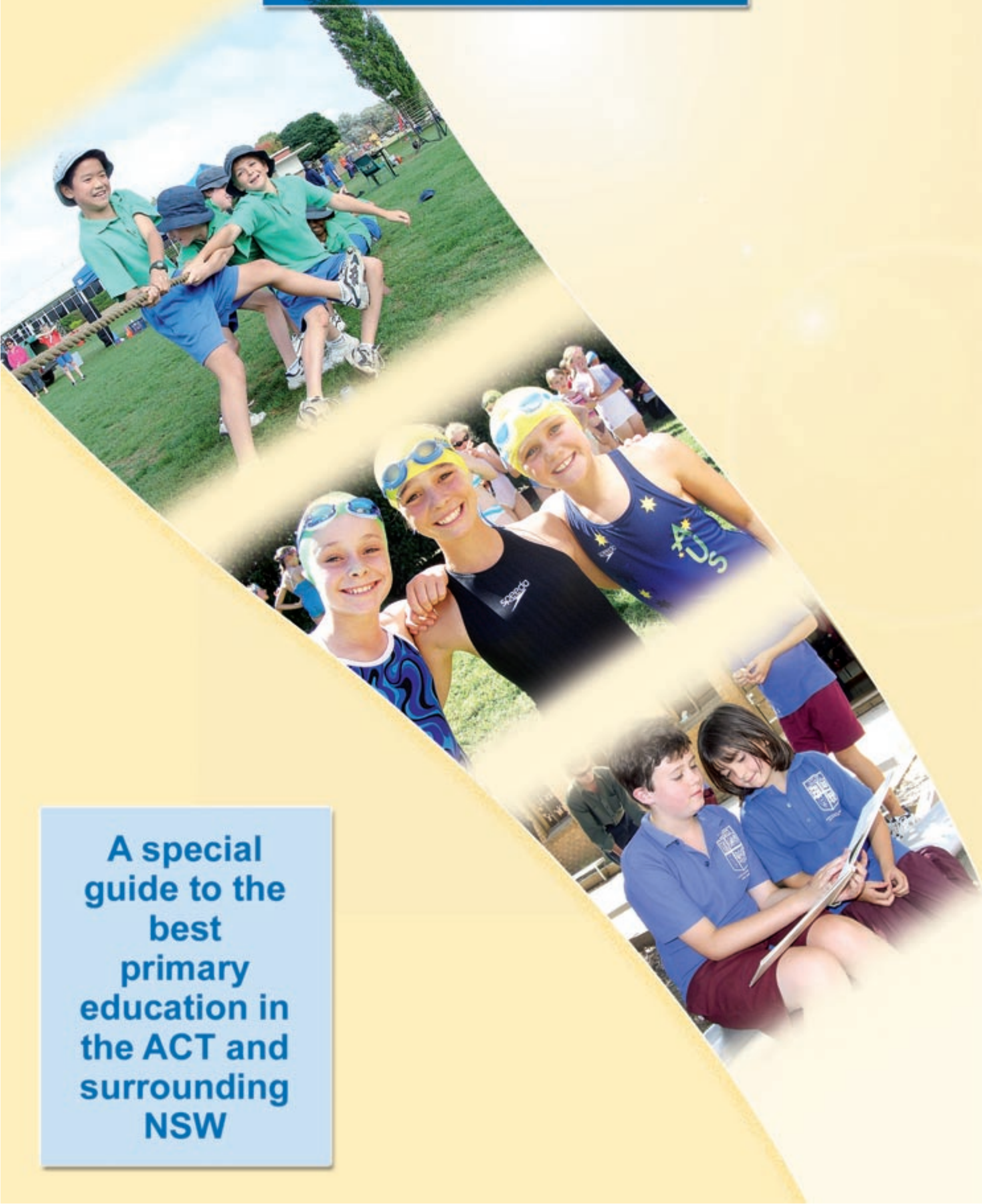
This love speaks God's words in love but does not dilute its truth for the sake of popularity, human respect or political correctness.

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



OPEN DAY
Saturday 6th May
2006
11am - 2pm

**Enrolments for
2007
15th May - 2nd June**

St Edmund's College Canberra



For application forms or information please contact
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2006 ENROLLING STUDENTS FROM ACROSS CANBERRA AND SURROUNDING REGIONS

St Edmund's Primary is a dynamic place, staffed by enthusiastic teachers with the dedication and commitment necessary to educate boys.

The Curriculum in the Primary School has been developed to reflect current trends and research on boys' education.

Those who are gifted and talented and those who require special attention are given expert assistance by the Cross Curricular Support staff, who work closely with the Primary teachers to achieve their 'Personal Best'. Boys also learn Music, P.E and Japanese under the guidance of specialist teachers.

The sense of belonging gives a St Edmund's boy unique advantages in his transition from Primary to Secondary School without the disruption of change.

This continuity in the early years provides long term benefits.

At St Edmund's College, each boy is offered a rich and varied

Co-Curricular programme. Staff and parents coach Primary teams in most major sports.

A Safe School Policy is in place to care for and enhance a safe and secure school environment for the individual.

A 'Big Brother' Peer Support Program is in place. The younger boys see models in the senior boys.

We are confident that the Spirit of Edmund Rice continues to shine through in the spiritual, academic and pastoral dimensions of the college.



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St Monica's Parish Catholic Primary School

Celebrating excellence in education since 1977

Enrolments are now being sought for 2007.
St Monica's currently has an enrolment of 450 students

Recent Achievements

2006 Winner – National Quality Schooling Award for
“Developing Researchers of the Future”

Sister School Agreement with Tezukayama Elementary School,
Nara City, Japan



St Monica's is a child-centred learning community, supporting families in the Canberra suburbs of Evatt, Melba, Spence and McKellar.

We believe our school community is unique.

St Monica's promotes a strong values program offering all children many and varied opportunities to enable them to reach their full potential.

OPEN DAY
WEDNESDAY 17 MAY, 2006
10am-Noon
and
5pm-7pm
Principal's Address
11.30am & 6pm

- ICT – Integration across Key Learning Areas
- Gymnastics and PE Specialists
- Strong Parent/School partnerships
- Early Intervention Programs including Reading Recovery
- Student Representative Council
- Peer Mediators
- Social Skills program
- Music Tuition
- Dramatic and Musical performances
- School Choir
- Tournament of Minds
- School Band
- Japanese
- SMOOSH – St Monica's Out of School Hours Care
- Enrichment Programs including Science, Maths and Writing
- Rostrum
- Grandparent's Day

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Peacemakers for Life

Founded in 1988 and first led by the Good Samaritan Sisters, St Francis of Assisi Primary School soon established itself as a school striving to meet the needs of its growing local community. Since that time it has built a reputation for living out the teaching of its patron St Francis of Assisi. A genuine concern for young students, a focus on relationships and personal growth, and a commitment to the care of our natural environment nurtures the full person within our school.



We know that schools are places of activity and special events. When it's a Catholic school it is also a place where the dignity and worth of each child are recognised in light of our shared faith. St Francis of Assisi Primary School, located in the Parish of Corpus Christi, has a strong commitment to developing the whole person – academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

Before the children of St Francis of Assisi began the school year our staff had the opportunity to hear the well-known psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. Dr Carr-Gregg's message was that children need to feel safe, valued and listened to. Such a message clearly aligns with our vision to provide a learning environment which respects and nurtures the uniqueness of all.

Set on spacious and picturesque grounds, the physical learning environment is unique and child-friendly. A walk along corridors sees children engaged and focussed on the task at hand while outside spaces enhance learning opportunities for students. Our staff are committed to challenging each child to reach his or her full potential and they seek to foster an awareness of the sacredness and interconnectedness of all life.

We welcome all who would like to visit St Francis of Assisi Primary School Calwell on Open Day.



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OPEN DAY on MONDAY 15th MAY
10am to 12.30pm
School Presentation at 11am

Small school with big smile of welcome

At St Vincent's you will always be welcomed with a smile. It is a happy school where each child is respected and nurtured.

Being small gives us the opportunity to know every child and their needs.

We are also able to get to know all our families and we have established a close relationship with them.

Our school's motto is Caritas, which means love and we strive to put this into practice in everything we do.

St Vincent's opened its doors in January 1970 with the Sisters of Jesus, Mary and Joseph running the school.

In 1976 the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart took

over until 1980. From 1981 lay people have staffed St Vincent's. We have a very strong link to the St Vincent de Paul Parish and regularly attend Mass with parishioners.

As you walk around the corridors you will see the children engaged in a huge variety of educational pursuits.

Dedicated to providing the very best ...

We focus on literacy through the implementation of resources such as First Steps, Doorways into Practical Literacy in Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage Two.

The children undertake activities in listening, reading, writing, spelling and grammar through auditory and sound processing.



In numeracy we use Count Me In Too and Counting On as well as Peter Sullivan's Four Templates of Maths Pedagogy.

We have recently updated our school's Vision and Mission

Statements and Exit Outcomes. Our focus for curriculum is on integration where we are looking at curriculum organisers to allow the children to see that our world is integrated.

We have a strong commitment to Information and Communication Technology, with computers available in both a computer centre and in the classrooms.

All our computers are networked and can access the Internet. We have implemented MyClasses throughout the school.

Throughout the week the children can access a specialist gymnastics program for Kinder-

garten, piano and guitar lessons and an across school music program, Dance Sport, swimming and tennis as well as Italian.

Physical activity and a healthy lifestyle are important to us here at St Vincent's. We have been a Sunsmart School for many years and maintain a Healthy Canteen policy.

At St Vincent's we have 10 students who attend the Australian Institute of Sport's Elite Gymnast's program. These girls, who are from all over Australia, attend coaching before and after school each day. They are hoping to represent Australia at the Olympics.

Our senior children undertake peer support training where they learn about being a leader.

They then work with vertical groups throughout the school and we are finding that the children show great maturity in their role as leaders in the school.

We celebrate special events and assemblies together in our peer support groups.

In all we do here at St Vincent's we are supported by the Parish Council, School Board and Parents and Friends who all help our dedicated staff to provide all the very best for our children.



Saint Vincent's Primary School Aranda



If you are looking for happy children, committed teachers and active parents – come and have a look at our wonderful school.

We are a small Catholic Primary School in Belconnen, offering a varied and exciting curriculum.

OPEN DAY

Thursday 25th MAY 2006, 2.00pm – 7.00pm

There will be tours of the school and all are welcome.

Enrolments 15th May to 2nd June

Principal: Mr John Vance

For further details please phone 6251 2442 or visit our website:

www.svdpcg.catholic.edu.au

St Michael's Primary School Living in Harmony Kaleen

Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen

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Email: david@stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au



St Michael's Primary School offers:

- A friendly, welcoming community
- An energetic and highly committed staff providing a secure Christian learning environment
- A balanced and comprehensive education for boys and girls, Kinder to Year 6
- An inclusive and comprehensive curriculum
- Interactive Whiteboards in most classrooms
- Private lessons with specialist teachers in chess, speech and drama, violin, piano and flute
- A school band and school choir
- A 'Walking School Bus', 'fruit break' and specialized PE lessons
- Spacious grounds, well equipped library and computer laboratory
- Access to After-School Care in Kaleen

OPEN DAY
Monday 15 May, 12pm or 6pm

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES ARE MOST WELCOME

Please contact the Principal, Mr David Austin (02) 6241 4022

St Michael's is a Catholic systemic school catering for 230 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school is situated in Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen, on spacious and well kept grounds featuring extensive playing spaces for all students.

At St Michael's, the staff, students and parish family strive to achieve a community-based approach to education. The parent community is very active in its support of the school.

The school is committed to providing strong quality curriculum in all academic areas and provides an education based on the values of Jesus.

St Michael's has a particular focus on developing literacy skills across the school.

St Michael's has a comprehensive ICT integrated program with computers and Interactive Whiteboards (Activboards) linked by network.

The school recently purchased these Activboards for most classrooms. These Activboards use a digital whiteboard, tailor-made software and unique remote devices designed to engage the students in the lesson more than ever.

The school also offers private music and drama classes, individual education programs assisting students with special needs, a program for gifted and talented students and a strong student leadership focus.

Physical education is a high priority at St Michael's. Physical education lessons for the older children are taken by specialised teachers and children have represented the school at regional and state levels



Strong focus on literacy skills

in a variety of sports.

The community at St Michael's believes we have an exciting, challenging and happy school, which is a reflection of our school vision: a people of harmony, a place of challenge.

You are invited to come and see St Michael's and meet many of its teachers, students and parents at our Open Day on Monday, 15 May, at either noon or 7pm.

Please feel free to contact the Principal, Mr David Austin, on 6241 4022 for further information or visit our website www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au

Our Mission Statement for St Benedict's is as follows:

Inspired by Christ and guided by his teachings, the community of St Benedict's journeys together to provide a caring, friendly, learning environment that nurtures the development of each child through love, work and prayer.

And our Vision is based on the following scriptural reference:

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit gives them.

There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served.

There are different abilities to perform service but the same God gives ability to everyone for their service."

St Benedict's Primary School is a small school with a current enrolment of approximately 180 children.

We have a dedicated, professional staff who work hard to ensure that the programs offered are implemented to allow for the total development of each child at the school within a Christian community.

We base all our actions on Catholic beliefs and values.

Actions based on Catholic beliefs, values

A feature of our school is the enthusiastic participation and support of the parish, parents and friends. The staff and children rely on this support and are extremely appreciative of it.

The co-operation and support of parents at the school is not only desirable but is expected, as it is only through working together as community that the school can achieve the best possible education for each child.

OPEN DAY
Tuesday
9 May
9am-1pm

St Benedict's Primary School

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Dylan Giles (back left), Hayden Jenkins (back right), Lindsay Hekimian children from Kindergarten.

ST BENEDICT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFERS YOU:

- A warm friendly environment
- A small school catering for the needs of the individual
- Motivated, experienced staff dedicated to providing the best educational practice with Special Needs Team
- An active School Board and Parents & Friends Association
- A vibrant community with close links with the St Benedict's Parish
- A broad curriculum which provides intellectual challenges and caters for different learning styles.
- Specialist programs including Social Skills and Count Me In Too.
- Access to Internet and Digital Technology in a modern Computer Laboratory
- A comprehensive Music Program Incorporating recorder, percussion, singing and dance as well as private tuition in a variety of instruments.
- A vibrant and exciting Arts Program
- LOTE – Italian Culture and Language
- A skills-based Physical Education Program which includes a Perceptual Motor Program, Daily Fitness Program, Swimming Program for Kinder to Year 2 and Sports Clinics.
- Enrichment activities including: Specialist Gymnastics, Debating and Dancing.
- After School Care Program available.

For further inquiries, please contact

Mrs Anne Staines – Principal

OPEN DAY – TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2006 9.00AM – 1.00PM

ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Rosary School is a Christ-centred family striving for educational excellence in the Dominican spirit of truth, justice and celebration.

Rosary School is proud of many features including:

- Its advances in the use of learning technologies
- The extensive grounds which boast a newly re-developed, beautifully green oval with a landscaped perimeter of trees to provide shade
- The music program. All students participate in specialist music classes. Tuition for a variety of instruments is also available through private teachers and Musicorp. Rosary students have the opportunity to join the Musicorp band and perform, along with the school choir, at Floriade and other cultural festivals
- The pursuit of chess which has become a passion at the school. Teams are represented at many competitions throughout the A.C.T.
- Its vibrant library which is a hub of learning through stimulating, educational experiences that support classroom programs. Book Week and Literacy Week are festive and fun whilst activities bubble over in the excitement of the 'Access Asia' perspective
- The various sporting pursuits available to students and the many successes at all levels of competition
- The 'buddy' system in which Kindergarten and Year Six get together to share educational experiences and provide peer support
- Its 'Sun Smart' policy



- The involvement of parents and friends. Opportunities to be involved occur through a variety of means including support of literacy and mathematics blocks; assistance to the PTFA and Canteen; representation on the School Board; association with sporting groups and general help in the classrooms and library as well as special projects
- The committed and active PTFA and School Board
- A healthy canteen
- Excellent out-of-school-hours care available on site
- Strong links with the Parish including 'Family Masses' and Sacramental programs
- Liturgical celebrations and ceremonies which enhance and strengthen the community's relationship with God.



All enquiries to:

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'A Great School for Great Kids'

OPEN DAY

Wednesday 17th May

9:30am -12:30pm



St Mary's Parish Primary School Moruya

Our Vision

At St Mary's we believe in an environment where each person is able to achieve and celebrate their personal best through a friendship with Jesus.

Our Learning Community

In recent years there has been a strong focus on the development of literacy & numeracy in the school. This has been supported by the professional development of staff and parents and the purchase of resources for all classrooms. This emphasis will remain through the continued implementation of literacy & numeracy blocks. Guided Reading & Count Me in Too strategies and activities form a key part to these sessions.



Catholic Life and Mission

St Mary's is committed to nurturing the Christian ideals in a caring friendly and safe environment,

so that the children have respect for themselves, others and the community. The Sacramental Programs at St Mary's are parish based. This means there is close consultation and cooperation among the parish priest, teachers and members of the local parish in the planning of each of the Sacraments.

Parents and other community members are always welcome at the school and the



opportunities for active participation are many. They are encouraged to join the P & F, School Board, Tuckshop, working bees, fund raising activities, assist in classroom activities for reading, writing, Maths, Art and craft, Computer and sports. Through this cooperation, a positive and busy working atmosphere is created for the children to grow and learn.

Key dates to remember

Friday 12 May
St Mary's School Open Day 9.30-1.30pm
May 15-2 June, 2007 Enrolment period.
November 7 & 14 Kindergarten 2007
Information sessions and orientation

Contact Details

Enrolment enquiries
Ian Macaulay, Acting Principal 4474 2817
office@stmarysm.cg.catholic.edu.au



Enrichment Program

Debating: Students are involved in debating & chess experiences within the school and with other schools in our district. Competitions: The students are encouraged to participate in the NSW University competitions in English, Maths, Science and Computing. Throughout the year students are also provided with information and opportunities to enter a range of Australia wide competitions, for example the Dorothea McKellar Poetry Competition and the Nestle Writing Competition.



St Bernard's School BATEHAVEN

"That All May Be One"

St. Bernard's School...

Is a vibrant Christian community where children are nurtured and valued.

Is a place where co-operative skills are taught and practised.

Focuses on educating the whole child.

Is staffed by highly motivated professionals, dedicated to implementing best educational practice.

Offers excellent facilities which give students access to up to date resources and technology.

Encourages and appreciates parent participation.

St Bernard's School will also do its best to ensure that...

The children will understand that God is central to their lives..

The children will have a developing sense of who they are and who they might become. They will have a positive self image and will realise that they can make a difference.

The children will have co-operative skills which will enable them to work harmoniously as a member of a team.

They will be able to make healthy lifestyle choices. They will be able to cope effectively with change and see themselves as part of our dynamic

and changing world. They will take responsibility for their own actions and decisions.

The children will be able to access, acquire and apply information. They will have literacy, numeracy and problem solving skills and will use critical thinking skills to assess information, make decisions and solve problems in all areas of their learning

For enrolment enquiries please contact
David Casey, Principal, St Bernard's School, David Street, Batehaven NSW 2536
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Catholic Development Fund

*Building
our
Community*



*Annual Report
2005*

From the General Manager



It is with some excitement that we at the Catholic Development Fund welcome the good news that has been generated by the first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI "God is Love". This is the motto of Bishop Pat Power, our Auxiliary Bishop and the Chair of the CDF Board. A strong link with the new Pope, indeed.

2005 saw the CDF continue strong growth hinged on a strong economy. While interest rates remained more or less static our deposits and loans have grown, contributing to larger-than-usual surplus funds. The result is that the CDF has been able to meet all the Archdiocesan loan needs. Significant projects in Education and Aged Care have been the construction of new classrooms at St Francis Xavier College at Florey and the commencement of St Vincent's Aged Care Units in Aranda.

There can be no doubt that there is a continuing need for a significant expansion in Catholic Aged and Health Care. CDF loan funding will be required in this ministry over the next few years.

We have been able to assist:

- the Little Company of Mary Health Care expand their Aged Care ministry in Canberra by commencing the construction of a 100-bed high and low care residential facility and 75 independent living units at Bruce in the ACT.

- the expansion of an LCM Aged Care facility at Cessnock in NSW, and
- the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese with Southern Cross Homes (Broken Hill) in the construction of a new 121-bed high care residential facility at St Anne's in Broken Hill.

I offer my thanks to the CDF staff for their competence, professional approach and loyalty. My special thanks and appreciation also go to all our depositors for their continued support.

Herbie O'Flynn

From the CDF Chairman



The death of Pope John Paul II and the election of Pope Benedict XVI in April 2005 marked a profound milestone in modern Catholic history. Elected in 1978, Pope John Paul had been the second longest serving successor of St Peter and made a deep impression, not only in the Catholic world but among the entire human family. In common parlance, he was always going to be a "hard act to follow".

Yet in less than a year, Pope Benedict while showing an unashamed admiration for his predecessor has brought his own special gifts to the papacy. His first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is love) has been widely acclaimed for its touching into the heart of the Christian message.

After setting out the ideals of Christian love, Pope Benedict has some practical advice for Catholic organizations such as the Catholic Development Fund. "The Church's charitable organizations ought to do everything in their power to provide the resources and above all the personnel needed for this work.... We are dealing with human beings, and human beings always need something more than technically proper care. They need humanity. They need heartfelt concern.... Today as in the past, the Church as God's family must be a place where help is given and received, and at the same time, a place where people are also prepared to serve those outside her confines who are in need of help."

I am convinced that such an approach has been the hallmark of Archbishop Francis Carroll's leadership of this Archdiocese since 1983. The 1989 and 2004 Synods which he convoked and many of his pastoral talks and letters have pointed us to the best of the Chris-

tian tradition where we would find a loving unity in Jesus in our relationships with one another. As Father Francis prepares for retirement and we await the appointment of a new Archbishop, we must do everything possible to uphold the strong traditions of this wonderful Archdiocese in changing and difficult times.

Over the years, I have expressed my admiration and gratitude for the way the CDF has played such a vital role in the overall mission of the Archdiocese. Unquestionably, many of the good things which have been achieved would not have been possible without the financial backing of the CDF. Spiralling costs in recent times have added to the challenges facing the Archdiocese as a whole as well as individual parishes, schools and community groups such as Centacare. Yet it is precisely in times of hardship that the Church's mission to share God's love is even more imperative.

As our new Pope reminds us that "God is love", I applaud everyone

involved with the CDF for the way they are doing their part in giving expression to such a beautiful reality. Good business practice, based on the Christian ideals of justice and charity, is at the heart of the Fund's service to the family of God in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

In a particular way I thank the Board members, the staff and the General Manager of the CDF for the extraordinary generosity, dedication and professionalism which they have consistently shown in enabling the Fund to be so effective in its operation. They have lived out the ideals of our new Pope and our retiring Archbishop in a way which can be a source of pride for all concerned. Finally, I wish to thank all the investors, individual and institutional, who are the life-blood of a Fund which is an indispensable element in our Archdiocesan family.

Bishop Pat Power



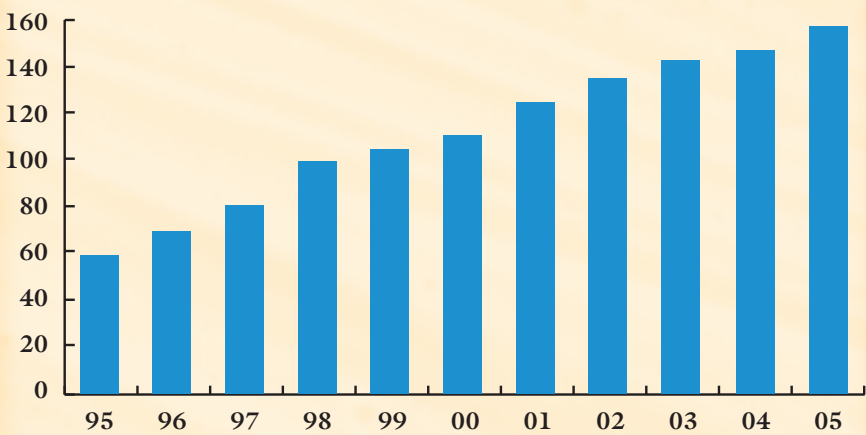
Financial Highlights in 2005

Financial Summary

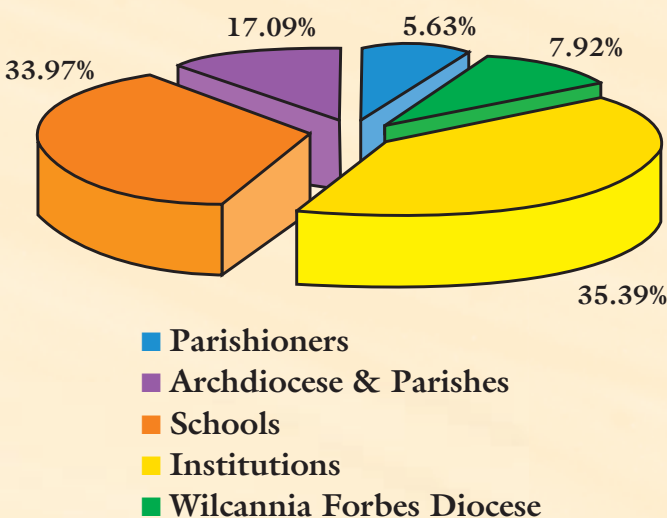
2004		2005
\$		\$
Income		
	<i>Interest revenue on loans</i>	
9,254,068	<i>Investments & other income</i>	10,245,086
	<i>Less</i>	
	<i>Interest expense to depositors</i>	
7,467,820	<i>& other expenses</i>	8,230,950
1,786,248	Net Revenue.....	2,014,136
629,990	<i>Less Operating Expenses.....</i>	620,462
1,156,258	Net Operating Surplus	1,393,674
Distribution		
800,000	<i>Archdiocese.....</i>	850,000
	<i>Archdiocese (Favier House Loan)</i>	275,424
150,726	<i>Wilcannia Forbes Diocese.....</i>	150,560
205,532	<i>Addition to Surplus.....</i>	117,690
1,156,258	Total	1,393,674
Assets		
78,787,305	<i>Investments</i>	80,572,655
64,253,584	<i>Loans</i>	75,313,122
3,448,484	<i>Other Assets.....</i>	2,009,957
146,489,373	Total	157,895,734
Liabilities		
143,312,480	<i>Depositors Balances.....</i>	154,604,273
245,818	<i>Other Liabilities.....</i>	206,159
143,558,298	Total	154,810,432
2,931,075	Accumulated Funds.....	3,048,765
146,489,373	TOTAL.....	157,859,197

Auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, have completed the audit of the CDF accounts for the year 2005.

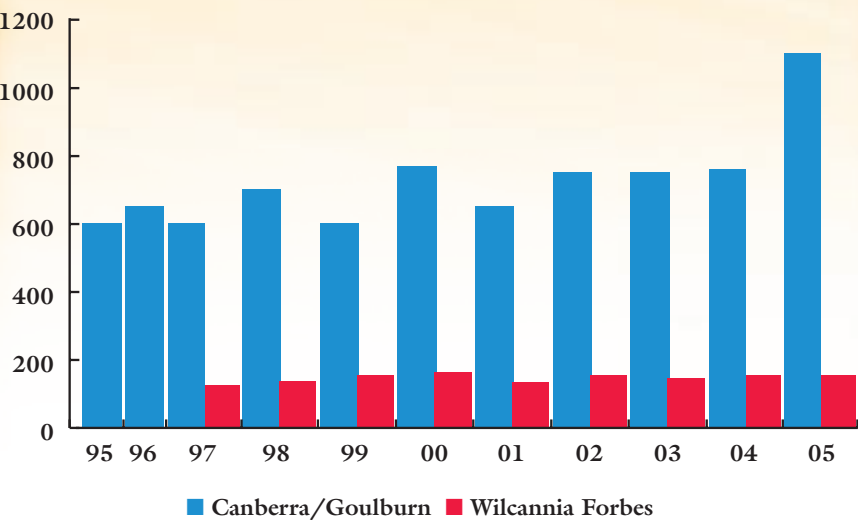
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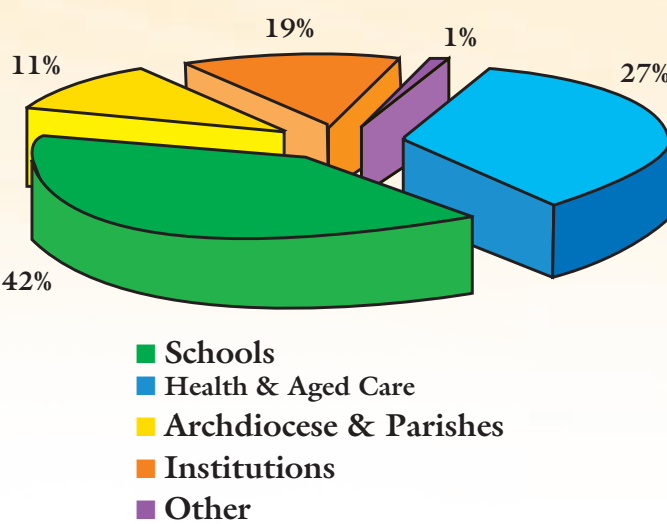
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Southern Cross Care - Broken Hill

K-12 Catholic Education on the Coast



Combined School Mass with all three schools.

Carroll College is a dynamic, vibrant, faith community which offers quality teaching and learning based on spiritual and Catholic values. The beginning of the 2006 school year saw the introduction of a Targeted Literacy Program (TLP) for students in Years 7 and 8 at Carroll College, Broulee. This major educational initiative provides a middle school model for teaching and learning under the Quality Teaching banner. The new literacy program aims to accelerate literacy development, increase work ethic and engagement levels of students and develop independent and higher order thinking skills. It is an integral part of our whole College focus on personal excellence.

Carroll College provides comprehensive curriculum choices allowing opportunities for students to excel in both academic and vocational education pathways. New courses on offer for 2007 include Certificate II in Information Technology, Certificate II in Business Services and Certificate II in Sports Coaching.

A brand new Commercial Kitchen/Restaurant and an expanded Industrial Technology Centre have recently been added to the College's extensive facilities. The stainless steel, commercial kitchen and restaurant allow students to experience a commercial



environment while learning key skills with which to succeed in the Hospitality industry. The College is hosting a major fundraising dinner in June to support the KOTO (Know One Teach One) initiative, through which street kids in Vietnam are given the skills to work in hospitality related businesses.

The College has a strong social justice program that reaches out to people in need and, as part of this initiative, a small group of students and staff will be attending a Peace Symposium in Manila, Philippines in September.

Carroll College's commitment to excellence is supported by dynamic staff who foster a friendly, safe, secure atmosphere and provide pastoral support for students and their families.

CARROLL COLLEGE



A Catholic co-educational regional College

"Learning for Life"



Carroll College Broulee is a year 7 – 12 Catholic co-educational school, committed to quality teaching and learning. The College is committed to faith, academic excellence, personal growth, and social justice. Students are challenged by a range of educational and co-curricular opportunities relevant to their needs, interests and abilities.

"LEARNING FOR LIFE" – a commitment to learning and to the celebration of students and their future.

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Enquiries welcome. Contact the Principal's Secretary for an Enrolment Package.

Catholic Primary & Central Schools

Catholic Schools are often in the news. This is not surprising as there are some 1700 Catholic schools in Australia with 45,000 teachers and 15,000 support staff enrolling some 680,000 students. One in every five primary and secondary students in Australia is being educated in a Catholic school.

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn there are 58 Catholic schools with 1600 teachers, 425 support staff enrolling 25,000 students.

The history of Catholic schools in Australia dates back to 1820 when the first Catholic school opened in Parramatta. The growth of Catholic schools and their contribution to the life of the Nation over the ensuing 186 years has been extraordinary.

As both the Church and Society have changed, Catholic schools too have changed as they responded to the needs of the Australian people. They have developed and grown in quality and public esteem - and continue to seek to contribute to the creation of an Australian community that is well educated and skilled, compassionate, passionate in seeking truth and justice and energetic in promoting the common good.

Catholic schools challenge students to find meaning and value in their lives through experiencing the personal, loving and challenging God of all creation revealed in Jesus.

The Catholic Voice supplement is a snap shot of very lively Catholic schools in this Archdiocese. They are significant parts of the Church's gift to society.

Geoff Joy
Director, Catholic Education
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

Adelong - St Joseph's Primary School
Amaroo - Good Shepherd Primary School
Aranda - St Vincent's Primary School
Batehaven - St Bernard's Primary School
Batlow - St Mary's Primary School
Bega - St Patrick's Primary School
Bombala - St Joseph's Primary School
Boorowa - St Joseph's Primary School
Braidwood - St Bede's Primary School
Calwell - St Francis of Assisi Primary
Campbell - St Thomas More's Primary
Charnwood - St Thomas Aquinas Primary
Conder - St Clare of Assisi Primary School
Cooma - St Patrick's Parish School
Cootamundra - Sacred Heart Central School
Crookwell - St Mary's Primary School
Curtin - Holy Trinity Primary School
Eden - St Joseph's Primary School
Evatt - St Monica's Primary School
Florey - St John the Apostle Primary School
Garran - Sts Peter and Paul Primary School
Goulburn - Sts Peter & Paul Primary School
Goulburn North - St Joseph's Primary School
Gowrie - Holy Family Parish Primary School
Grenfell - St Joseph's Primary School
Gundagai - St Patrick's Primary School

Holder - St Jude's Primary School
Kaleen - St Michael's Primary School
Kambah - St Thomas the Apostle Primary School
Lake Cargelligo - St Francis Xavier Primary
Manuka - St Edmund's Primary School
Moruya - St Mary's Primary School
Murrumburrah - Trinity Catholic Primary School
Narrabundah - St Benedict's Primary School
Nicholls - Holy Spirit Primary School
O'Connor - St Joseph's Primary School
Page - St Matthew's Primary School
Pearce - Marist College Junior School
Pearce - Sacred Heart Primary School
Queanbeyan - St Gregory's Primary School
Red Hill - St Bede's Primary School
Temora - St Anne's Central School
Tumut - McAuley Catholic Central School
Wanniassa - St Anthony's Parish School
Waramanga - St John Vianney's Primary School
Watson - Rosary Primary School
West Wyalong - St Mary's War Memorial School
Yass - Mt Carmel Central School
Young - St Mary's Primary School

"We're open to all"
proclaim
Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools -
serving the public

Strong Support for
students with disabilities



Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

Looking for new ways of 'doing'

Opened in 1979, St John the Apostle's school population remains around 440.

Our school is one with a strong community focus; a school where ex-students are returning with their own children; and a school where the people are known to be supportive and friendly.

The P&F Association and School Board are both active groups.

We belong to an exciting parish where outreach and education are the norm.

Staff and parents especially appreciate opportunities to gather with our priests, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

The school offers specialist programs in music and gymnastics.

Support programs include library studies and computing as well as programs that address the needs of students at risk and of those gifted.

Private lessons in piano, instrumental and band, and speech and drama are also available during the school day.

Students are offered an extensive range of activities from school camps, excursions, class and whole school liturgies, class and whole school focus assemblies, choir, team sports, carnivals, community service, public speaking, enrichment days as well as preparation for events such as Wakakirri and the Engineering Games.

Teachers believe that such activities provide the means for students to have more fun, to feel more connected and to find ways to contribute their ideas and skills.

Improvement planning processes have focused on Information Communication Technology, personal development that fosters collaboration in planning, catering for gifted and talented students, whole school fitness and on the physical environment by erecting shade structures.

More recently the focus has been on the integrated curriculum and boys in education.

People in our school community continue to look for new ways of "doing".



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ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OPEN DAY

Thursday 25th May 2006

Guided tours at: 10am, 12 noon, 2pm & 5pm



St John the Apostle Primary School builds an educational community within the Catholic tradition, which will develop the skills, knowledge, values and attitudes that enable children to face the challenge of life with confidence.

St Matthew's Primary School

*Big enough to dare!
Small enough to care!*

Developing healthy, balanced children to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow



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www.stmattps.cg.catholic.edu.au



St Matthew's School, Page, was opened under the guidance of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1972.

It offers education in the Catholic tradition to just over 300 students and welcomes all who show an interest in quality learning and teaching.

Exit Outcomes are worked towards through all the years of schooling.

St Matthew's aims to produce members of society who demonstrate spirituality, strength of character, who are able to think, communicate and ensure balance in their lives.

This leads to the development of citizens who are able to care for their local environment and the world as a whole.

St Matthew's offers an innovative, outcomes based curriculum, which draws on documentation from both NSW and the ACT.

Our teaching and learning experiences are always tailored to meet our local needs.

In conjunction with this we also offer many co-curricular activities designed to nurture each child's uniqueness. Children may have music lessons in a variety of instruments or join a number of interest clubs.

The school offers before and after school care on site. This service is provided by Belconnen Community Services.

Our students study a balanced curriculum with a basis on physical

Community takes great interest in school

activity and healthy living.

The school features an integrated computer network with broadband access in all classrooms.

Our pupils are proficient users of technology and each has their own network logins, files and folders.

St Matthew's great strength is the high level of interest and support it receives from the community.

Parents and carers involve themselves in many aspects of school life and are active in the classrooms and around the school.

Most of all, St Matthew's is a warm, happy place where all feel welcome and accepted.

If you are interested in enrolling your child at St Matthew's please contact the principal, Mr Paul Russell, telephone 6254 2653, or e-mail info@stmattps.cg.catholic.edu.au

Saint Thomas Aquinas

25 Lhotsky Street, Charnwood



OPEN DAY Wednesday, 17 May 2006 10am to 6pm
OPEN MORNING Saturday, 20th May 2006 9am to 12 midday

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Our young winners

Young readers from Canberra and country NSW are winners in a competition run jointly by the Catholic Women's League and Catholic Voice on the theme "The Catholic Woman I admire most".

Children in primary schools in the Archdiocese were invited to enter the competition to mark the centenary of the foundation in England of the Catholic Women's League. It is also the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the CWL in the Archdiocese.

The winners are:

Best entry from the ACT - joint winners Jarrett Anthoney, aged 10, and Dainere Anthoney, aged 8, from Holy Spirit Primary School, Nicholls.

Best entry from NSW - Joshua Hickmann, year 4, St Joseph's School, Eden.

Second prize - Rhys Healy, year 5, St John the Apostle Primary School, Florey.

Third prize - Angela Davies, aged 10, St Bernard's Primary School, Batehaven.

Book vouchers valued at \$50 will go to the joint winners in the ACT and the NSW winner. The



schools of the winners will receive \$100 prizes each. The second prize winner will receive a \$40 book voucher and the third prize winner a \$25 book voucher.

Entries were received from schools in Canberra and in surrounding NSW. They were judged by CWL archdiocesan president Judith-Ann Sjostedt and archdiocesan secretary Nancy Fitt, and Catholic Voice editor Geoff Orchison. The winning entry in the country NSW section was one of many written by the children of St Joseph's, Eden, about Mrs Betty Pease, 82, who is president of the local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The children are pictured above with Mrs Pease.

● The winning entries will be reproduced in the next issue of Catholic Voice.

Where boys belong and are respected and valued

The founder of the Marist Brothers, St Marcellin Champagnat, taught his Brothers to love and respect children, and to give special attention to the poor, the most ungrateful and the most neglected.

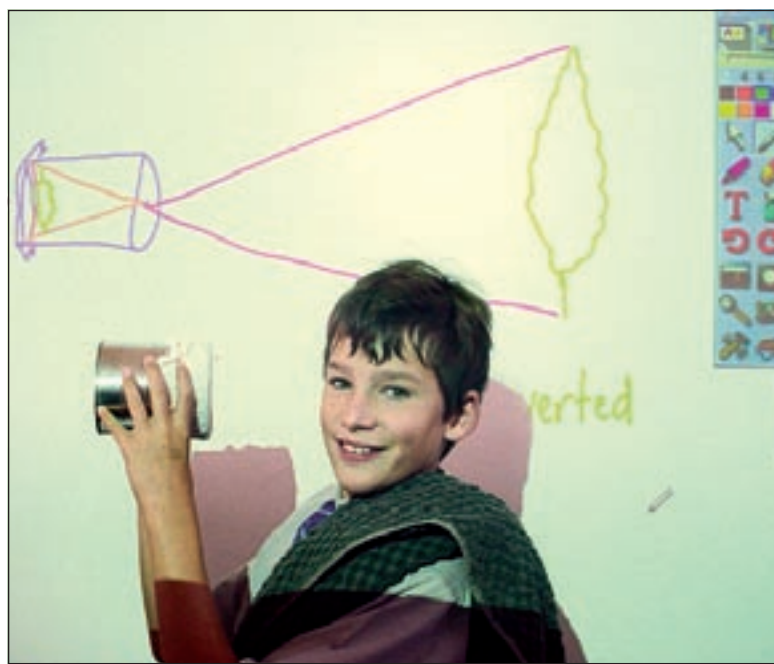
He emphasised simplicity, family spirit and love of work

He wanted them to spend a great deal of time with young people, and he emphasised simplicity, family spirit and love of work.

In welcoming 150 new boys and their families to Marist College this year, Junior School teachers share enthusiastically in this vision of education.

Our commitment to the boys in teaching them to become good Christians and good citizens is made a reality because we:

- provide a sound and systematic knowledge of Catholic faith and practice;



- strive for excellence in all we do;
- offer a comprehensive and relevant range of learning experiences;
- develop enthusiasm for discovery, risk-taking and enterprise;
- foster effective communication and numeracy skills;
- cultivate a positive attitude to learning and self-directed study skills.

Marist Junior School strives to build an environment that is affirming for boys.

This involves promoting a culture where leadership, success, acceptance of praise, acceptance of authority and respect for tradition are permissible within the peer culture.

Boys are also taught to value empathy, sharing, nurturing and a sense of community, as well as

the traditional values of strength, loyalty and leadership.

It is our conviction that the essential element in strategies for turning peer influence in positive directions is creating a sense that boys belong and are respected and valued.

Boys love coming to Marist College Junior School.

They are eager to learn and participate in all aspects of school life.

With such a positive foundation, they proceed confidently to their secondary education at Marist.

The College looks forward to welcoming visitors on Open Day.

OPEN DAY
Sunday,
21 May
10am-1pm

Marist College Canberra Junior School



Marist College Canberra Junior School

- A quality education in the Marist tradition
- Consistently high academic standards
- A balanced and challenging curriculum
- A strong sense of belonging in a secure environment

<http://www.maristc.act.edu.au>

Open Day
Sunday 21 May 2006
10.00am - 1.00pm

College facilities will be open for inspection
Senior & Junior Schools
Marr Street, Pearce

For Enrolment enquiries please call 6298 7271
email enquiries@mcc.act.edu.au



Celebrating the past embracing the future

Mt Carmel School is situated in the heart of Yass and set among magnificent heritage listed buildings. It has provided Catholic education for the local community and surrounding rural district since its foundation by the Mercy Sisters in 1876.

Mt Carmel School has a strong and vigorous curriculum, which is well resourced and taught by a dynamic and committed staff.

The strength of Mt Carmel is the excellent partnerships that exist between the students, their families and the teachers. It has built a reputation on fostering meaningful relationships centred on achieving the best outcomes for its students.

Mt Carmel is a Kindergarten to Year 10 School where all students grow and achieve success.

A Welcoming Community

Right from day one students and their families are welcomed into a nurturing and caring community. Teachers work closely with parents to ensure that students' individual learning needs are met and that achievements are celebrated within an affirming community.

Pastoral Care

As a Catholic school, Mt Carmel values each individual student through the creation of an environment where students feel that they truly belong. Each student



belongs to a House which have an historical and geographic link with the school.

Our Houses names are McAuley, Hartigan, Fielding and Mullungang. Peer Support and a Peer Mentor Program brings our Year 10 Students together with our Primary students.

Our Student Representative Council is modelled on parliament where each year our SRC elect to stand for a portfolio.

We work with all of our students to develop their faith, confidence, resilience, compassion towards others and individual talents. Underpinning our efforts to build strong relationships is our whole school implementation of the Restorative Practice Program.

We acknowledge that parents are the first educators and our endeavour is to work in partnership with families to unleash the creative potential within each child. Mt Carmel is an inclusive school where all are welcome.



Mount Carmel School Yass

*Celebrating
our past*

*Embracing
our Future*



**Journey
with us ...**

- Caring Teachers
- Inclusive
- Building relationships
- Vibrant P&F
- Striving for Excellence
- Distinctly Catholic
- Creating pathways
- Focus on Life Long Learning
- Community oriented
- Celebrating 130 years of Catholic education
- Fostering stewardship of our environment
- Refurbishment and grounds programs.

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Students at Mt Carmel are encouraged to strive for excellence in their studies. Our policies for homework, assessment, independent learning, collaborative research, use of technologies and literacy and numeracy enhancement ensures that no student can slip through the system.

Small class sizes as well as a dedicated teaching staff contribute to our high academic standards. Our School Certificate results consistently place our students well above state-wide averages.

Excellence in Sport

In providing a rounded education Mt Carmel encourages students to aim high in various sporting endeavours. Underpinning our success in sport is a philosophy of participation, fairness and praise. Many of our students achieve representation in swimming, athletics, cross-country, football codes, golf and tennis.

Co-curricular pursuits

Debating, Public Speaking, UNSW English, Maths, Science, Computing and Writing Competitions, Duke of Edinburgh Award, Dance, Chess Competitions, Student Representative Council, Peer Support, Leadership Training, Band, Drama, Double Helix Club, Tournament of Minds Movie Club, Homework Club are just some of the pursuits available to interested students.

Music, Dance and Drama

The school provides a strong Music, Dance and Drama program within the curriculum as well as opportunities to participate in the School Band and Choir.

Recently the school entered the Southern Area Adolescents Girl's Dance Program with performances in Young, Harden and Yass.

The school also entered the Wakikirri Festival for Story and Dance achieving high acclaim for its performance. 2006 will see the return of a school Musical.

Our Instrumental tuition is provided for guitar, keyboard, trumpet, flute and clarinet through our after-school Music Program. Music, Dance and Drama are a feature of our assemblies, liturgies and community service.



Refurbishments

Recently the school completed Stage 3 of a Refurbishment Program that commenced in 2001. This has included the construction of two Year 5 classrooms, refurbishment of the Secondary Boy's toilet and the relocation of the Music Room in a newly refurbished Music Centre.

Additionally the school has upgraded its ICT facilities with its second fully networked Computer Lab. The school has also installed a Smartboard, refurbished the Study Hall and has just completed work to upgrade disability access.

Through the Investing in Our Schools Government Grant the school will enhance its hospitality and textiles classroom resources.



Our successful Australian Community Water Grant application will also mean significant improvements to our lawns and gardens.

Our grounds have also been spruced up with the restoration of our main oval and various garden beautification projects, which include a magnificent shade structure in our playground.

Holy Spirit School Nicholls

OUR VISION

Holy Spirit School is a Christian community and a centre of educational excellence.

Energized with the Spirit and through dynamic partnerships, we challenge and support one another towards growth.



WE CELEBRATE:

Life
Our Christian Story
Learning
Community



The Holy Spirit school community will strive to develop children who will explore and express the value of:

The Gospel
Creativity

Communication

Global Community

Relationships

Self

Life Long Learning



SCHOOL
OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY

24 MAY

9:00 – 11:00am

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Dear Children,
I would like to talk to you about being on a journey. Our lives are made up of journeys, some long, some short. When we reach our destination, another journey starts. We often spend a lot of time focusing on the end of the journey, like Kenny Koala who constantly asks, "Are we there yet dad?" By doing this, we miss out on many of life's wonderful times and people.

How we journey each day from morning to night is how we show Jesus' love to the world. Sometimes we need to stop dashing everywhere and spend a special moment smelling a lovely flower or saying hello to a friend, really enjoying a bike ride or giving mum a longer-than-usual hug. Remember, this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad - every day.
Love,
Sue

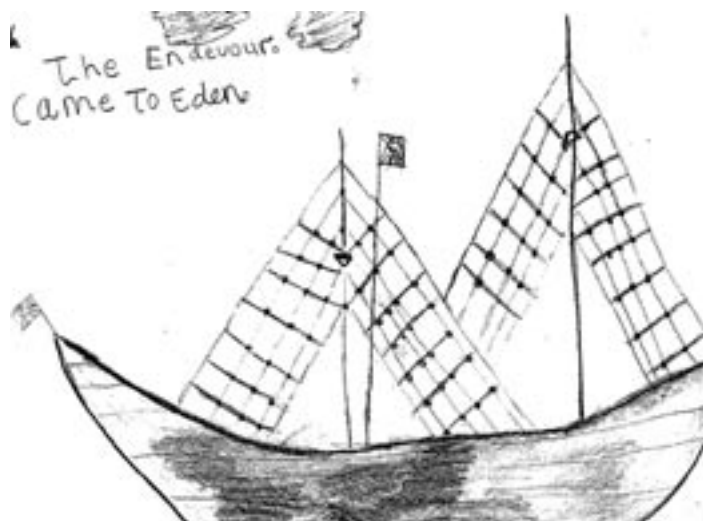
The Passover Meal



TOP LEFT: Kaitlyn Rake, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, drew this beautiful picture.

ABOVE: Erin Foote, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School tells us her class had a Passover meal and it was real fun. "I learnt new things about the Passover, so I have drawn this picture," she says.

ABOVE: Cheyenne Dewberry, of St Joseph's School, Eden, remembers the beautiful days of summer. You've got a while to wait for the next summer, Cheyenne!
RIGHT: A lovely drawing of the Endeavour arriving in Eden, by April Keft, of St Joseph's School.



LEFT: Jeffrey Ashworth, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell, drew this colourful picture of a traditional Passover meal.

ABOVE: You can tell what Oliver Bradley, aged 7, of St Joseph's School, Eden, is interested in!



Keep up with WYD on line

In August last year, Pope Benedict XVI announced in Cologne that the World Youth Day for 2008 would be held in Sydney. Last month, the Pope celebrated a special Mass as part of World Youth Day delegates conference in Rome where the Pilgrim Cross was presented to Cardinal George Pell and a delegation of 60 young Australian Catholics.

This was a very important moment for the Australian Church and in particular the young people of Australia and the world.

In 2008, hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from Australia and around the world will gather in Sydney to celebrate what it means to be a Catholic in our modern times. World Youth Day will also mark the first visit of Pope Benedict XVI to Australia. In keeping with modern times, there are a number of websites on the internet about World Youth Day.

The first is the official site for the 20th World Youth Day in Cologne, 2005 (www.worldyouthday.org/index.asp?ln=en). This site contains information of last year's WYD. It gives you an idea of the sort of events that Sydney can look forward to in two years. The website contains information about Cologne and its WYD icon. There are links to the WYD prayer; a FAQ; a multimedia page with official WYD songs to listen to and the Pope's Message.

The second website is the main or official Australian World Youth Day website called WYD SYD 08 (www.wyd2008.org/index.php). This website has been constructed by the organising committee and can be viewed in English, Italian, Spanish and French. It provides information about the dates, venue, the theme for WYD 2008, the program and the official logo.

The official Sydney WYD logo combines the cross, the blue of the ocean and baptismal waters, flames of the Holy Spirit and the Sydney Opera House. There are links on the page supplying information about various aspects of World Youth Day including: the history of WYD; the core program; the journey to Oceania; WYD08 pilgrimages; events and news. The website is easy to navigate and visually appealing with many pictures of World Youth Day.

The third website is from Harvest Youth Tours (www.worldyouthday.com.au/index.php). The front page title is Pilgrim's Road to WYD Sydney 2008. This website contains a wealth of information for people young or older wishing to visit Sydney for WYD in 2008 and is primarily a tour and accommodation site.

Living with the 'net



Paul Jenkins

In her novel, *A Good House*, Bonnie Burnard tells the story of a relatively happy family. But even happy families have unhappy moments where bitterness chills an otherwise warm house.

She describes one such incident: A young couple, solid and trusting in their relationship, are having a rather intimate talk one afternoon when the woman's instincts tell her that her husband is hiding something from her, not necessarily at the level of infidelity, but something that he, for whatever reason, will not share with her.

Instantly a door begins to close inside of her, her warmth and trust harden, and she feels the need to protect herself, assert some independence from her husband, and let him know that there are aspects of her life that he doesn't necessarily know about either. Their intimacy, so warm and trusting just minutes before, dissolves for a while into a certain coolness and distance. What's happened here?

What's happened is what happens to all of us, spontaneously and daily, in virtually all of our relationships, particularly with those with whom we are most intimate. Such is our emotional metaphysics, the way our hearts try to protect themselves: We tend spontaneously to replicate the energy we feel around us and feed it back in the same way as we feel it.

Quite simply, whenever we feel warmth, mellowness, vulnerability, transparency, generosity, trust, and big-heartedness in a relationship, we tend to respond in kind, with warm, mellow, vulnerable, transparent, generous, trusting hearts. But the reverse is also true: When we feel coldness, bitterness, self-protection, jealousy, dishonesty, pettiness, or distrust, we tend to become cool, hard, self-protective, assertive, small-hearted, and distrustful.

It's not easy not to do this. More than anything else, our hearts crave the warmth and trust of intimacy, but, precisely because these make us vulnerable, are hearts also tend to close doors rather quickly at the first signs of betrayal, distrust, or dishonesty.

Fear, especially, tends to do this to us. Most of our fears and anxieties arise out of a lack of confidence, from a poor self-

A mellow heart ...

Ron Rolheiser

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image. Then, because we are insecure, we try to assert ourselves, to prove that we are lovable, attractive, talented, and worthwhile. When we are afraid, we can't risk vulnerability, instead we try to do things to show that we aren't weak or needy. But, to do this, we have to harden ourselves precisely against the type of vulnerability that invites others into our lives.

Jealousy, especially of a person we love but whose love we can't have, also

'Bitter times call for, precisely, a deeper response of warmth'

creates that same hardness in us. That's why we can be caught up in that strange anomaly where we are cold, distant, and perhaps even hostile, to a person whose love we badly want. Our coldness and feigned indifference towards that person is simply the heart's attempt to protect itself, to cope with an intimacy it can't have and the loss of self-esteem that comes with that. The heart has its reasons, even for turning cold.

Given the truth of this, what makes for a truly big heart is the strength to resist this emotional metaphysics and remain mellow, warm, trusting, and present to others in the face of bitterness, coldness, distrust, jealousy, and withdrawal. More than anything else, this is what defines a great lover.

This is perhaps the greatest moral challenge Jesus left us: We all do pretty well in love when the persons we are loving are warm and gracious, but can we be gracious and mellow in the face of bitterness, jealousy, hatred, withdrawal? That's the litmus-test of love.

It's also one of the deeper invitations towards maturity. Everywhere in our world - in our most intimate relationships, in our families, in our workplaces, in our churches, and in society as a whole - we forever find ourselves in situations where we meet suspicion, jealousy, coldness, distrust, bitterness, and withdrawal. Our world is often a hard, rather than an intimate, place.

The challenge is to offer a heart that creates a space for warmth, transparency, mellowness, vulnerability, and trust inside of hard places.

The challenge is to offer our hearts as a space within which people can be honest, where nobody has to assert herself, where no games of pretence need be played, and where intimacy isn't held hostage to the momentary fears, jealousies, hurts, and emotional acting out that forever assail us.

And, the more bitter and the more emotionally trying the situation, the more this is needed. When times are bitter, angry, cold, full of disrespect, and fraught with jealousy, when it seems everyone is withdrawing into his or her own world, when most everything seems a lie, and when we are feeling most hurt, taken for granted, slighted, and marginalised, what's called for is not less, but more, attention to the quality of graciousness and warmth within our response.

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Learning from Mary and the saints

The Virgin Mary: Saint Paul: Moses (Video, 168 min, ages 15 - adults).

The historical lives of the Virgin Mary, St Paul and Moses are examined in the BBC

video containing three separate programs. Historians and New Testament scholars comment on historical evidence behind three of Christianity's great figures. Dramatic reconstructions depict the lives of the three figures and people in Bible times.

We Learn From Mary: The Cloak Of Many Colors (Video, 18 min, ages 4 - 11)

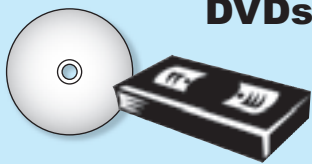
Using the image of Mary having a cloak of many colours, this video shows how Mary's life and modern lives are connected. Retelling Mary's story with simple colour drawings, it shows how Mary felt and prayed. Modern children add their prayers to God with Mary's prayers to form a cloak of colours, and they see how they can follow in Mary's footsteps of loving and serving God.

Praying the Rosary Parts 1 & 2 (Video, each 30 min, ages 11 - adults)

The special role of Mary in Catholic faith and the Rosary as an aid to deepening and living out the faith is featured in this series of two videos. The five programs in the series include: Video 1 : Part one - Mary's role in the Church. Part two - Know the rosary - origin, history and meaning. Video 2 : Part three - The joyful mysteries. Part four - The sorrowful mysteries. Part five - The glorious mysteries.

Finding Peace of Mind.

Videos & DVDs



(Video, Compass Series, Presenter Geraldine Doogue, ages 16 - adults)

Originally broadcast on the ABC on Good Friday, 2003, this video looks at

what is peace of mind and how different people try to achieve peace of mind. It looks at different techniques, such as exercise, meditation, and action, that individuals from different faith traditions use to bring about a sense of calm and well-being in a busy modern world.

Thomas (DVD, Bible Close To Jesus Series, 92 min, ages 14 - adults)

This powerful drama tells the story of the resurrection of Jesus from the perspective of the apostle Thomas. Thomas witnesses the burial of Jesus, and his faith and hope in the Messiah is challenged. It is not until he returns to the room where the Last Supper was celebrated, does he come to know the risen Christ. This means he can go and spread the word of the risen Christ.

Acts of the Apostles (DVD, 180 min, ages 11 - adults)

The Book of Acts is presented in live-action, word for word and scene by scene in this quality production which uses Scripture text taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version. Each chapter and verse is numbered on the screen as it is acted out. Actors in the production include: Dean Jones, Jennifer O'Neil and James Brolin. - *By Dennis Granlund.*

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Life's sacred necessities

Sacred Necessities, T Hershey, Notre Dame, Indiana: Sorin Books, 2005, 190 pp, rrp \$32.95. Sacred Refuge. Why and How to Make a Retreat, T M Santa. Notre Dame, Indiana: Ave Maria Press, 2005, 160 pp, rrp \$27.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

If you had to list a few sacred gifts for living with passion, purpose and grace, what would you select? Terry Hershey has degrees in theology and philosophy and had a variety of jobs in America and overseas. In his early life he defined himself in terms of busyness, productiveness and constant activity. It took a divorce to slow him down.

Hershey chose the "sacred necessities" of amazement, friendship, stillness, simplicity, sanctuary, resilience and grace for his life. "It's not the number of breaths you take that gives you life, but how many moments take your breath away" - Anon.

It seems that many people's sense of wonder was blunted, numbed or switched off after childhood. Pausing to take notice, sitting still, listening and looking, reflecting on experience can welcome the "miracles" of life, dust off the atrophied sense of awe and allow appreciation to flourish.

There is often a tug-of-war between doing and being, between obligations and personal well-being, Hershey believes, and a hectic life pace can almost smother the "being:" a form of self-violence. The author notes that the Chinese pictogram for "busy" is a combination of "heart" and "kill." Busyness is a modern form of slavery. Slowing down gives way to stillness, to silence, to Sabbath: to quieten the internal noise, to provide necessary space for sanity, humanity and spirituality.

The author's style models his topic. He calls on stories, poems, personal and other reminiscences in his gentle meanderings across description of his sacred gifts.

Thomas Santa would agree with Hershey on the value of sanctuary: a space for stopping, reflection, contemplation and re-birthing of the spirit. Making time to reflect on one's life is as essential element, not only for spirituality, but for one's humanity.

When restlessness of spirit surfaces in whatever form, some seek distractions in the way of a different diet, a new job, new house, even new spouse. Saints and experienced retreat leaders recognise such restlessness as spiritual promptings, a stirring within, a call that could orientate the person towards spiritual wholeness and unity. It is a sense that there is something more to life - the same sense that propelled Abraham into action thousands of years ago.

Today, people who set time aside, perhaps at a retreat centre, realise that the One they have been seeking is also seeking them!

Santa describes a retreat centre as a place of quiet and solitude, where the everyday rhythms of life are deliberately disrupted, in order for people to take control of their thoughts, feelings and emotions, gradually learning to surrender that sense of control into the heart and mind of the God who loves them so deeply.



What colour is God?

The Color of Me by Linda McDunn, illustrated by Barbara Knutson. Minn: Liturgical Press, 2004, 32 pp. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

One for the little ones is The Color of Me. As seen by the spelling this comes from the USA. One day a child asks a mixed gathering of people "What colour is God?" There follows a confusion of contradictory responses until a calming rain produces in its wake a brilliant rainbow.

God has placed all colours in the creation of soils, plants, animals and people. The answer unfolds: God is the same colour as each of us.

With an obvious nod to the Creation stories, this early childhood picture book has particularly fine bold illustrations to complement the text. It makes a great resource for catechists, teachers and parents to amplify their children's concepts of God's grace and beauty.

Tracing the origins

Ngambri Ancestral Names, written, published by Ann Jackson-Nakano, e-mail ajn@webone.com.au Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Ann Jackson-Nakano is a journalist, historian and public affairs consultant with a long-term interest in indigenous people and their history. She received a grant from the ACT Government to unearth the original Aboriginal names for places and geographic features in the ACT and surrounds. This publication is the first step and covers core Ngambri [Kamberri] country from which the name Canberra was derived.

It contains black and white photos old and new of the region, maps and a summary of names already representing or resembling original Aboriginal names. For example, Brindabella had variations including Berinda-billa, the billa being an Aboriginal term for hill or mountain.

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THIS MONTH'S
MOVIES**Live and Become:**

It opens up worlds of which we know little. M. **Inside Man:** You can't judge a crime by its cover. MA 15+

The Shaggy Dog: A confusion of ethics. PG.

She's the Man: What is it with Hollywood in regard to cross-dressing and gender roles? PG.

The World's Fastest Indian: A Rocky for the older generation. M.

The Squid and the Whale: A portrait of children used as pawns in divorce. MA.

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Harrowing tale of a child's living lie

At a 1984 Sudanese refugee camp sheltering Ethiopians displaced by civil war and famine, the Israeli secret service has begun "Operation Moses," airlifting thousands of Falashas, or Ethiopian Jews, to Israel. A non-Jewish Ethiopian woman spots a way for her nine-year-old son to survive and sends him to join the Falashas, telling him to "go, live and become." Hana, a Falasha woman whose own son Solomon has just died, lets the child assume Solomon's identity, and warns him he must never let on he's not Jewish.

Renamed Schlomo the boy is adopted by a loving, liberal Israeli family however Israel, rather than being the promised land, turns out to be rife with racism, from children who stroke Shlomo's skin to see if the colour will come off, to their parents who ask Yael to withdraw him from his school, worried about so-called "African" diseases.

We follow Schlomo through the trials and tribulations of his assimilation, and the maintenance of the lie that sees him an angst-ridden teenager and an idealistic young medical student. Through an Ethiopian-community leader Qes Amhra (Yitzhak Edgar), Shlomo is helped

Live and Become.

Starring Yael Abecassis, Roschdy Zem, Moshe Agazai, Moshe Abebe. Directed by Radu Mihaileanu. M. 149 mins. French/Hebrew/Amharic with English subtitles. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

to write letters in Amharic to his real mother back home. He has to make some terrible decisions about whether to admit to the deception that has shadowed his childhood.

The title of this film comes from the final words Schlomo hears from his mother as he departs, "Go! And live and become". It is a heartbreaking moment in a heartbreaking film.

This is a story of great complexity: the exodus to Israel of African Jews whom some Zionists reject; a Christian Ethiopian boy who has to become a Jew to survive, and so lives a lie; a leftist Jewish family originally from France who adopts an at-risk boy and rides the roller coaster of claiming him as their own; a young man who despite all the obstacles makes something of himself and yet only wants to see his mother again.

Live and Become is poignant, harrowing



The adult Schlomo (Sirak M Sabahat) and his girlfriend Sarah (Roni Hadar) in a scene from Live and Become. Hopscotch Films.

and soul arresting. It opens up worlds of which we know little, and explores some interesting theology on the way. This film is a touch too long, and only disappoints in the final scene of the film, but that does not cancel out the power of the tale we have just been told.

* Fr Richard Leonard SJ is director of the Australian Catholic Film Office.

A perfect robbery? Perhaps not

A Manhattan bank is held up by a very professional criminal gang. Meticulous in the planning, they take scores of hostages and lock them up downstairs in the bank vault. The police clear the area and then call in Detective Frazier (Washington), a skilled negotiator who is under an internal investigation cloud.

The leader of the heist gang is Dalton Russell (Owen), a cool customer, who believes he has masterminded the perfect crime. He starts out playing Detective Frazier like a violin. Then Frazier realises

Inside Man.

Starring Denzel Washington, Clive Owen and Jodie Foster. MA 15+ 129 mins. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ.

there is something wrong. The robbers don't want to escape; well, not too quickly.

Uptown, the owner of the bank (Plummer) realises he holds a safety deposit box at this branch. Its contents are vital to his future. He engages New York power broker, Madeline White (Foster), to get inside the bank and retrieve it. She does,

but what she uncovers only adds to the intrigue about who is ransoming whom and what, and why.

The acting is good, the direction is cool and assured, and there is a strong political sting in the tail. Be warned, there are a few scenes with violent language some viewers will not want to hear.

The tagline for the film reads, "It looked like the perfect bank robbery. But you can't judge a crime by its cover." When you see Inside Man, you will know what that means.

It's a dog's breakfast

Dave Douglas (Allen) is the deputy district attorney. He is ambitious to get the top job when his boss Ken Hollister (Glover) retires.

Dave is prosecuting an animal rights activist who tried to burn down a pharmaceutical company because they were genetically modifying animals.

Dave's senior high school daughter, Carly (Zena Grey), protests with hundreds others against the prosecution. Father and daughter become alienated. Dave and his wife Rebecca (Kristin Davis) and his son Josh, (Spencer Breslin) are also estranged. Dave seems to be more attached to his career than anyone at home.

While the case proceeds Marcus Kozak (Downey), the senior scientist at the pharmaceutical company learns about a Tibetan Buddhist dog who is hundreds of years old.

He orders that the sheep dog be kidnapped so that he can harvest its genes and find out the secret of eternal youth.

The dog runs away from the lab, and is adopted by the Douglas family. Dave gets bitten by Shaggy, and is infected by its genes. He turns into a sheep dog, and so is able to infiltrate the laboratory and find out the truth about whom he should be prosecuting. He also finds out what his wife and children really think about him.

The Shaggy Dog.

Starring Tim Allen, Kristin Davis, Robert Downey Jr and Danny Glover. Directed by Brian Robbins. PG, 98 mins. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ.

Based on a 1959 film of the same name, this human-turning-into-an-animal scenario is not

new. In fact there is very little new material in The Shaggy Dog except that the big ideas in the film are about animal rights, genetic experimentation, cloning, and scientific ethics. To a degree this recommends the film because it has a few laughs for the kids and is a little more substantial for the accompanying adult.

But by the end of The Shaggy Dog we realise that its ethics are very confused. The film argues that animals have the same rights as human beings. They have consciousness, it is claimed. Therefore they must be protected at all costs.

Did Peter Singer write this screenplay?

Christians are against animal cruelty, but for us animals do not lay claim to the same protection we extend to human beings.

There are circumstances where to ethically experiment on them, as well as on knowing volunteer human beings, can be an invaluable contribution to the progress of science.

So how can we reconcile the radical animal rights agenda with the very conservative family argument in the same film? In the credits we discover that there were eight screenwriters.

No wonder this film ended up a dog's breakfast.



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PRAYER to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, you who makes me see everything and who shows me the way to reach my ideals. You who gives me the Divine gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me, and you who are in all the instincts of my life with me, I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from you, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end and submitting to God's holy will, I ask from you (your request). This prayer should be said for three consecutive days. Circulate copies of it to as many as possible. J.J.

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Coming Events



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - St John the Apostle Catholic community, Kippax, program begins 7.30pm-9pm, 8 May. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6254 3236, website www.stjohnkipax.org.au "Faith Formation" page.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - Blackfriars Parish Centre, Holy Rosary Church, each Thursday from 4 May, 7.30pm to 9pm. Inquiries: Parish Office, telephone 6248 5925.

COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 11 and 25 May. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CULTURAL EXCHANGE - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange information session, 7.30pm-9pm, Thursday 18 May, Lake Ginninderra College Lecture Theatre, 2 Emu Bank, Belconnen. Exchange programs to 15 countries for 14-18-year-old students. Inquiries: Telephone 1800 500 501.

CURSILLO - Coastal men's Cursillo, Karinya Retreat Centre, Batemans Bay, 22-25 June. Inquiries: Peter Hofman, telephone 6254 5204.

CURSILLO - Northside Ultreya, 8pm, 25 May, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page. Southside Ultreya, 8pm, 22 May, Gowrie Parish Centre.

CURSILLO - Canberra women, 25-28 May, Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, ACT. Inquiries: Margie Doyle, telephone 6288 0309 for information or applications.

ECUMENICAL CHANT WORKSHOP - Run by RSCM Australia (NSW branch), in crypt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, 9.30am-4pm, Saturday, 13 May. Cost \$25 (BYO lunch, tea and coffee available). Inquiries: Telephone 9144 3246, e-mail secretary@rscmnsw.org.au

ECUMENICAL WOMEN'S WORKSHOP - The Audacity to Hope, Women Dreaming Together, hosted by Commission for Australian Catholic Women, in conjunction with the Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship. 10am-3.30pm, Saturday, 6 May, Australian Catholic University, Watson. Cost \$15. Register: telephone 6201 9864, e-mail admin@cacw.catholic.org.au

FILM NIGHT - Caritas Christi migrant and refugee conference of St Vincent de Paul Society hosting evening of documentary films on refugee experiences, 7.30pm, 29 May, parish meeting room, Mary Help of Christians Church, Pearce.

GOLDEN JUBILEE - St Joseph's Primary School, past and present students, teachers and parents invited to open day, 9am-3pm, Friday, 19 May, and 9am-11am, Saturday 20 May. Inquiries about open day and jubilee dinner later in year, telephone 6248 9818, e-mail school.secretary@sjc.cg.catholic.edu.au

HEALING LITURGY - Our Lady of Fatima Church, North Goulburn, first Friday of each month 7.30pm-9pm, including scripture readings, homily, prayer, blessing, Sacrament of Penance, adoration, ending with benediction.

LEGION OF MARY MASS - Anniversary Rosary and Mass for Venerable Edel Quinn, noon, Saturday, 20 May, St Vincent's, Aranda. All welcome. Refreshments provided, bring a plate.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Day of Growth, presenting Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti, 10am-4pm, Sunday, 14 May, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW. Married and engaged couples, priests and religious welcome. Bring lunch to share. \$5 donation per person. Inquiries: Cheryl and Eugene Gabin, telephone 9820 7107, e-mail ecgabin@bigpond.net.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Weekend getaway for married couples, Mt Schoenstadt, Mulgoa, 23-25 June. Inquiries: Maureen and Jim Willson, telephone 9345 5402, website www.wmme.org.au

MEDITATION ON JESUS - In style of Fr Gilbert Carlo, meets Thursdays 7.30pm, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah. Inquiries: Trish Jarzynski, telephone 6231 8468.

NEW BEGINNING WEEKEND - Program for those who have experienced the loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce. Canberra Beginning Experience Team will run weekend on 11-13 August. Inquiries: Kath, telephone 6292 6195, or leave message on 0419 210 543. E-mail be_canberra@yahoo.com.au, or website www.geocities.com/be_canberra/index.htm

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF TAIZE - Group meets 8pm 1st Friday of month, St Alban's Anglican Church, Lyons. Ecumenical gathering. Inquiries: Annemarie Nicol, telephone 6232 7173(bh).

RAPHAELS - Canberra-based singles social group for Catholics and Christian-minded people, aged 24-40. Meet people for social activities, including dinners, dancing, movies, social sports, coffees and monthly Mass. Inquiries: E-mail raphsgroup@yahoo.com.au

ST JOSEPH'S JUBILEE - 50th anniversary celebrations for St Joseph's School, O'Connor. Register interest in jubilee dinner and other events, e-mail school.secretary@sjc.cg.catholic.edu.au or Dilys Ketley, telephone 6247 9609.

STUDY OF CATHOLIC CATECHISM - With Fr Michael Fallon MSC. Tuesdays 10am-noon, Spirituality Centre, Weston Street, Yarralumla, repeated 7.30pm-9.30pm Parish Centre, St John's Kippax, Blackham Street, Holt. Part One: The Creed, to 18 July. Details: www.cangoul.catholic.org.au Go to Our Newsroom, then What's On.

THE PATRICIANS - Meeting, 3pm, Sunday, 21 May, St Joseph's parish hall, O'Connor. Afternoon tea served. Inquiries: Daniel, telephone 6249 8321.

WEDDING REUNION - Couples married at St Mary's, Murrumburrah, and St Anthony's, Harden, before 1980. Reunion weekend at Harden, 28, 29 October. Inquiries: Marie (Shea) McCarthy, telephone 6386 8233, Deane (Quinn) Cooper 6386 2389, Marcie (Shiel) Quinn 6386 2867.

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