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Welcome!



Melbourne-born Mark Benedict Coleridge, who turns 58 in September, will be installed next month in St Christopher's Cathedral as the sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

He succeeds one of Australia's longest serving and most distinguished churchmen Archbishop Francis Carroll, who is retiring.

Archbishop Coleridge

visited Canberra after the announcement of his appointment and met with Archbishop Carroll, Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power, the Archdiocese's Council of Priests as well as print, television and radio journalists in a media conference at the Archbishop's House.

In welcoming the appointment, Archbishop Carroll described his successor as "a deeply spiritual man with a per-

sonality and manner that puts people at ease". (see story Page 2).

Archbishop Coleridge paid tribute to the "immense legacy" Archbishop Carroll was leaving.

He expressed his determination to be an archbishop who engaged the entire community, not only Catholics, and served city and country people of the Archdiocese.

ABOVE: Archbishop Mark Coleridge (right) and Archbishop Francis Carroll field questions from the media.

VATICAN CITY, JUN 19, 2006 (VIS) - The Holy Father appointed Bishop Mark Benedict Coleridge, auxiliary of the archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia, as archbishop of Canberra (area 88,000, population 560,000, Catholics 159,000, priests 120, religious 218), Australia. The archbishop-elect was born in Melbourne in 1948, he was ordained a priest in 1974 and consecrated a bishop in 2002. He succeeds Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, whose resignation from the pastoral care of the same archdiocese, the Holy Father accepted, upon having reached the age limit.

ABOVE: The official announcement from the Vatican.
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New archbishop to engage all

Archbishop Mark Coleridge is determined to be a man who serves the entire community, not only Catholics.

In a number of interviews in his short visit to Canberra, he emphasised that he saw being active in the public domain as one of his prime responsibilities.

"It's tempting to see a Catholic bishop as someone who just does his little churchy thing with his church flock," he said. "The Catholic understanding is that the Church does have to engage the public domain in a distinctive way born of the Gospels.

"So, I see myself as coming to not only the capital, but to all the communities of the Archdiocese, with a concern for the whole of society.

"I am convinced that the Catholic Church has got an insight, not only into the human being, but into what makes for a flourishing human society. We have been thinking about it for a long time and we have also received a revelation about such things. In other words, it is not just our own concocted wisdom. We bring to bear another wisdom upon the life of the human being in society in Australia. So, in that sense, we have got a responsibility to care for the whole community, not just ourselves."

Among his other comments were:

ON POLITICIANS: I would like to be seen as someone who would encourage politicians. I am not one of those who say that politics is a worthless game and that politicians themselves are worthless. Politics is a very tough game but a very important game and can be a noble enterprise. I would want to encourage, enter into conversation with - at times, I guess, seek to correct but never to stick the boot into politicians or to politics.

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS CARROLL: I am genuinely honoured and humbled to follow in the footsteps of a man like Francis Carroll. I am conscious of the immense legacy he leaves and of his contribution for so long to this Archdiocese and to the nation.

BISHOP PAT POWER: A remarkable man. I am depending on his intimate knowledge of the people and places of the Archdiocese. His gifts are not my gifts, but I am sure they will be complementary.

STRENGTHS: Teaching is the thing I do best, and I miss the formal teaching that

used to be so much part of my life. I would see that a major part of my contribution in the Diocese would be as a teacher, helping people to see in a fresh and deeper way things that they have known through a lifetime, that often they have taken for granted or have seen in ways that are not necessarily as fresh and as interesting as they might be.

CLERGY: The priests will be my prime collaborators. A bishop cannot function without his clergy. But I wouldn't see them just as collaborators, they are like my flesh and blood in the priesthood. The bond between priests is a deep and mysterious thing that perhaps can't be understood by anyone who is not a priest. I would do anything to support, encourage, help, nurture them.

VOCATIONS: The priests I met (Archdiocesan Council of Priests) have an enormous vitality. We can still recruit excellent candidates to the priesthood. We need to see what we have to do differently to recruit excellent candidates to a male, celibate priesthood.

HIS VOCATION: When I left school I didn't have the remotest thought about the priesthood. I intended to be a diplomat. I ended up being a writer of diplomatic speeches for the Pope and now in Canberra as Archbishop. I met a couple of young priests at university who made a great impression on me because I'd never seen priests like that. They were young, intelligent, lively, humorous. They had a vision of the Church born of Vatican II that absolutely fascinated me. Eventually I thought, look I've got to give it a go.

EARLY YEARS AS A PRIEST: I was ordained at 25 thinking I knew everything. After two years working in a parish, I thought I knew nothing.

THE CHURCH: I hope to bring to bear in the Church and beyond a quality of imagination, and I may prove a little surprising. I worry sometimes about the dumbing down of the Catholic Church in this country and elsewhere. I hope I am a man able to think through issues and help others think through issues in the light of the gospel. My faith doesn't mean I hang my brain up at the door.

THE JOB: I have few illusions about the job itself and about my own contribution. I think in middle age you become more sensitive or more alert to your



TOP: Archbishop-elect Mark Coleridge with retiring Archbishop Francis Carroll chat in the Archbishop's House in Canberra. ABOVE: At the media conference.

strengths and weaknesses, so I've been thinking a lot about all of that. But, it is a great challenge and I feel that it is a good time of life to accept the challenge. I am excited by the challenge. I am delighted to be a bishop in a diocese of my own - in so far as it is my own. I am very aware that I am entering, what is to me, a whole new world. I have been in and out of Canberra endlessly over the years but I have never got to know the city. As for the rural districts, I don't know them at all.

LITURGY: I got dragged into an involvement in liturgy through translation because I am a biblical scholar and therefore I am trained as a translator. I am multi-lingual, both modern and ancient languages. I now chair the Bishops Commission for Liturgy. I am also involved massively in the translation of the Missal. I chair the Roman Missal Editorial Committee. I am also chairing what is called the International Commission for the Preparation of an English Language Lectionary. So, I am heavily involved in both the preparation of the new Missal and the new Lectionary. It's fascinating and a great education for me.

Bishop Mark Benedict Coleridge
Born 25 September, 1948, at Melbourne.
The third of five children of Bernard Coleridge (deceased) and Marjorie Harvey (living).
Primary Education:
St Joseph's School, Tranmere, South Australia, Rostrevor College, Adelaide.
Secondary Education:
Rostrevor College, Adelaide, and St Kevin's College, Toorak, Melbourne.
Ecclesiastical Studies:
Corpus Christi College Werribee, Glen Waverley and Clayton, 1969-74.
Ordination to Priesthood:
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, 18 May 1974, by Bishop John A. Kelly.
Appointments:
Deacon, East St. Kilda, August 1973 - February 1974; Assistant Priest, Drysdale 1974, Doncaster East 1975, Ashburton 1977, Pascoe Vale 1980.
From July, 1980, studied for a Licence in Sacred Scripture at the Biblicum in Rome, completing this Degree in June 1984. From June to December 1984, studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem.

January, 1985, on staff of Catholic Theological College.

February, 1988, returned to Rome to complete Doctorate in Sacred Scripture.

April 1992 Doctorate in Sacred Scripture. Became first diocesan priest from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to receive this Degree.

Lecturer at Catholic Theological College from 1992, Deputy Master.

At end of 1994 official media spokesperson for Archdiocese of Melbourne.

From 1995 President of Fellowship of Biblical Studies, Melbourne and foundation President of the Forum of Australian Catholic Institutes of Theology.

Chair of the Board of Studies of the Melbourne College of Divinity.

In 1996, appointed Master of Catholic Theological College.

January, 1998, worked in the Secretariat of State, Vatican City.

December, 2001, Chaplain of His Holiness.

3 May 2002, Pope John Paul II appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Titular Bishop of Teveste

2002 Appointed Bishop of the Western Region (including Geelong)

2002 Appointed Episcopal Vicar for Education and member of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria

2002 Elected member of Australian Bishops' Committee for Liturgy

2003 Elected Secretary of Australian Bishops' Committee for Liturgy

2003 Elected member of Australian Bishops' Committee for Education and member of the National Catholic Education Commission

2004 Appointed member of the Pontifical Council for Culture

2004 Appointed Chairman of Roman Missal Editorial Committee of the International Commission for English in the Liturgy

2006 Appointed Chairman of International Commission for the Preparation of an English-language Lectionary

2006 Elected Chairman of Australian Bishops' Commission for Liturgy

2006 Appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

My successor a true pastor to the people

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The big news is now out and I am delighted to welcome Bishop Mark Benedict Coleridge as my successor as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

Richly blessed by nature and grace, he will come as a true pastor to the people of the Archdiocese and an effective leader in the wider community.

You will find the new Archbishop to be a deeply spiritual man with a personality and manner that puts people at ease.

As a priest, and for the past four years as a bishop, he has had a wide and varied experience in the life of the Church, including five years in the Secretariat of State in the Vatican.

Archbishop Mark is an excellent communicator and a gifted preacher and teacher. He is particularly well qualified in the sacred scriptures, while his linguistic skills and liturgical expertise have already been put at the service of the Church at Australian and universal levels.

I am sure that all Catholics of the Archdiocese will give a warm welcome to their new pastor. Fellow Christians and many in the wider community will join in that welcome and be enriched by his coming.

His installation will take place on Thursday, 17 August at 11am in St Christopher's Cathedral.

While my resignation as Archbishop took effect on 19 June, with the announcement of the appointment, I have been appointed as Apostolic Administrator until my successor "takes possession" on 16 August, the eve of his installation. In other words, you haven't quite seen the last of me yet.

While holding the fort in the coming weeks, I will have the opportunity of saying some farewells and thanks throughout the deaneries, although I have already had quite a string of farewell occasions in anticipation.

Our new Archbishop has confirmed that the Archdiocesan Assembly set down for 8-9 September will go ahead. It will be a very good occasion for mutual introductions and provide a "bridging opportunity" on pastoral issues.

Please pray for both your new and old chief shepherds and for our beloved Archdiocesan Church at this significant changeover time.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Francis P Carroll
Apostolic Administrator
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

'Paradise' restored

In the biggest restoration in its 136-year history, Galong's historic "castle" and Redemptorist monastery is undergoing a multi-million dollar facelift.

The project, which is being undertaken by the Redemptorist Order and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, is part of a plan to safeguard the long-term future of the facility as a Church-owned retreat and conference centre, museum and environmental sanctuary.

When the project is completed, one part of the centre will offer modern, en-suite accommodation linked to a well-equipped conference room.

The old "castle", convict Ned Ryan's original house built in 1870, will be transformed, using an Australian Government Regional Partnerships grant of \$275,000, into a museum with a permanent exhibition and tearooms.

Within the next 12 months, Galong House will be renovated to create a museum providing a permanent home for the popular exhibition "Galong - Paradise of the Ryans", which was on show in the Canberra Museum and Gallery earlier this year.

Archdiocesan business manager Mr Herbie O'Flynn said the Archdiocese and the Redemptorists had formed a partnership to develop the centre.

"This signals a new beginning for Galong in many ways," he said.

"The major challenges both parties face over the next five years are to ensure the

Partnership to ensure historic Galong future

ongoing viability of the centre and to move towards lay operation while maintaining the traditional ethos and ambience."

Superior of St Clement's Redemptorist Monastery Fr Pat Corbett said the main focus of the Redemptorists would always be on ensuring the religious and spiritual value of the centre was not overshadowed by tourism.

"Clearly, the plans that are being followed will ensure Galong has a positive future as a conference and retreat centre," he said.

One building, which was added in 1917 and once provided dormitory accommodation for 60 boys in the Redemptorists' vocational college, has been renovated to offer 18 en-suite, air-conditioned bedrooms. Another, built in the 1950s, has undergone major work to upgrade 10 rooms and add a lift, which was a gift from a benefactor.

The current retreat house - the former novitiate - is earmarked for renovation



in stage 2 of the project. The renovations have turned old classrooms into a modern conference room, the dining area has been enlarged to seat up to 100 people, and the kitchen has been modernised.

One of the major catalysts for the redevelopment of the centre has been the dwindling numbers of Redemptorists which saw the closure of a number of the order's houses around Australia.

At a chapter meeting, the order decided

that it should not be sold, recognising it as a precious gift to the order and to the Church.

A gathering about two years ago of the order's provincial council, old boys and users of the centre concluded that it should continue as a spiritual and religious centre, Fr Corbett said. With financial contributions from the Redemptorists and the Archdiocese, the redevelopment has gone ahead.

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Your chance to say farewell

Farewells have already been held and many more are planned across the Archdiocese as we pay tribute to Archbishop Francis Carroll, who was appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn 23 years ago last month.

Catholic Voice will publish a special supplement in next month's issue to mark the occasion.

Readers are invited to say their goodbyes by sending their tributes to Catholic Voice by e-mail or post. Nothing more than 50 words will be published and contributions may be edited. Please provide your name.

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Bushland college that just keeps on growing

In a decade, Carroll College has sprung out of the bushland at Broulee to boast facilities and opportunities second to none. Archbishop Francis Carroll, in whose honour the college is named, visited to bless the latest stage

of development. Helping him plant a tree are (from left): Renae Busse, Dylan McCarron, Bridget Tegart, Josh Marsh, Allana Harmey (obscured), and Michael Hancock-James.

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What are you doing now?
I am a member of the Sister of St Joseph of Goulburn and I work for the Catholic Education office in religious education and faith formation. I also do some part-time lecturing at ACU and am a member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Women.

What made you realise your vocation?
As I considered what to do when leaving school it became clear to me that no life choice would satisfy me unless it involved "giving myself" in some kind of service. I didn't want to become a religious and was sure that I wouldn't be "suitable". I went to religious life kind of hoping that I would be sent home!

What have been the greatest challenges in your vocation?
There have been times when I have felt very vulnerable and alone, unable to see much goodness and definitely unable to recognise it in myself.

What are the best times for you?
I love to teach in a way that

my life

In the sixth in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds, we speak to Josephite Sister Andrea Dean



empowers others and fosters a community. I also experience a "buzz" in constructing a great learning experience. I enjoy working with others and having time with family and friends—that really lifts my heart.

What leisure interests do you enjoy?
I enjoy going to the movies, having dinner with friends, reading the Sydney Morning Herald on a Saturday, cooking, walking, sitting on the verandah with the sun on my back and listening to music.

What would you say to someone considering the religious life?
Today we understand that everyone is on the path to holiness or fulfillment and that each person must lis-

ten to his/her own heart to see where the Spirit is calling. For some, the particular shape of religious life will give just the right direction, clarity, support and challenge that will allow them to flourish and to contribute to making the world a better place. Often the sense of being "called to religious life" is like an uncomfortable itch and even though you are not completely sure it is the right thing to do, it is worth you trying it out. You have to live the way of life in order to know that it is where you are meant to be.

Your hopes for yourself, your order/ congregation and your Church for the next 12 months?
For myself I'd simply hope to stay well and to continue to contribute to making a difference. For my congregation, I'd hope that the new energy that emerges from our times of renewal e.g. our recent experience of chapter, will inspire our sisters and associates to do all that is possible to foster the life of Jesus in our world. For our local Church, I hope that as members of the Church we will speak for those who are voiceless and struggle to make Australia a more just society.

A lady with heart

Lenore Lawson, secretary at Sacred Heart Primary School, Pearce, recently retired after 30 years of service to the school and parish community. Lenore received a tremendous send off from the school community. She is going to travel, play bridge and enjoy time with her family and friends. Lenore began at Sacred Heart with the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions and worked with four lay principals in all. She is remembered for her generosity of spirit and love for the children and their families. TOP RIGHT: School captains Ashleigh Goodlace and Joachim Fatiaki present Lenore with gifts from the school community.



DESERVED HONOURS:
Many Catholics were on the list of award recipients named in this year's Queen's Birthday honours list. One was Fr Chris Riley, founder and director of Youth Off the Streets, who was created a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). Recipients of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) included: Francis Smith, of Cootamundra, for service to local government and the community, Bryan Kennedy, for service to the communities of Crookwell and Goulburn, particularly through the St Vincent de Paul Society, and James O'Neill, of Campbell, ACT, for service to the community as an honorary auditor and financial adviser to Church and charitable organisations.

GOLD EQUALS WHITE:
The Trinity School, Harden, P & F fundraising committee is running a 500 club to help fully equip the school's new learning tool, interactive whiteboards. We're told the whiteboards are a marvellous teaching tool able to be used by teachers and students from kindergarten upwards. Gold bullion valued at \$20,000 at date of purchase is up for grabs at \$100 a ticket. Anyone who wants to support the school and be in the running for the prize should telephone the organisers on 6386 2111. ABOVE: Gus Woods writes on the interactive whiteboard, with Jane Fitzgerald, Hayley Whatman

and Edward McGeoch looking on.

FUNNY FOOT-NOTES FROM THE FAMILY: No 1: Young son in the back of the car has been reprimanded for putting texta on his arm. Mum in the passenger seat starts to put on make up. Little voice from the back says: "Mummy, why are you drawing on your face?" FFFF No 2: In the supermarket, a dear old lady comes over to admire a set of twins. Old lady: Aren't they beautiful. Are they twins? Proud dad: Yes, they are. OL: How old are they? PD: Almost 12 months. OL: And how long have they been twins?

NUN BUT THE BRAVE:
God, we're told, moves in mysterious ways. Can this be one? The ABC apparently is looking for five women to live the life of nuns for 33 days and nights as part of a reality TV program run by the well-known Geraldine Doogue on Sunday night's Compass. It's reported to involve silence, obedience and 4am starts. The media blurb offers: "Learn what the spirit of community living is all about as you share the nuns' daily routine of prayer, farm work, craft and

domestic tasks. Throughout the challenge of living in this other world, you will have a Sister-mentor to listen, support and guide you." Sound interesting? Telephone 1300 725 952, or visit www.abc.net.au/tv/theabbey/

TAKE NOTE: If you're into organ music, don't miss the annual organ ramble put on by the ACT branch of the Royal School of Church Music Australia. The ramble on Saturday, 15 July, takes in St Philip's Anglican Church, O'Connor, at 9.30am, St Ninian's Uniting, Lyneham, at 10.15am, and St Columba's Uniting, Braddon, at 11am. It's a hand-on invitation. Inquiries to Geoff Wells, telephone 6297 3222.

TRUNK CALL: What did the saintly Mary MacKillop carry in her travelling trunk? If you're in Sydney for the school holidays, take the children (and yourselves) to the fascinating Mary MacKillop Place Museum in North Sydney and find out. There's a special program on for children which will include art and craft, and a chance to explore the chapel, museum and Alma Cottage. It's on from 10am to noon on 11-13 July at the museum at 7 Mount Street, North Sydney. Cost for children aged five to 12 is \$7, which includes morning tea. Inquiries: Christine Richards, telephone 8912 4883.

From near and far

A journey from palaces to parish

From a banana farm in the delta country of Egypt to priest of the first Melkite parish in Canberra, the journey of Fr Fayeze Assaf has been a colourful one.

He has moved from Melbourne to Canberra to minister to the more than 50 Eastern Rite Melkite and Maronite families living here and to work part-time as an assistant priest in the Archdiocese's South Tuggeranong parish.

Fr Assaf, 63, who is married to Simone, was ordained a deacon in 2003 and a priest last year of the Melkite Catholic Eparchy of Australia and New Zealand.

A farmer's only son, he was born and educated in Egypt, tending the family farm for five years after his father's death before attaining a degree in civil engineering from a Cairo university.

He went on to become a part-

ner in a construction company in Qatar in the Arabian Gulf which produced quality work, including building palaces for sheikhs.

It was there that he says he "came to my senses". "I had too many worries, so decided strongly to change my life. I wound up the company slowly and decided to move to a Christian country."

In the last five years in Qatar he and his wife formed cell groups for prayer among Christians of many backgrounds. The groups met in different homes so as not to draw attention to themselves in a country that has no churches.

"We never asked each other, 'What's your rite?' We never thought we were different."

After they moved to Melbourne in 1989, the couple remained active in church affairs. This led to his bishop nominating

him to be a sub-deacon five years ago and, to his surprise, a priest. "I never considered I would be a priest one day," he said. "I thank God; it was not in my plans, but it was in God's plan."

The Assafs never gave up the idea of cell groups. During Fayeze's diaconate, he worked with the parish priest of his next door Catholic Church of St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park, to run Alpha courses and establish cell groups of evangelisation.

"Twenty-two cell groups have been formed, each praying every week. They meet in different houses, Latin Rite, Melkite, Maronite, Protestants. They read the Bible, talk about Jesus, sing together and have a cup of tea. Mill Park is one family."

Among his many talents, Fr Assaf is a painter with a fine arts degree from RMIT in Melbourne



Fr Fayeze Assaf (middle) with Fr Varghese Vavolil (left) and Fr Emil Milat in the Sacred Heart Church, Calwell, after Fr

and an annual exhibition of his work.

At present, he and Simone are looking for accommodation and work in Canberra to supplement their income. Fr Assaf is a quali-

fied builder and his wife is an aged care worker.

If anyone is able to help them, Fr Assaf may be contacted through South Tuggeranong parish.

Pope-backed push for vocations goes local

A monstrance which was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI will travel the Archdiocese in August and September as part of a program of prayer for vocations.

The monstrance will be available to every parish from 6 August until the end of September with the Serra Club of Canberra arranging its movement and delivery.

The presence of the monstrance is part of a program of "Prayer by turns" for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the sanctity of priests. It was initiated by Pope John Paul II and in 2005 he blessed six monstrances for other continents to be used in special adoration and prayer for vocations.

So successful has the program been, that on Ash Wednesday this year, in St Peter's Square, Pope Benedict XVI blessed three more monstrances, one specifically for use in Australia and New Zealand. It was entrusted to the Serra Council of Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific to promote a crusade of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Serra members will deliver the monstrance to parishes. Each parish has been asked through its priest to undertake a special vigil of prayer for priestly and religious vocations before the Blessed Sacrament on the agreed day.

Archbishop Francis Carroll warmly welcomed the prayerful initiative and thanked Serrans for taking it up so enthusiastically.

"The Church, and this Archdiocese in particular, has great need of vocations to the ordained ministry of priests and deacons and the consecrat-

ed life of religious. Vocations will be born of prayer and the prayer of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is especially powerful. I hope and pray that Catholic parishioners will respond generously and take their turn in prayer".

Archdiocesan vocations director Fr John Woods said that "prayer is where the first stirring of a vocation begins. It is also in prayer that a vocation is confirmed and strengthened. In prayer we can be gifted with deep communion and a surety beyond words. In fact, prayer is non-negotiable when talking of vocation".

The first adoration in the Archdiocese will take place in St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday, 6 August. After moving through the Archdiocese, the monstrance will reach John XXIII Chapel, ANU, on 29 September, on the occasion of the opening of the 6th biennial convention of the Serra Council of Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific.

Serra Clubs are comprised of groups of Catholic lay people who join together in the life of the Church. One purpose of Serra is to foster vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.



President of Serra International Mr Dennis Leiber holds the monstrance as Pope Benedict XVI blesses it in St Peter's Square.

Same-sex vote welcomed

Archbishop Francis Carroll welcomed the Senate vote which upheld the Commonwealth's disallowance of same-sex civil union laws in the ACT.

Archbishop Carroll said the Commonwealth's move would safeguard the unique institution of marriage between a man and a woman.

"I believe the ACT legislation went too far so as to make the civil unions so equal, so like marriage,

that they became indistinguishable," he said.

"Therefore, I believe the Commonwealth rightly intervened in exercising its responsibility to safeguard marriage.

"I regret that all parties in the debate could not have worked together to achieve a solution and so avoid the unfortunate necessity of the Federal Government's intervention."

in brief

MELBOURNE woman, Mrs Brenda Finlayson, has been elected Vice President-General of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO). A board member for the past five years representing Catholic Women's League Australia, her role was specifically in communication, information and publications.

PARISHES around Australia are invited to focus on the theme of "Gathering Together in Faith - Sharing God's Love", as they celebrate National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on 2 July. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council has released liturgy resources to help mark the occasion.

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The Federal Government is likely to pitch in to help restore Goulburn's historic old cathedral church of St Peter and Paul.

Speaking at a dinner to salute retiring Archbishop Francis Carroll and to launch the \$5 million restoration appeal, Federal Health Minister Mr Tony Abbott said he was sure the government would be able to assist "in some significant way".

As those gathered for the dinner held in the Great Hall of Parliament House were cautioned by several speakers, much depended on how well the appeal was supported by local people and other donors.

Mr Abbott said he had been reminded that the Federal Government had provided substantial assistance in the past to the restoration of numerous cathedrals around Australia.

In his address, Archbishop Carroll urged people to respond to the appeal. He described the Sts Peter and Paul's as a beautiful building which carried so much of the tradition of the local church.

People sometimes questioned spending large amounts of money on churches, but the right symbols and the right environment were very important for Christians to tell their story.

Sts Peter and Paul's church was a wonderful symbol that told the story of the early days of life in this part of Australia and of the need of people to have a sacred place clearly dedicated to God.

Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony 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 in 2008.



Health Minister Mr Tony Abbott ... "significant" help.

Archbishop Carroll said this involvement was significant. While there was talk of restoring something old, the discussion was also about the story being handed on to a new generation.

The greenstone church was built with rock quarried from just outside the city, will be restored both inside and out, with the bulk of the money being spent on its interior.

A patron of the restoration, former Commonwealth Bank head Mr David Murray, said Sts Peter and Paul's was "a national - and international - treasure. Built by the faith of ordinary Catholic folk, she is entrusted to the Church, but belongs to everyone."

He said literally everything inside the Old Cathedral needed restoring, from marble work in the sanctuary to floors, murals, columns, windows, pews, organ, baptismal font, brass work and wood work in the sacristy. It also needed attention to its paintwork, heating, wiring and lighting, flooring and sound system.

The church was home to some of Australia's finest stain glass windows, all of which were in desperate need of repair.

It boasted one of Australia's finest pipe organs, built by William Hill & Son, of London, and the baby sister to the Sydney Town Hall organ. Installed in 1890, it also formed part of the restoration work.

Bishop Lanigan, who began the construction in 1871, is buried under the sanctuary of the church.

● Donation cheques to the appeal should be made payable to National Trust of Australia (NSW) Sts Peter and Paul's Restoration Appeal, P O Box 11, Goulburn, NSW 2580. Donations are tax deductible.



Aged care villas take shape at Aranda

A project by the Archdiocese to build 15 aged care villas at Aranda is on schedule and is likely to be completed by early October.

A number of the two and three-bedroom villas have already been reserved by future residents.

The St Vincent Retirement Villas, which are managed by Centacare, are behind the parish church at Aranda and close to Calvary Hospital and the shops and professional services of the Jamison Centre. They are adjacent to walking trails, ovals and open space.

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ABOVE: Manager of St Vincent Retirement Villas Mrs Gina Poulus checks progress on site.

stringent ecological and environmentally sustainable requirements.

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Residents will be able to age in place and will not have to move on to other types of accommodation in their latter years.

Inquiries about the units should be directed to Mrs Gina Poulus, telephone 6295 4304.



ABOVE: Part of the 300-plus crowd, including Mr Kim Beazley (background) and former Senator Brian Harradine (foreground). RIGHT: Mr Tim Fischer recalls past years with then Bishop Carroll on the Riverina.



A nation's 'figure of distinction'

Politicians from both sides of parliament have paid tribute to retiring Archbishop Francis Carroll, one describing him as "a figure of distinction in this city and this nation".

They were speaking at a tribute dinner in the Great Hall of Parliament House at which Archbishop Carroll launched the \$5 million restoration appeal for the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's in Goulburn.

Labor leader Mr Kim Beazley said Archbishop Carroll was "not just a man of God, but a man for God, who has spoken for the mainstream of the Catholic Church in Australia in the heart of the nation's political establishment".

His life had been "a memorable pilgrimage", Mr Beazley said.

"He has been such a figure of distinction in this city, this nation for such a long period of time."

Mr Beazley paid particular tribute to Archbishop Carroll for his role in helping to bring about government aid to private schools in Australia.

Health Minister Mr Tony Abbott said it was a great tribute to Archbishop Carroll's standing that so many distinguished people had gathered for the dinner. It was a tribute to his sanctity that so many politicians were for once being civil to each other.

Many politicians, past and present, attended the dinner, including Mr Beazley, Mr Abbott, former National Party leader Mr Tim Fischer, Senator Ursula Stephens, former Senator Brian Harradine and Mr John Johnson.

Mr Abbott described Archbishop Carroll's half century as a priest as "a marvellous achievement" and his nearly 40 years as a bishop as "an extraordinary achievement".

The fact that he had carried the burdens of a demanding job so well and had discharged his duties so faithfully for so long in such a high office was an extraordinary tribute to the man and an extraordinary gift to other people.

In referring to Archbishop Carroll's earlier years as a priest and a bishop in the Wagga Wagga Diocese, Mr Fischer said he went about his work with determination, dedication and graciousness.

Throughout his time in office, he had focussed on "keeping the balance right for the Catholic Church and for Christianity generally".

A sign of his strength was the eight weeks he spent on holiday in Ireland in 1993 where he helped look after the physical needs of a group of disabled refugees rather than travelling.

In reply, Archbishop Carroll said he felt overwhelmed by the tributes. He was grateful to God for the gifts with which he had been blessed.

"I chose to become a priest, I accepted to be a bishop and an archbishop, but it was always with a sense of following what I believed was a call from God," he said. "Wherever that would lead, I was happy to go."

One great blessing of his life was studying church law in Rome at the time of Vatican 2 and meeting Pope John XXIII, who opened the windows of the Church, as well as other experts and theologians involved in the council.

"This gave me a vision of what the Church could be; it has been my vision as a pastor ever since," he said. Two years later he became a bishop.

He embraced the great vision of Vatican 2 of the right and responsibility of all baptised Christians to be an active member of the Church. "Everyone has gifts and if you can somehow bring together these gifts then you will have a vibrant body."

Archbishop Carroll said he could not envisage leadership except as being part of a team. "As a church leader you simply cannot do it on your own, and I am grateful to the people around me."

He paid tribute to Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power, former Vicar-General Mgr John Hoare, current Vicar-General Fr Joe Rheinberger, the clergy, religious and lay people whom he had been privileged to work with. "There is a sense always that we are in this together; we are the Church."

Archbishop Carroll also spoke of his vision for the unity of all Christians, and the challenge today to widen this into relations with those of other faiths and the whole of society. "We are meant to be builders of the kingdom of God in this world as well as

preparing for the next. For that to happen, we need the involvement of all."

Speaking on behalf of the Archdiocese, Bishop Power said Archbishop Carroll had never lost touch with his roots and had always been a man of the people. "He has shown a special love for those who are poor or struggling in one way or another and, well before it became a popular cause, he has been a great champion of the Aboriginal people."

"His leadership style in the Church has been one which respects the rights and gifts of all the people of God. He exercises his authority in a manner which is not authoritarian but empowering towards those in his care. His wish to be addressed as Father Francis or just plain Frank, rather than by lofty titles is just one sign of his Christ-like humility."

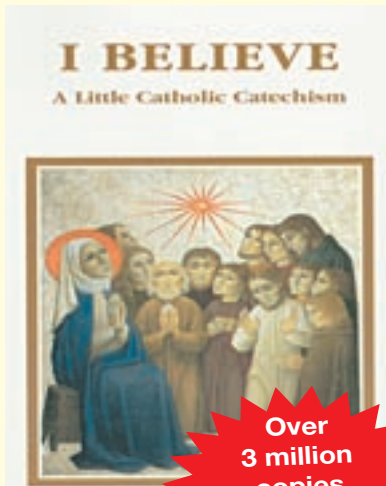
"He continued to be inspired by the Second Vatican Council when some faint hearts sought to back away from the openness which the council made possible. On the national level, he has been bishop for 39 years and has made a significant contribution particularly in the fields of education and ecumenism. He is greatly loved and respected by his brother bishops. One of the more astute brethren used to say, 'If you want to get something through conference, make sure that Frank Carroll is supporting it.' We will always be encouraged by the example he has been to us of Jesus, the good shepherd."

BELOW: Federal Opposition Leader Mr Kim Beazley pays tribute to Archbishop Carroll. RIGHT: "Overwhelmed by the tributes..." Archbishop Carroll responds.



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Freedom to choose is God-given too

I was more than a little concerned when I read letters from Dale Moore and Jaroslav Cernanec (CV June) commenting on Noel Cook's letter "Priesthood and Marriage" (CV, April).

Noel Cook was making the point that the priesthood and marriage are not mutually exclusive. He noted the historical evidence that there have been married men as well as celibate men serving as priests for centuries both in the Western Catholic Church and the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church. He pointed out that St Peter, our first Pope, was, according to scripture, a married man and that there were both married and celibate priests up until the 12th century when celibacy was introduced as a requirement by the Roman Church.

The Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church still have married as well as celibate men serving as priests and our Western Catholic Church also has married men from other denominations serving with distinction as priests in some diocese of Australia.

I was surprised to find that neither letter writer made reference to the value of Noel Cook's 24 years of priestly service or his ongoing commitment. What I did notice was that both contributors were critical of any suggestions from Mr Cook that the model of priesthood that we have grown up with could or should change.

This view denies the special charisms which women, marriage and families bring to parish and diocesan life, and which could also benefit the priestly life of the church as well.

Mr Moore opened his letter by claiming that the pressure to allow priests to marry is coming from the laity. Certainly there is some movement from that source, but the National Council of Priests in Australia included such a request

in their submission to the Roman Synod in 2005. This approach to Rome by Australian priests shows that they, too, are concerned that their freedom to choose celibacy or marriage in priesthood should be considered as very important, and suggests that this choice could attract more young men to choose priesthood as their vocation.

I consider celibacy a treasured spiritual gift when offered by those who are capable and who wish to make such a choice, but it is also clear that the freedom to choose should be seen as a God-given gift as well.

Accordingly, if one freely chooses to offer such a gift or charism that is their prerogative; but to require celibacy to serve as a priest or religious also takes away the freedom of the individual to make such an offering and can have the effect of reducing the value of the gift itself.

Rather than seeing this complex matter in terms as something affecting only Australian Catholics I refer your correspondents to recent editions of The Tablet and follow the views of Catholics from around the world as they consider this most important matter.

As Noel Cook said in his letter and we all should pray; "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,"

Paul Rummery, Tuross Head.

Mutually exclusive

Anne Blake (CV, June) asks where is the reference to back my claim (CV, March) that "Christ made it quite clear that virginity for the sake of the Kingdom is the superior vocation...."?

The answer is Matthew 22:37. "He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment.'"

"Virginity for the sake of the Kingdom" is not the physi-

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cal virginity which many people embrace while hoping that one day they will be united with a spouse. Nor is it just celibacy. It is the spiritual virginity which results from betrothal to God.

Priestly celibacy is "on the border line between the celibacy made necessary by the exigencies of social work (the priest has care for souls, and must live and work for a number of people, a whole community, a parish, for instance), and spiritual virginity". (Karol Wojtyla, Love and Responsibility, Ignatius Press, 1981).

The reason that some Catholics are in favour of a married priesthood is that we live in a culture that does not understand the betrothal of marriage, let alone that of spiritual virginity. The Pharisees had the same problem.

Christ told them that "it was not this way from the beginning" (Matthew 19:8). This is the starting point of John Paul II's treatise, Theology of the Body, which develops a new nuptial meaning. "(If) the need for betrothed love, the need to give oneself to and unite with another person, ... is to have its full value it must, just as much as virginity or celibacy, effectively mobilise all man's spiritual energies." (ibid)

Hence my claim (CV, March) that to propose a married priesthood alongside a celibate priesthood belittles both the priesthood and marriage. Even though the sacrament of Holy Orders may be taken by those who have previously been married, priesthood and marriage are mutually exclusive vocations in the temporal spiritual context.

J L Smith, Farrer, ACT.

No criticism of celibacy

I am at a loss to see the relevance of a smorgasbord of issues raised by Dale Moore and Jaroslav Cernanec (CV, June) to the basic question I address: Is it pastorally appropriate for the Church to expand its celibacy law to include two ways of living out the priesthood of Jesus Christ: (a) as celibates and (b) as non-celibates.

Perhaps the Church could then marshal its spiritual resources more effectively to target the largely godless society of our times. The priesthood's pastoral thrust would stem from the sacrament of Order plus the charism of celibacy on the one hand, and from the sacrament of Order plus the sacrament of marriage on the other.

"Criticism of the celibate priesthood as being 'unnatural' reveals ignorance". It most certainly does. The fact is I have never described celibacy as "unnatural" nor could I. The Christlike lives of countless numbers of my priest colleagues and friends make me shudder at the thought of criticising celibacy in any way.

Certainly the Church should be counter-cultural, especially within the largely pagan environment of our times. The combined resources from a celibate/ married priesthood with both sharing the graces from their respective lives of sacrificial giving, could potentially be of significant assistance in the Church's counter-cultural challenge.

The preposterous suggestion that "a married priesthood alongside a celibate priesthood belit-

ties both the priesthood and marriage", is beautifully and soundly answered by Anne Blake (CV June) in her reminder that there is no major-minor grading of Christ's seven sacraments.

Her letter exemplifies the kind of quality discussion that will help us all in our prayerful reflections on this aspect of the priesthood.

Our priests are growing older, parishes amalgamating and closing and the faithful are progressively facing reduced opportunities for Mass and the sacraments. Let's renew the fervour and frequency of our prayers for more vocations to the priesthood and, yes, that if the Holy Spirit wills it, we will enjoy the pastoral care of both celibate and married priests.

I note with gratitude the words of a senior Australian prelate in his letter to me. He wrote: "You mount a formidable case!"

Noel Cook, Tumut.

All have rights, but ...

The Stanhope government's latest attempt at social engineering through the Civil Unions Act relating to same sex unions ignores some elementary facts.

The family is the essential social unit upon which a stable society is built and marriage is the rock upon which the family is built.

Marriage, of its essence, is the union of a man and a woman. By nature man and woman are radically different and radically complementary. God has deeply inscribed these differences in us, biologically, anthropologically and psychologically. These differences and complementarity form the natural context for a family.

These facts are not culturally, socially or historically conditioned constructs. They are intuitively recognised as facts by anyone who has not surrendered common sense to post-modern intellectual confusion or politically correct extremism.

This is presumably why 80 per cent of the correspondence addressed to the ACT Chief Minister on this matter (according to gay activist organisation LGBTI comment on 30 March) opposed the proposed civil unions legislation.

It goes without saying that every person in our society, irrespective of sexual orientation, has a right to be treated justly. However, this right does not extend to a right to society's denial of the truth concerning the nature of man, woman, marriage and family, nor does it extend to a right to have such denial of the truth legitimised by the laws of our country.

G Southern, Cook, ACT.

Redeeming qualities


Let's cease lecturing Timor Leste. It's easy to criticise struggling mini-states but difficult to appreciate their difficulties. When we are tempted to look down on Timor, we must bear in mind her redeeming qualities.


Ask the RSL: Timor helped save scores of Australian servicemen who fought the Japanese there during World War 2.

When Timor was invaded and occupied by Indonesia, most of the Big Powers, with the exception of the US, turned a blind eye. Australia was in fact the only country in the world to recognise Indonesian sovereignty over Timor. She then proceeded to divide the oil and gas in the Sea of Timor between herself and Indonesia.

Now that the Timorese have won their freedom, let's sympathise with them. It is highly commendable that Timor is the only Catholic nation (96 per cent or so) in the world with a duly elected Muslim PM.

Martinho de Souza, Giralang, ACT.





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Grenfell celebrates good news for school

A large crowd gathered to help Grenfell's St Joseph's Primary School community celebrate the official opening and blessing of their two new classroom and toilet facilities.

The total cost of the project was \$427,424, with a grant from the Federal Government of \$233 948 and a local contribution of \$120,000 provided by a long-term loan taken out by St. Joseph's School Board.

The board was assisted greatly by interest subsidies from the NSW Government.

The building was officially opened by NSW Senator Fiona Nash and blessed by Archbishop Francis Carroll. Other official guests included Catholic Education director Mr Geoff Joy, school principal Mr Ted Franks, Grenfell parish priest Fr Peter Doai and Weddin Shire Mayor Mr Maurice Simpson.

Assistant principal Mrs Leslie King welcomed students, parents community members and visitors to the celebrations and gave an historical overview of the project.

School leaders Charlie Keough and Sophie Hancock along with representatives of all



TOP: St Joseph's Primary School principal Mr Ted Franks, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Senator Fiona Nash and assistant principal Mrs Leslie King enjoy the occasion at Grenfell.

ABOVE RIGHT: Isabelle Hunter, of kindergarten, helps school captains Charlie Keough and Sophie Hancock to lead the prayers.

ABOVE LEFT: Junior students participate in the opening liturgy at St Joseph's Primary School.

Canberran couple joins world family gathering

Fadden couple Kathy and Paul Monagle will travel to Valencia, Spain, this month for the World Meeting of Families celebration with Pope Benedict XVI.

More than 40 people from Australia are making the pilgrimage which is being led by Port Pirie Bishop Eugene Hurley. The Monagles, who will represent the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, have been active in the Right to Life, and in marriage and parent education. Mr Monagle has been the ACT president of the Australian Family Association for six years.

The Monagles said more than one million people are expected to attend the World Meeting of Families, which has the theme "The Transmission of the Faith in the Family".

Those who will not travel to Valencia could still take part in the occasion through the use of kits which have been distributed to parishes across Australia. The kits include prayers and resources as well as a personalised video message from Bishop Eugene Hurley, chairman of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life.

"The purpose of this material is to encourage a sense of solidarity in Australian parishes with the world meeting and to stimulate reflection on the importance of the family in passing on the faith," they said.

Christians walk together in unity week

Many prayer celebrations were held across the Archdiocese to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, held between Ascension and Pentecost.

Deacon John Lim organised a series of events in the Tuggeranong Valley in Catholic and Anglican churches. At Wanniasa's St Matthew's Anglican Church, Bishop Trevor Edwards welcomed people from his own congregation as well as St Anthony's, Wanniasa, St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah, and Christchurch. The reading and hymns spoke of the necessity and beauty of Christian love and unity.

President of the Uniting Church in Australia and director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Prof James Haire spoke of his first profound experience of ecumenism. In Northern Ireland 20 years ago, he and the Catholic bishop chose to walk together through a "mixed area". Prof Haire received verbal abuse from his Protestant followers, as did Bishop Cahill from Catholics. One woman assaulted the 70-year-old bishop, who was knocked down and bleeding. When invited to seek




At a unity gathering, Deacon John Lim and wife Anne, Anglican Bishop Trevor Edwards, Uniting Church's Prof James Haire and Catholic liaison for the Jesus All About Life campaign Fr Chris Kirwin.

help, he refused saying "we must go on together now as a sign of the good news." Ecumenism "is not only about institutional unity, but about walking together with people of other denominations, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ", Prof Haire said.

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Memorial with terrible story to recount

Steve Biddulph and Rod Horsfield couldn't believe the headlines in October 2001, when a tiny refugee vessel named SievX sank with the loss of 353 lives on its way to safety in Australia. The story of the maritime disaster disappeared in days, but they were haunted by the injustice.

How much more attention would have been given to the event, and how much more effort made at rescue, if it had been full of prosperous white people, they asked themselves.

As a result, the two men

formed a group linking a number of churches as well as refugee support groups across Australia, and held a national schools competition to design a permanent memorial, to be built on the lake-shore in Canberra, to remember the loss of life.

"We felt responsible, and ashamed too, that so little care was taken for these vulnerable lives, and wanted all of Australia to know the story," Mr Biddulph said.

"At the heart of our faith was the preciousness of every life in God's sight, and the importance of redemption for terrible events



Alan Dutton, Beth Gibbings, Steve Biddulph, Caroline Ball, John Ball and Annie Robinson who want the SievX to be remembered by all Australians.

in the life of the nation. We wanted this never to happen again."

After three years work, they are in the final phase of the project.

"The chosen design is a haunting one, a procession of

353 poles, which emerges from the water and snakes across the land," Mr Biddulph said.

"Smaller poles represent children, and larger ones mothers and fathers who died. At one point the line separates to form the outline

of the boat, in its actual size of 20 metres.

"We wanted people, especially schoolchildren visiting the site, to see how tiny the boat was, and how terribly overcrowded it must have been."

The inspiring part of the project was that many church congregations, as well as dozens of schools and other community groups, would create the individual poles, which will carry the names of survivors, as well as the church or group making the pole. A manual and a video telling the story of SievX will be sent to every participating group.

The poles will be brought to Canberra in October, and stood up in a ceremony attended by survivors, families and concerned Australians. Groups wanting to take part may contact Beth Gibbings or Steve Biddulph at info@sievxmemorial.com or visit www.sievxmemorial.com

Vinnies roasts ACT Budget sleight of hand on housing

The ACT Government is doing a "smoke and mirrors" job with public housing figures in its Budget, according to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

President of the society's Social Justice Committee for the Archdiocese Mr Nick Stuparich said at the time of the last election, the Government had promised to spend \$30 million over three years on public housing.

In the current Budget it had allocated \$10 million for new homes this year, and \$30 million by June 2009. This was supposed to fulfil the election promise.

At the same time, however, it had identified \$20 million that could be slashed from ACT Housing's budget.

"The Government is also proposing to

re-arrange the deck chairs on the Titanic to reduce the waiting times for public housing for the most needy applicants by changing the system for determining priority," Mr Stuparich said.

"What is going to happen to the people who fall outside the new definition of most needy?"

"They certainly cannot rely on the private sector in Canberra to provide them with affordable accommodation. The Victorian Tenants Union has determined in a recent study that there are no properties available in Canberra which could be rented by low-income people, without causing them financial stress.

"The final insult is that the

Government has cut \$4 million from the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program.

"As it is, accommodation provided under this program and which is supposed to deal with crisis situations is heavily under-funded.

People who have been lucky enough to be allocated accommodation in such facilities have been forced to live in a room, sometimes with children, for up to 12 months."

While the community was complaining about having to pay more in rates for their accommodation, "we should remember these people who would be grateful for any accommodation", Mr. Stuparich said.

Sisters offer their thanks



Archbishop Francis Carroll will have a beautiful timber altar to use for Mass in his retirement, courtesy of the Carmelites and their supporters.

A large group from the Carmelite ladies and men's auxiliaries, as well as many friends of The Carmel, gathered at the monastery chapel in Red Hill for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Carroll and morning tea.

The occasion was an opportunity for the Carmelite Sisters to express their best wishes to him and, on behalf of all associated with the Carmel, to present him with a gift of the altar complete with altar cloths and accessories.

Superior of the Carmelite community Sr Mary Agnes said Archbishop Carroll had been exceptionally supportive of the Sisters during his time as Archbishop, especially in being available to celebrate Mass for their major feast days. She recalled also his initiative and the wonderful reception he gave to the relics of St Therese of Lisieux when they toured the Archdiocese in 2002.

ABOVE: Carmelite Sisters Beth, Mary Agnes, Tharsicius, Gabriel-Anne and Monica with Archbishop Francis Carroll and the new altar.

Filipinos gather



A group of Filipino lay leaders held a recollection with the Missionaries of Christ in the Eucharist Sisters at St Matthew's Church, Page, on the theme "Gratitude for God's mercy and kindness". The recollection director Fr Edward Evans underlined the significance of the sacrament of Reconciliation in living one's faith. Third millennium realities and Jesus' resurrection were the focus of the reflection and meditation. The recollection was organised by the MACE Sisters and the Fil-Care Association of Canberra. ABOVE: Part of the group who attended the recollection.

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Hands stretch across the globe, from village to village...

A prayer group in the parish of the Transfiguration, North Woden, has reached out to the Muslim villagers of Samale in one of Africa's poorest nations, Mali. Prayer group member Bryan Docherty tells how.

During the mid 1990s, Anny and Antoine Kalinganire, who had escaped the genocide in Rwanda and were settling into Australia, joined the group of about 14 members which meets each week to pray and meditate on the scripture readings for the following Sunday.

In addition to establishing themselves and their children, the Kalinganires were helping financially with the education of niece Marie-Louise Uwizeyimana in Rwanda. The prayer group asked if they could help with Marie-Louise's education and collected money anonymously in a small bag. Anny and Antoine periodically sent the money to Rwanda.

Marie-Louise completed her education and training as a nurse in 2003. She is now married with a small six-month-old son. She continues to work as a nurse and is able to provide for her mother to feed and clothe a family of nine children, many of whom were orphaned in the Rwandan war.

The group was wondering how its outreach should be next directed when Anny and Antoine accepted a UN appointment in Mali two years ago. Mali is a desperately poor country and was a recent recipient of debt relief enabling it to recruit

and train approximately 5000 teachers.

The group asked the couple when they were leaving for Mali if they would suggest a project for outreach.

After discussions with local government officials in the capital Bamako, a decision was made to approach the chief of the village of Samale, Seydou Keita. The village is about 30km from the capital and has a scattered population of 1200 of which 55 per cent are women.

Mali is a predominantly Muslim country, so there had to be sensitivity about the source of donations. Experiences of Christianity from colonial days have left many suspicious of what are remembered, rightly or wrongly, as efforts to dominate the local population.

It was inconceivable, initially, to the village chief and seniors that a group in Australia was offering money without expectations of them. It took Anny and Antoine four meetings with villagers before they were willing to accept the offer. The process then was one of near perfect consultation, though to our way of thinking it might seem overly structured and hierarchical.

Firstly, Chief Keita and his

immediate advisers considered the proposition and its possible effects on the village. Then a committee of the village menfolk held a pow-wow about possible uses and eventually decided that a decision about how the money would be used should rest with the women.

The women held their pow-wow. Many ideas were put forward and discussed until the decision was taken to set up a loan process available to all the village.

The process was slow and took place over several weeks. Either Anny, Antoine or both were involved in each meeting and, even though they are fluent in French and some African dialects, it was necessary to have an interpreter accompany them because the village has its own dialect.

The committee of women was headed by the president, Nassira Keita. Awa Sudibe was appointed the treasurer. Following the cultural pattern of village, other appointments were: Resolution of conflicts - Oumou Keita; marketing - Nantene Kone; supply - Mamaou Traore, and banking - Ynabo Dabo. There is nothing haphazard about the approach taken by the women of Samale!

The sinking fund of \$800,

when compared with the annual earnings of a villager of around \$60, was a great surprise to the villagers and has been able to provide opportunities not thought possible.

The money was shared on a loan with small repayments basis to villagers to buy seeds for growing vegetables, especially onions, egg plants and chillies, and to enable them to invest in spices for sale from their homes.

The women have planted vegetables and built fences to keep out cattle. They maintain their plots and carry water to the gardens from the well. Already they are reaping the benefits. Their families have a regular supply of fresh vegetables so they are healthy, and excess produce is sold in the local markets for profit.

The proceeds from the market sales will provide funds for the loan repayments firstly and then perhaps for mosquito nets as a safeguard against malaria, or for material for clothes. Later the project may generate funds towards the children's education.

To us in Australia, the project for which the loans are sought - growing vegetables and buying spices - might seem too small to be of any benefit, but to the villagers

the returns are huge in improvements to their short and long-term living condition and future.

Anny and Antoine had great difficulty in describing the source of the funds in a way the villagers could comprehend.

The easiest way seemed to be to say that the contribution was from one village to another. The request for a photograph of the "village" and some of the "villagers" here in the Archdiocese is proving something of a challenge!

Anny recently approached the women's committee about the use of a further \$800 which she has from the bag collection. She was politely told it would be better if she held the funds for the time being, until the small interest repayments had been made to the committee's fund for village women. The consultative process may well result in an entirely different use for the money.

Anny said the village women's involvement highlighted their determination to improve living conditions. There is no pocket money from their husbands, so the motivation is strong.

The villagers describe the availability of the loans as a gift from Allah.



Anny Kalinganire presents a cheque for \$800 to the village's women's committee.



With village huts in the background, the men's committee hears about the offer of financial help.

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1. Fr Pat Corbett in one of the rooms in Ryan's "Castle" built in 1870.

2. A view to Rosary Hill from the "Castle".

3. A front view of Ryan's "Castle" ... the section of building on the left will have its turrets restored in keeping with the original design of the "Castle".

4. The front of St Clement's monastery. In the foreground is one of the many historic old trees that are a feature of the property.

There's a view from every room ... it's the kind of claim most tourism operators would love to make. At St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, little more than an hour's drive from Canberra, it's true.

Superior of St Clement's Redemptorist Monastery Fr Pat Corbett points to Rosary Hill out of one window of "Galong Castle". It was thus named by Archbishop Polding who visited the monastery, climbed the hill and left his Benedictine rosary beads on an oak tree. Presumably he thought it a better name than its original title of Bushrangers Hill, so named because of the sweeping view it offered of the surrounding landscape.

Those who now come to stay in the redeveloped three-storey centre not only enjoy en-suite, air-conditioned accommodation to complement the traditional good food and peaceful spiritual environment, but an elevated panorama of the NSW countryside.

It's all a far cry from what confronted Edward (Ned) Ryan when in the 1820s he began to carve out his place in Australian history. Without this man who came to be known as "Patriarch of the Lachlan" and "King of Galong Castle", today's piece of local Catholic bush history simply would not have happened.

A son of County Tipperary, he was transported from Ireland in 1816 for his part in a violent protest against the harsh economic conditions. He received his ticket of leave in 1825 and became a successful squatter.

Years later, by the terms of the will of Ned's son John Nagle Ryan, "Galong Castle" and 800 acres was bequeathed to Cistercian monks in Ireland and, if they did not want it, to the Redemptorists of NSW. History has it that the Cistercians came out during one drought-ravaged summer, didn't like what they saw and left, never to return.

Despite efforts by the then Bishop of Goulburn

St Clement's where the views are forever

John Gallagher to take over the property, a "friendly lawsuit" in 1914 established the Redemptorists' claim.

A vocational college was set up in 1918 and it remained open until 1972. In addition a novitiate was built, making the basis of the current retreat centre.

With changes in the Church and the world after Vatican 2, the vocational college and the novitiate closed paving the way for a retreat centre to be

established by a partnership of the Redemptorists and Dominican Sisters, and, in recent years, the Josephites.

From the smallest beginnings, St Clement's Monastery and Retreat Centre has grown to a financially viable operation attracting thousands of visitors of many backgrounds each year. It offers a venue for about 800 young people and their supporters who stage the Light to the Nations pilgrimage every second year, and hundreds

more who come on the first weekend in May for the annual Marian procession. In the past month, Anglican, Uniting and Catholic clergy have held retreats there as have a group of rural religious sisters. Those with an historical bent will be back next month for the 14th annual The Shamrock in the Bush gathering. And so the list goes on ... Cursillo groups, Marriage Encounter weekends, private retreats as well as the centre's ongoing retreat program of its own.

Galong is not all about spiritual retreats and expansive views. The Redemptorists have also committed themselves to an environmental program that will ensure management of the property according to world best standards.

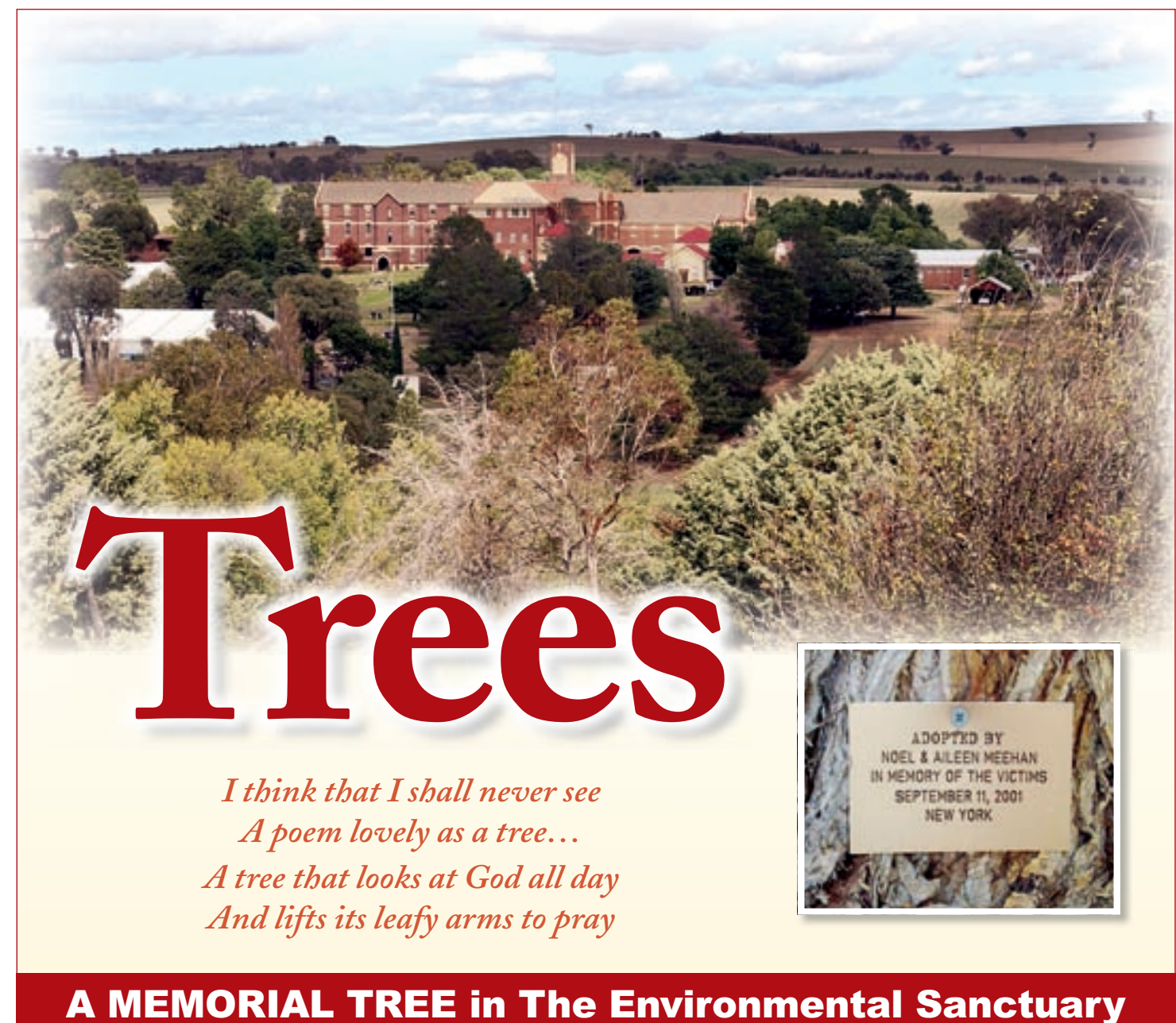
"Inspired by Pope John Paul's appeal for a greater awareness of our need to care for the earth, we have undertaken to turn part of the property into an environmental sanctuary," Fr Corbett said.

"With the help of the Friends of St Clement's we hope to make Galong a model for the better care of our earth."

People wanting to help can adopt one of the 90-year-old pepper trees in the memorial entrance drive - one has already been dedicated to those who lost their lives in the 11 September terrorist attack in the United States. Other trees are up for adoption and some may be sponsored for planting in various other areas of the property, including the historic cemetery.

Another form of fund-raising in October will be an outdoor presentation of Mozart's opera Don Giovanni, performed by professional touring group Co-Opera.

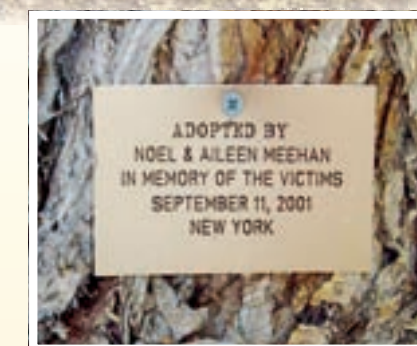
Although Galong's Redemptorists may be ageing and dwindling in number, their influence looks sure to remain in one of the Archdiocese's most loved places. The view from St Clement's is wide and long, but the vision of the many entrusted with its keep is endless.



Trees

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree...*

*A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts its leafy arms to pray*



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5. The interior lawn of the retreat centre, seen from a window in the newly refurbished accommodation.

6. One of the refurbished rooms.

7. Another room with a view ... showing off some of the rural beauty of Galong.

8. One of the sponsored trees along the driveway of the monastery.

9. A corridor in the historic monastery.



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Brothers recall their Coota connection

The De La Salle Brothers established a presence in 1913 in the then Goulburn Diocese with the opening of a De La Salle School in Cootamundra. Two years later they opened a novitiate to train young men to become brothers.

Both ventures were largely due to the generosity and opportunities provided by Cootamundra parish priest Dean O'Shaugnessey.

In 1912, he had applied to the superior of the De La Salle Brothers for three brothers to come and educate the boys of the parish. Three brothers arrived in October, 1913 and began De La Salle School, Cootamundra.

By the mid 1960s the De La Salle Cootamundra and Sacred Heart School conducted by the Sisters of Mercy had amalgamated.

The secondary department became Cootamundra Catholic High School, with a De La Salle brother as principal, Br Kilian Ryan and a Sister of Mercy as deputy, Sr Austin. The primary school remained Sacred Heart School.

Eventually the brothers withdrew from Cootamundra and a lay principal, Mr Keth Willard was appointed in 1977.

In 1982, the school became a central school and today Sacred Heart Central School continues to provide education for students from kindergarten to Year Ten.

This year marks the centenary of the arrival of the De La Salle Brothers in Australia when 12 brothers came from Ireland and France. Now 130 brothers work with more than 800 colleagues in schools, youth, welfare and employment services in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, promoting the spirit and vision of St John Baptist De La Salle.



TOP: The pioneer French and Irish brothers. ABOVE: The novitiate building at Cootamundra.

Current De La Salle provincial Br Ambrose Payne began his teaching career at De La Salle Cootamundra in 1960. He taught

there for five years before moving into tertiary education.

In 1914, Dean O'Shaugnessey offered land and funds to the brothers to build and furnish a residence for a novitiate. The brothers chose to take this offer knowing that the success of the Australian foundation of the De La Salle Brothers depended on the recruitment of brothers from Australia.

Work began on the construction of the new building in June 1914 and was completed in April 1915.

The first Australian recruit was Laurence de Moulin, a former student of De La Salle College, Armidale (which was the first school established by the De La Salle Brothers in Australia on their arrival in 1906). Laurence de Moulin became Br Benildus Joseph. John Cahill became the second Australian recruit when he became Br Columba Michael on 15 December, 1915.

The novitiate at Cootamundra became the administration and formation house of the De La Salle brothers until 1936, when it was relocated to Oakhill at Castle Hill in Sydney. A large number of vocations to the brothers came from Cootamundra during those 20 years of operation.

● A centenary ball will be held in Sydney on Saturday, 15 July. Inquiries: Telephone (08) 9386 3292, website www.delasalle.org.au



One hundred years after the De La Salle brothers arrived in Australia, brothers, colleagues, friends, students and staff gathered to celebrate with Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Old boy of De La Salle College, Marrickville, Archbishop Francis Carroll was principal celebrant. In his homily, he encouraged the students to appreciate something of the special spiritual and educational heritage they were a part of and to commit themselves to sharing the mission of the brothers and the good news of the Gospel.

"The Brothers' contribution has had a direct impact for good on the lives of so many. The spirit of St John Baptist de La Salle is alive and well in schools and in new forms of outreach to the poor and marginalised in our society," he said.

ABOVE: Archbishop Carroll is flanked by Wagga Wagga Bishop Gerard Hanna at the centenary Mass.

Sisters mark jubilees

Two Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn, both born and bred in country areas, celebrated their jubilees with other members of the congregation, family and friends.

Sr Andrea Dean celebrated 25 years of religious profession and Sr M Lawrence Keir 60 years.

Sisters from across the Archdiocese and beyond travelled to share in the prayer and celebration of the jubilee Mass at St Joseph's Church, O'Connor.

Archbishop Francis Carroll was principal celebrant and concelebrants included Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power and Wagga Wagga Bishop Gerard Hanna.

Sr M Lawrence's family and relatives travelled from Quandialla and surrounding areas, while Sr Andrea Dean's parents and family came from Adelong.

The jubilarians sisters renewed the vows of their profession during Mass.

Members of the families of both sisters took gifts forward in the Offertory procession.

Congregational leader Sr Noelene Quinane congratulated the jubilarians and offered the best wishes of the sisters. She affirmed and thanked them for their years of ministry. Sr Andrea responded on behalf of the jubilarians.



Jubilarians Sr M Lawrence Keir (left) and Sr Andrea Dean with (from left) back: Fr Kevin Brannelly, Fr Henry Byrne, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Fr Joe Rheinberger and Fr Bernie Patterson. Front: Fr Bill Kennedy, Bishop Gerard Hanna, Bishop Pat Power and Fr Phil Harding.

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As these examples show, what's initially experienced as an unwanted interruption can, in the end, be our real agenda.

This, of course, is not always true. Our lives are not meant to be left to pure chance. We must also actively try to shape our destiny and so it is not always good to simply accept whatever happens. We have God-given talents and so must fight too for our agenda.

But, we have to always look for the hand of providence in our interruptions. These often constitute the conspiracy of accidents through which God guides our lives.

If we were totally in control of our own agendas, if we could simply plan and execute our lives according to our own

dreams, with no unwanted derailments, I fear that many of us would, slowly and subtly, become selfish and all too soon find our lives empty of the simple joys that come from real family and real community.

The word baptism means derailment. Christ baptises Peter on the rock when he tells him: "Because you confessed your love for me, your life is no longer your own. Before you said this, you fastened your belt and you walked wherever you liked. Now, others will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go."

To submit to love is to be baptised, that is, to let one's life be forever interrupted. To not let one's life be interrupted is to say no to love.

C S Lewis once said that we will spend most of eternity thanking God for those prayers of ours that he didn't answer. In the same vein, I suspect we will spend a good part of eternity thanking God for those interruptions that derailed our plans but which baptised us into life, love, meaning, and happiness in a way we could never have ourselves planned or accomplished.

wanted and loved child who helped create a happiness that dwarfs what might have resulted had original plans not been derailed by that interruption.

A N Wilson, the British historian, in a biography of C S Lewis, describes how Lewis' life as a teacher and writer was, during virtually all of his productive years, interrupted by the demands of his adopted mother who made him do all the shopping and housework and demanded hours of his time daily for domestic tasks.

Lewis' own brother, Warnie, who also lived in the household (and who generally refused to let his own agenda be so interrupted) laments this fact in his diaries and suggests that Lewis could have been much more prolific had he not had to spend countless hours shopping, walking the dog, and doing domestic chores.

Lewis himself, however, gives us a very different assessment. Far from being resentful about these interruptions, he is grateful for them and suggests that it was precisely these domestic demands that kept him in touch with life in a way that other Oxford dons (who never had to shop and do housework) were not.

Historians like Wilson agree and suggest that it was because of these interruptions, which kept Lewis' feet squarely on the ground, that Lewis came to insights which appeal so universally.

David Steindl-Rast once commented that we tend to be resentful when things interrupt our work until we realise that, often times, the interruptions are our real work.

All too often we get impatient when our plans are disturbed by demands which deflect our energies from what we would ideally like to be doing. Sometimes this is minor (a phone-call in the middle of our favourite TV program). But sometimes it's major - an unwanted pregnancy that radically changes everything, an economic demand that interrupts our chance to be an artist, the demands of family that interrupt our chance to have the kind of social life we'd like, or a loss of health that interrupts our career.

Countless things, big and small, forever derail our agendas, force us to alter our plans, and slowly kill our dreams. Often we are resentful: "If only! If only this hadn't happened! Now I have to wait to go back to school. Now I'll never have a chance to fulfil my dream."

Sometimes in mid-life, or even earlier, this resentment takes a more radical form: "I've wasted my life. I've been a victim of circumstance, I've given in to the demands of others and now I'll never get the chance to do what I really want to do."

However, as Steindl-Rast points out, the opposite can also happen.

Instead of resentment there can be gratitude because we realise that the interruptions, so unwelcome at the time, were really salvific and, far from derailing us from our real agenda, they were our real agenda.

A few examples: I am sure all of us have known individuals or families where an unplanned pregnancy suddenly turned all plans (economic, career, travel, new house) upside down. Initially there was some bitterness and resentment. Later the unwanted interruption turned into a much

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A liturgy committee finds its origin in baptism. Baptism begins an amazing journey: of union with God, to God. There's also some fine print. We're all called to spread the good news of God's love for everyone to everyone. Each of us is also called to worship God and to participate in that worship fully, actively and consciously.

The 2004 Synod recommended, and Archbishop Francis Carroll endorsed, the setting up of a liturgy committee in each parish, to work with the parish priest and strive for good liturgy every weekend, not just for the big events of the Church year. At the moment, there are many parishes that do not yet have such a committee.

Parish liturgy committees provide the structure through which all are invited to share their gifts and talents, and to contribute to making the liturgy live. There is great flexibility in the make-up and structure of liturgy committees, and each is to be discerned by the parish.

Some parish liturgy committees meet only a couple of times a year, to set the vision and review progress. At some of these, the priest takes the lead in determining outcomes. In many other parishes, committee members raise issues, discuss, help evaluate and through dialogue and preparation, contribute gifts. Committees report that the attitude, vision, energy and understanding of the parish priest are crucial.

Some parishes have up to 15 members, others have between five

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and 10 on the committee. They normally meet monthly, but will do so more frequently before big feasts or celebrations.

A good chairperson and minute secretary are important as are enthusiasm and interest from members, and a willingness to learn more about liturgy.

Meetings include prayers, evaluation and forward planning. Ideally, jobs are shared to spread the "burden".

Parish committees which have been going for 15 to 20 years, say that some issues are important: finding, involving and educating people with special gifts for the committee; and engaging the parish - inviting people to participate in the liturgy and getting feedback regarding liturgy.

If you would like to read about the formation of liturgy committees, go to www.cangoul.catholic.org.au, choose "Services We Provide", then "Liturgy", "Liturgical Commission Publications" and scroll down until you see it. The information is in PDF format.

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Everybody, it seems, loves a good story. We particularly love stories that resonate with our lived experience.

Pat Livingston is a teller of such stories. She is a writer, a speaker, a grandmother and a fellow traveller.

She has that ability to embrace life and invites us to do the same. The sub-title of her latest book is "Facing the hard stuff with hope".

She shows us how to do just that. In a series of warm, often witty, family anecdotes and drawing on a wide range of other

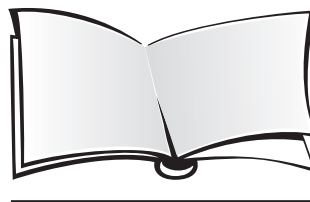
sources she encourages her readers to "let in the light". If we are not cracked, she asks, how will the light get in?

Livingston believes in re-framing. We can choose, she says, to focus on hope instead of dread, on joy instead of disillusion, on life rather than death.

The most useful section for me was Livingston's exploration of the question posed by her sister, "What does God do with the suffering we offer up?"

Quoting from another writer she says, "If pain is offered to God as prayer, then pain and prayer are synonymous - the thing that prevents your prayer becomes your prayer".

For those of us going through tough times this little book is a guide and an inspiration. It is written by a wise woman who's been there, done that and wears the T-shirt.



Books

Another collection of stories, but of a very different genre, is Miracles for Life! by Jonathan Krause, the creative director of Christian Blind Mission International.

This quality publication personalises the plight of the poorest of the poor in Cambodia, Sierra Leone and Niger. Each of the individual stories is accompanied by photos which bring to life the challenges, the hopes and the triumphs too of some of the world's most desperate people. The pho-



Jonathan Krause with a few of his subjects in a confronting collection of stories and images from CBMI projects around the world.

tos are confronting. The stories of love, commitment and kindness are humbling. Truly the stuff of miracles.

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for children

Fantasy, adventure

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate di Camillo. Walker Books, 2004 269pp, rrp\$17.95. Reviewer: Moira McAlister*.

Beautifully presented with illustrations, this novel is easy to read for independent readers who love fantasy and adventure stories.

Despereaux is a smaller-than-average mouse with the ambition and integrity to become a hero. He meets Chiaroscuro the Rat, Miggy Sow the deaf serving girl and the object of his affection, Princess Pea.

The storyline is fairly predictable, though coloured with some rather unusual events and descriptions.

Kate di Camillo is ever present in this story. She speaks directly to the reader constantly, which either has the desired effect of involving the reader more closely in the story, or the opposite.

Some readers find this direct style irritating and disruptive to the smooth flow of the story.

If you like reading to your children then this could be an enjoyable choice.

* Moira McAlister is teacher-librarian at St Vincent's Primary School, Aranda.

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Catholic studies not just for students

Catholic Studies for Senior Secondary Students by Mgr Peter Elliott [ed] et al. Melbourne: James Goold House Publications, 2006, 373 pages, rrp \$38.50 for schools. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Hot off the press is the latest in the K-12 series "To Know Worship and Love". This one is Catholic Studies for Senior Secondary Students. Another volume, Ethical Thinking, has been reviewed previously.

The content of Catholic Studies is spot on for the curriculum requirements of Years 11 and 12. Essential topics include God, Jesus Christ, the Human Person, Morality and Conscience, Vocation, Catholic Life, Ecumenism, World Religions, the Arts and Religion, Science and Religion, Scripture, Prayer and Spirituality and the Eucharist.

The writers are well-known educators and theologians. The teaching of the Church as presented is faithful

to the Catholic tradition while being relevant to young people today.

The lay-out is user-friendly with a summary of key learnings at the end of each chapter, and a comprehensive index plus current websites. The activities are varied and purposeful. The design is colourful and appealing.

The chapter on the scriptures explains the reasons for the choice and the composition of the books of the Bible. It is good to see the role of women in the scriptures is addressed. The differences between the four Gospels is treated clearly and unambiguously.

Many adults in study groups would benefit by this simple exposition. Catholic Studies is also suitable for those programs catering for Catholics returning to the faith and for an RCIA resource.

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Over the Hedge: An animated winner. G.
Just My Luck: Contrived, not funny. PG.
Colour Me Kubrick: 86 minutes is enough. M.
Oliver Twist: Well-done classic with a twist. PG.
Junebug: Modest but worth seeing. MA15+.
Ten Canoes: A good story. M.
 All reviews at www.catholicvoice.com.au

Animated stars bring hit to life

Over the Hedge.

Animation film voiced by Bruce Willis, Garry Shandling, Steve Carell, Eugene Levy and Nick Nolte. Directed by Tim Johnson and Karey Kirkpatrick. G. 85 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.



Based on the US comic strip of the same name, *Over the Hedge* is the story of R J (Bruce Willis) a con-artist raccoon. When R J is caught stealing from Vincent the bear's (Nick Nolte) hibernation stash he has a week to replace the bear's goods, or be the bear's dinner.

R J heads off to the local forest and befriends Verne (Garry Shandling), a turtle who is the leader of small menagerie of animals. While they have been hibernating a local community has surrounded their forest. The forest animals are terrified.

R J sees a treasure trove of goods to steal from his unsuspecting new neighbours. He also has an army of unknowing volunteers to help him.

Over the Hedge, however, the neighbours are getting wise. Gladys, the president of the local homeowners' association, (Allison Janney) hires "The Verminator" (Thomas Haden

Films

Church) to eradicate the animal guerilla army.

This is a wonderful animation film, one that parents can take the children to and enjoy themselves at the same time. The script has multiple layers of

meaning and resonance.

There are many entry points to this fine film. The youngest kids will like the talking animals. Older children will enjoy the drama. Adults will notice all the social and political issues touched on and gently explored throughout its appropriate 83 minutes.

Over the Hedge is a sophisticated piece of entertainment in regard to identity, community and belonging. Its star-studded cast bring their interesting characters to life with verve. For family entertainment at any time of year, I cannot recommend it too highly.

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

New Twist lives up to its fabulous past

In the climate of awareness of the abuse of children and, in many countries, their exploitation, the story of *Oliver Twist* is still relevant. For older filmgoers, there are the powerful memories of David Lean's 1948

classic with Alec Guinness's memorable portrait of Fagin. For both older and younger audiences, there are the memories of the film and stage versions of Lionel Bart's musical *Oliver*.

Playwright Ronald Harwood (*The Dresser*, Oscar for *The Pianist*) has streamlined the plot. Director Roman Polanski has stated he wants this to be a children's film, a child's view of Fagin and his gang, a touch of fantasy that is larger than life. With marvellous sets, costumes and Rachel Portman's Dickensian score, he has created an authentic 19th century London.

Two problems face a director of the *Oliver Twist* story. The first is how

Oliver Twist.
 Starring Ben Kingsley, Barney Clarke and Leanne Rowe. Directed by Roman Polanski. PG. 130 mins. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

to present Oliver himself. Barney Clarke's Oliver is always well-mannered and appreciative with an innate goodness. But he is strong.

The other problem is how to present Fagin, especially his Jewish identity and manner. Ben Kingsley emphasises his kindly behaviour towards Oliver as well as his ruthlessness in setting up Oliver to be killed by Bill Sykes.

A fine group of British character actors fill out the supporting roles, chosen not for their film star appearance. To the contrary, many of them look quite eccentric, even grotesque - which Dickens would have liked. While the film has a PG rating, it is meant to be a compliment to Polanski's talent in bringing Dickens to life to say that they might well be frightened.

Dedicated lives ...

DVDs

Babakiueria (DVD, 30 mins, ages 13 - adult).

This thought-provoking program is a light-hearted and satirical look at what it would be like if black settlers arrived to settle a continent inhabited by white natives. The reversal of roles, as depicted in the film, highlight many of the underlying attitudes and prejudices which contribute to a lack of understanding between non-indigenous and indigenous Australians.

Mama Heidi. (DVD, 52 mins, ages 15 - adult).

Since 1994, Heidi and Rolland Baker have dedicated their lives to the welfare of those affected by the civil war in Mozambique, one of Africa's most disaster-torn nations. Through the power of prayer and their love of the poor, the Bakers have overcome great challenges to establish orphanages, schools and clinics throughout the country. They also minister to the spiritual needs of the people and have witnessed many healing miracles of those suffering from disease and afflicted with HIV AIDS. This inspirational documentary illustrates the Gospel in action and how a few can achieve so much through the power of the Holy Spirit.

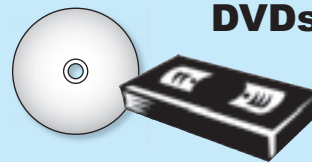
Apostle Paul and the Earliest Churches (DVD, 48 mins, Year 7 - adults).

This video re-enacts Paul's missionary journeys in Asia Minor (Anatolia). It uses footage of sites in modern times and dramatic re-enactments of key stories in the Acts of the Apostles concerning Paul. The historical, religious, and archaeological background of each Anatolian region is explained.

Women, Power and Peace, Joan Chittister, OSB. (DVD, 53 mins, ages 16 - adult).



Videos & DVDs



Joan Chittister is a Benedictine sister, theologian, social psychologist, and communication theorist. This DVD is the keynote address on the topic of women and war that she delivered at the 3rd annual Women & Power Conference, organised by Omega Institute and V-Day in September 2004. In her inspirational and powerful lecture, Sr Joan poses and answers a number of confronting questions such as: What role do women play in peacemaking? What does religion have to do with war? What are the effects of war on women? For a full transcript of the address, go to: <http://www.feminist.com/resources/artspeech/genwom/womenpowerpeace.html>

VHS VIDEOS

Lost Boys of Sudan (55 mins, ages 15 - adult).

This feature length documentary follows the lives of two boys orphaned during the civil war in the Sudan. The boys

survive their harrowing journey to a United Nations refugee camp in Kenya in 1992, and nine years later they are given the opportunity of a new life in the US. This program presents the theme of hope, human rights and coping with adversity.

Mama Tina (50 mins, ages 14 - adult).

This inspiring documentary features Christina Noble, who inspired through a dream and her own deprived childhood in Dublin, dedicated her life to Vietnamese street children. For more information about the Christina Noble Children's Foundation which continues Christina's work in Vietnam and Mongolia, visit the website www.cncc.org/

SOUND RECORDINGS

Dancing Sophia's circle, Colleen Fulmer, [CD, ages 12 - adults]

A collection of original songs sung by Fulmer that have a focus on feminist issues and celebrating God through images of Sophia or Wisdom.

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- By Dennis Granlund, of the CEO Resource Library.

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John Paul II: The Millennial Pope (DVD). Frontline/WGBH Productions, 2005. Lightscape Distribution. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

In April yet another DVD about John Paul was released, this one to mark the first anniversary of the late pontiff's death. Compiled by the Frontline team from Toronto it begs the question, is there anything new to say about this towering public figure of the recent past? Certainly not by Frontline.

The material is organised into themes such as Landscape, The Jews, Liberation Theology, Women, and Solidarity. Archival footage is interspersed with various talking heads, some known and some hand-picked old friends.

Presumably in its original form the program was designed as a mini-series. I am at a loss to see how useful it is educationally to bundle the segments into two discs totalling 150 minutes. Altogether too much.

The analyses of the issues are

shallow. The late Pope emerges as a lonely, pessimistic figure obsessed with a culture of death. Several times the voice-over states that JP II was "a man at war with the 20th century".

His angry confrontation with noisy South American crowds shouting him down is writ large as an illustration of his obstinacy. His Polish lens was applied too narrowly to Communism, we are informed. And so on and on.

I have two problems with this production. The first is that it is unrelentingly sombre. Some of the Holocaust footage is horrific despite its PG mild themes rating. Parents be warned.

Much is made of JP II's celebrity status and of his manipulative idealism. No surprise here, but not a lot of balance either.

The second issue lies perhaps within myself, dear Brutus. I found it really difficult to transport myself back into the culture of the previous papacy. Time has moved on and so must we.

Catholic Voice carries a comprehensive and up-to-date guide to the latest movies on its web site.

Reviewers from the Australian Catholic Film Office look at a wide variety and number of movies each month - and we bring their opinions to you. Dozens of past releases are also archived for your information.

Look on the 'net at: www.catholicvoice.com.au

Living with the 'net



Paul Jenkins

What to look for in digital cameras

In last month's Living with the Net article I listed the first three functions that a good quality digital camera needs to be able to take good quality pictures.

These were some of the important things to look for when buying or using a digital camera:

1. The resolution or number of megapixels it has. More megapixels means clearer pictures.

2. The zoom features of the camera. Most good digital cameras will have 3X optical zoom as well as 4X digital zoom capabilities.

3. LCD or Liquid Crystal Display screens on the camera allow you to see your pictures instantly. The next functions that I will discuss are also important factors you should consider when purchasing your first or even an additional digital camera.

4. Storage of your images allows you to save and store images that you have taken so they can be printed out or downloaded onto your work or home computer. Storage in a digital camera can be removable or fixed. Removable storage such as Smart Media Cards or Secure Digital Cards are small devices that allow you to store your photos. They range in size from 8 megabytes upwards to 1 gigabyte. Some will be even larger in the future. The larger the capacity of your storage card, the more photos you can take.

5. A memory card reader drive for your PC. Many of the newer PCs contain memory card reader drives for removable storage cards for digital cameras. Most new PCs now leave out a floppy disk drive to have space for reader drives. However, if your computer doesn't already contain one, you can purchase portable reader drives for as little as \$50 from computer stores. Better quality reader drives are more expensive and can read a wider variety of removable storage drives. You can have a reader drive installed into your computer or you can have a portable one that allows you to transfer it to other computers if you need to.

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| Family Group movement | www.pfgm.org/main.htm |
| Focus on the Family | www.family.org |
| Getting Married | www.gettingmarried.ie |
| Jesus in Australian Art | www.mcauley.acu.edu.au/~yuri/jesus/jesus.htm |
| National Drugs Campaign | www.drugs.health.gov.au |
| Queensland Bioethics Centre | www.bne.catholic.net.au/qbc |
| Southern Cross Bioethics Institute | www.bio-ethics.com |
| Teams: A Married Couples Movement | www.tol-oceania.catholic.org.au |
| The Humanita Foundation | www.humanitafoundation.org |
| The Truth Decoded | www.thetruthdecoded.org.au |

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| Centre for the Queen of Peace | http://home.earthlink.net/~marianland/index.html |
| Family Rosary Movement | www.familyrosary.org |
| Fatima Network | www.fatima.org |
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| Catholic Voice | www.catholicvoice.com.au |
| Catholic Weekly | www.catholicweekly.com.au |
| Christian Media Association | www.ChristianMedia.asn.au |
| Ignatius Press | www.ignatius.com |
| Independent Catholic News | www.indcatholicnews.com |
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| Kairos | www.kairos.com.au |
| Majellan Publications | www.majellan.org.au |
| Marist Messenger | www.maristmessenger.co.nz |
| National Catholic Reporter | http://ncronline.org |
| NZ Catholic | www.nzcatholic.org.nz |
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| Pacific Islands Religious | www.relpac.org.fj/ |
| Pakistan Christian Voice inet magazine | www.pakistanchristianvoice.net |
| Radio Notre Dame | www.radionotredame.com |
| The Far East | www.columban.org.au/TFE/TrevorTrotter/FarEast.htm |
| The Pastoral Review | www.thepastoralreview.co.uk |
| The Tablet | www.thetablet.co.uk |
| The Universe | www.totalcatholic.com |
| The Word Among Us | www.wau.org |
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| Mary Queen of Apostles Goulburn | http://goulburnparish.catholicau.com |
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| Holy Spirit, Gungahlin | www.holyspiritgungahlin.catholicau.com |
| Notes for Active Church Participants | www.giant.net.au/users/murphy |
| St Anthony's, Wanniasa | www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniasa/ |
| St Christopher's Cathedral | www.stchristophersact.catholicau.com |
| St Francis of Assisi, Calwell | http://act.antioch.org.au/calwell/stfranc.htm |
| St John the Apostle, Kippax | www.stjohnkippax.org.au |
| St John Vianney's, Waramanga | www.stjv-waramanga.catholicau.com |
| St Jude's, Holder | www.stjude-holder.catholicau.com |
| St Thomas Aquinas, Charnwood | http://site-manager.homemail.com.au/ |
| St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah | www.kambahparish.catholicau.com |
| St Vincent's, Aranda | www.svdp-aranda.catholicau.com |
| We Believe | www.webelieve.cc |

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| Time of Crisis, Time of Faith | www.daughtersofstpaul.com/church/index.html |
| Voice of the Faithful | www.voiceofthefaithful.org |

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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| Amnesty International | www.amnesty.org |
| Aust Cath Social Justice Council | www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au |
| Aust Council for Overseas Aid | www.acfoa.asn.au/ |
| Aust Fair Trade and Investment Network | www.aftinet.org.au/ |
| Caritas Australia | www.caritas.org.au |
| Catholic Commission for Justice, Development and Peace | www.melbourne.catholic.org.au/ccjdp |
| Edmund Rice Centre | www.erc.org.au |
| Jesuit Social Justice Centre | www.vicnet.net.au/~cardoner/uniya.html |
| PALMS | www.palms.org.au |
| Refugee Council of Australia | www.refugeecouncil.org.au |
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| Timor Today | www.easttimor.com/ |
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| Aust-NZ Federation of Srs of St Joseph | www.josephitefederation.catholic.org.au |
| Australian Catholic Deacons Assoc | www.deacons.asn.au |
| Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo | www.jamberooabbey.org.au |
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| Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia | www.ozvocations.catholic.org.au |
| Catholic Vocations | www.catholicvocation.org.au |
| Columbans | www.columban.org.au |
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| Disciples of Jesus Community | www.disciplesofjesus.org |
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| Dominicans in Aust, NZ, Solomon Is | www.op.org/australis/welcome.htm |
| Jesuits in Australia | www.jesuits.org.au |
| Little Company of Mary | www.lcm.org.au |
| Loreto Sisters | www.loreto.org.au |
| Marriage Encounter | http://home.vicnet.net.au/~marriage/ |
| Missionaries of God's Love | www.mglvocation.org |
| Missionaries of the Sacred Heart | www.misacor.org.au |
| Passionists | www.passionists.com |
| Poor Clare Nuns | www.poorclare.org |
| Redemptorists | www.rc.net/redempt.au/vocations.htm |
| Serra Club of Canberra | www.serracanberra.org |
| Serra International | www.serrainternational.org |
| Sisters of the Good Samaritan | www.goodsams.org.au |
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| Sisters of St Joseph of Sacred Heart | www.sosj.org.au |
| Vincentians | www.vincentians.org.au |

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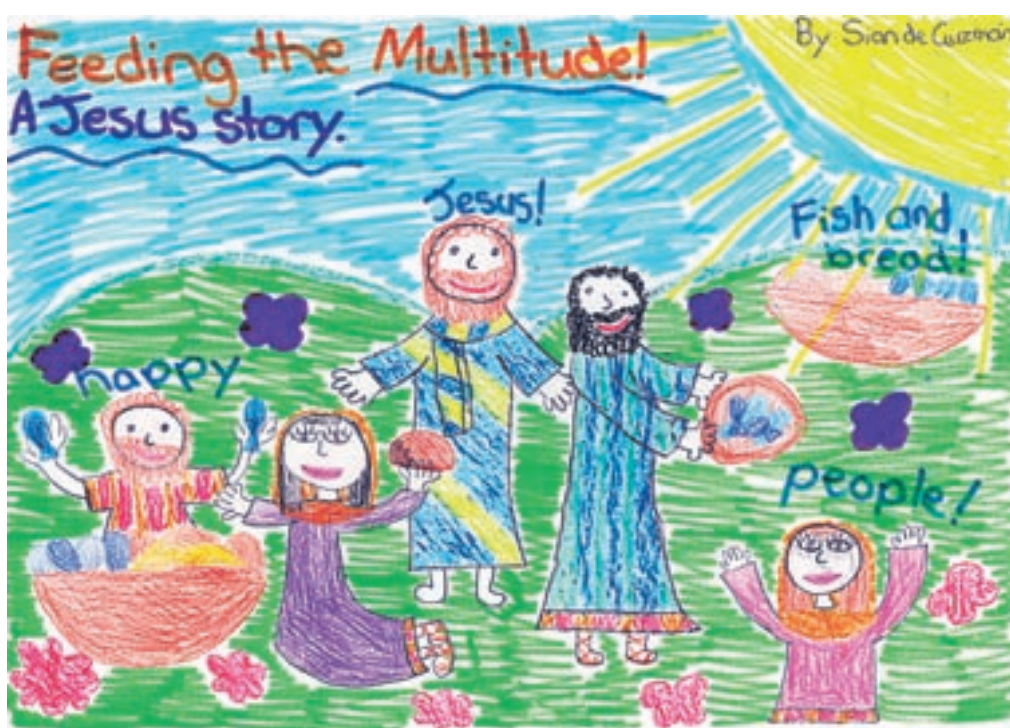
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| Antioch Youth Wanniasa | www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniasa/antioch home page.htm |
| Here For Life | www.hereforlife.org.au |
| International Movement of Catholic Students Aust | www.imcsa.org.au |
| Kids Helpline | www.kidshelp.com.au |
| LifeTeen | www.lifeteen.com |
| Reach Out | www.reachout.asn.au |
| The Cardijn Site | www.cardijn.net |
| YCW of Australia | www.adelaide.net.au/~aycw |

insites

The Mercy Foundation
www.mercyfoundation.com.au
This organisation provides funding for projects seeking long-term solutions to poverty and social injustice. Recently published is the 2006 list of project grant recipients. Projects receiving funding include a website of original indigenous children's songs and music videos.
Cuying
www.stephencuyos.com
Stephen Cuyos' high school friends used to call him "Cuying." It's an unusual nickname but then Cuyos is not your usual priest. This self-taught, tech-savvy Filipino MSC priest podcasts and blogs about faith, the media and technology. The site contains a weekly podcast, photo gallery and links to useful open source tools for "non-geeks".
Reviews courtesy CathNews

Digital cameras

● From previous page.
Reader drives usually cater for the popular types of removable memory storage. However when purchasing a reader drive, take your storage card with you, so you can make sure you get the right one for your needs.
6. Batteries. Different digital cameras are powered in different ways. All digital cameras use some form of battery. The types of batteries commonly used are alkaline, Ni-MH, lithium and Li-ions. Alkaline batteries are common AA sized batteries you can buy just about anywhere. However your digital camera will use up non-rechargeable AA batteries very quickly.
Ni-MH or Nickel Metal Hydride batteries are rechargeable AA sized batteries. They are more expensive than regular batteries and need a recharger, but they can be reused over and over again.
Lithium batteries are AA or AAA sized batteries that cannot be recharged, however they last three to four times longer than ordinary alkaline batteries. Some will allow you to take up to 600 photos.
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For more information on the parts of a digital camera and using a digital camera try Photo.net (www.photo.net/equipment/digital/basics/)
Till next month, happy surfing.



ABOVE: Thank you for a beautiful picture Sian de Guzman, aged 10, of St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah.

RIGHT: Anna Cusack, aged 10, of St Patrick's, Bega, drew this lovely picture and prayer of Mary.

Jesus, My Saviour

Would you like to hear a story?
A story from my heart
About the one whom I admire,
The one I dearly love.

This story is about a man
Who died for me,
Yes, He died for me
Upon a tree at Calvary.

This man He walked upon the earth
In a life that was not easy,
He called upon His Father's help
Knowing He was with Him.

Some say He was a prophet,
Some say He was a priest
But I say He is the Son of God
A saviour sent for me.

He came to share God's love with us
He came to share His story
That there's no dying without rising
We can live with Him forever more.

This man, Jesus Christ, my Lord
Not only died for me
He died for love of you and me
On that tree at Calvary.

- By Naomi Wellspring, St Benedict's
Primary School, Narrabundah.



BELOW: This beautifully colourful picture came from Taylor Farrell, aged 11, of St Joseph's School, Eden.



Dear Archbishop-elect Mark,
On behalf of the children of Canberra and Goulburn I would like to welcome you to this Archdiocese. Here is a small selection of the beautiful work done by the children. The children have been busy preparing for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and, as you can see by their work, they truly understand God's love for each one of them and His wonderful majesty and power displayed in creation.

As Naomi says in her poem: "Jesus came to share God's love with us, He came to share His story." We too are looking forward to sharing our stories with you and showing you our beautiful schools and communities. We want to hear your story also as we walk together as the Body of Christ in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

As Carla says – may we all have peace in our hearts; Come Holy Spirit.
God Bless,
Sue



Dear Friends and family,
Please have peace in your hearts.
We need peace in our hearts
because we are all one.
Without peace there would be chaos.
Love,
Carla Macintosh, Aranda School of Religion.

BELOW: Jessica Barancewicz, aged 11, of St Benedict's, Narrabundah, tells us about her favourite Bible story when God created a beautiful world.



Family of the year



The Kesina family, of Flynn, is this year's ACT family of the year as judged by the Australian Family Association. ACT association president Mr Paul Monagle said the family was an inspiration and worthy winner. Neda and Martin Kesina not only worked hard at rearing their own 11 children in line with Christian principles, but they also made a signifi-

cant contribution to many groups. The Kesina children range in age from 30 to six years, among them a Franciscan priest, a painter, a secretary and a teacher. The family contributes to the Church, youth and prayer groups and other activities.

ABOVE: Martin and Neda Kesina with their children and members of the extended family.

Top chefs



Two hospitality students from St Edmund's College took the gold with distinction when they competed against 30 other students from the Canberra region in the annual secondary schools cooking competition hosted by the Australian Culinary Federation. James Carter and Anthony Magro (above) are on their way to the national competition on the Gold Coast and possibly to the US. Their outstanding achievements coincided with the opening of a new hospitality skills centre at St Edmund's College.

Students from Marist, St Clare's and MacKillop colleges also fared well in the contest.

Katherine makes MGL promises

A full church gathered at St Benedict's, Narrabundah, to see Katherine Stone make promises in the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. Katherine, 23, joined the sisters at the beginning of last year. She committed herself to further discerning her call to consecrated life in the novitiate, having lived the MGL lifestyle for a year.

She felt specifically called to the MGL sisters in 2000 during a Summer School of Evangelisation, a week-long camp for young people, run by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community. She went on to complete an arts/law degree at the University of Tasmania.

Melanie Edwards from Sydney joined the MGL Sisters in February. For two years before this, she worked with Catholic Youth Services in Sydney, spending the first year on the Archdiocesan youth ministry team and the second preparing to take 450 Sydney pilgrims to World Youth Day in Cologne.

E-mail ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au

Peer support works



A peer support program has been re-introduced into St Mary's Primary School, Young, giving all children an opportunity to get to know their peers from kindergarten to Year 6 and minimise bullying in the school. All children have been divided into groups of eight or nine.

The Year 6 children are the leaders of the school and through the implementation of the program their role of leadership will be put into action. Staff members will also be involved with their presence in each classroom observing group activity and taking part in group sessions.

Over two days Year 6 children were prepared to be leaders by taking part in groups, working with teachers and parents who volunteered to help. The children and staff enjoyed their days getting to know each other better, participating in serious and fun activities, implementing skills and knowledge about leadership

and its responsibilities. This was a great way for the children to see that it was a team effort between teachers, parents and students.

How did the children of the school respond to the program?

One comment from a kindergarten student: "I liked peer support because we got to look other people in the eyes and talk about what we did on the weekend."

A Year 2 student: "It is about having practice at making new friends. It makes you a stronger person."

Year 3: "You got to meet people from other classes you would never usually see."

Year 4: "The best thing is knowing that even if you and someone else do not get on they're there for you if you are in trouble."

ABOVE: Taking part in the peer support program (clockwise from front left): Joseph Everdell, Meg Fung, Allysa Smith, Alice Hamblin, Brooke Blake, Matthew Hamblin and Nicholas Maloney.

CWL leaders

Jacqueline Hipwell was elected president of the Catholic Women's League in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

She is pictured (second from right) with other members of the Archdiocesan council executive Gloria Sweeney, Angela Devlin, Lorraine Birch, Nola Drum, Joyce Cremer and Marie Gallagher.

The 56th annual meeting and conference was held at Batemans Bay.



Katrina helps links with Japan

Merici College Year 9 student Katrina Cornelly won a junior division of a national essay competition to improve relations between Australia and Japan.

She is pictured (above) with Mr Koichiro Uchiyama, head of the cultural section at the Japanese Embassy in Canberra.

The contest attracted about 1000 entries in three age divisions from all over Australia.

Five other students from the ACT were highly commended, including Sarah Sheldrick, of St Francis Xavier College, and another Merici student, Teresa Maano Fong.

The competition was held to mark the Australia-Japan Year of Exchange, commemorating the 30th anniversary of the signing of the 1976 Basic Treaty of Friendship between the two countries.

The aim of the year is to promote friendship and to deepen mutual understanding and cooperation between Australia and Japan, especially at the grassroots level. Many schools in the Archdiocese are taking the opportunity to promote greater understanding, or to provide renewed focus on exchanges already occurring.

St Monica's Primary School, Evatt, has hosted Tezukayama Primary School with support from the Year of Exchange program. Merici began the school year with its regular exchange of students from Kagoshima Junshin University.

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Prayers

PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin. O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to help me in my necessity. (make your request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 days.

Reunion

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE - School Reunion. A 20 year School Reunion for St Clare's College 1986 Year 12, 1984 Year 10 students has been organised for Saturday, 21 October, 2006. For further details, please contact schoolreunion_86@hotmail.com

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Catholic Voice is seeking a person with sound journalistic and computer skills for a two-day-a-week position which is likely to become available from the last quarter of the year. Expressions of interest may be made in writing to The Editor, Catholic Voice, GPO Box 3089, Canberra 2601, or by e-mail to ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au

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CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - St Anthony's Parish, Wanniaassa, each Monday, 7.30pm-9pm, beginning 2 October. Inquiries: Parish office, telephone 6231 7310, e-mail sta.wanniaassa@cg.catholic.org.au website www.users.bigpond.com/stanthonys.wanniaassa

COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 12 and 26 July. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CURSILLO ULTREYAS - Southside, Gowrie parish centre, 8pm, Tuesday, 25 July. Northside, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 27 July.

CURSILLO - Canberra men, 7-10 September, Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, ACT. Inquiries: Joseph Lai, telephone 6258 2574 (h), e-mail j-lai@adfa.edu.au

DAY OF GROWTH - Presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, 10am-4pm, 23 July, Girl Guide hall, Newham Street, Yarralumla. For couples, priests and religious. Theme "Men Are Like Waffles, Women Are Like Spaghetti", based on book by Pam & Bill Farrell. A day of fun and humour. Cost \$20 couple, including lunch. Bookings (by 19 July), inquiries: Wanda and Jim, telephone 6161 4842, Bernice and Maurie, 6288 7030

GUIDED RETREAT - Reflective 6-day retreat "Gospel Women", The Hermitage, Marist Brothers, Mittagong, 20-27 August. Presenter Sr Lorraine Cupitt RSM, telephone 6262 8974.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 8-10 September, getaway for married couples at Sundown Motel Resort, ACT. Bookings: Telephone 9345 5402, e-mail jandmwillson@optusnet.com.au Information www.wme.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.catholic.edu.au or Dilys Ketley, telephone 6247 9609.

SCHOOL REUNION - St Francis Xavier Lavender Bay, NSW, school reunion dinner dance to celebrate sesquicentenary of parish. 7pm-midnight, Friday, 21 July. Castel D'oro Function Centre, 120 Great North Road, Five Dock, NSW. Cost \$55 per person. Inquiries: Grace Macchia, telephone 9674 7414, e-mail lavenderbayreunion@hotmail.com

SERRA CLUB - Mass, 6.30pm, Thursday, 13 July, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by dinner in private dining room, Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

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.

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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Time for reflection

More than 30 Josephite Associates gathered at Galong for a weekend of prayer and reflection.

They came from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and Wagga Wagga Diocese as well as from Sydney and Yarrowonga in Victoria for the weekend organised by Sr Carmel Clear and directed by Fr Leo Coffey CSsR.

The weekend gave the associates an opportunity to enjoy the peace and quiet of Galong as well as time for prayer and reflection and to meet up with friends. Among those present were a husband and wife, mother and daughter and two sets of sisters. This was the first time a married couple has attended a weekend.

Taralga celebrates

Preparation for First Holy Communion in Taralga parish was another instance in the application of parish-based and family-based sacramental programs.

Children made their first confessions the day before their first reception of the Blessed Sacrament.

The program over five weeks involved a half-hour session after Sunday Mass that involved sketching of the main points, and parents and children receiving informa-



ABOVE: Those who attended the weekend were (from left) front: Mary Godde, Edna Knagge, Betty Rolfe, Elaine Gruber, Fr Leo Coffey and Kath McGee. Second row: Kim Prentice, Bev Dunn, Fay Martin, Lorraine Corbett, Lisa Beal, Pattie Gaynor, Irene Dempsey, Margaret Cusack, Lyn Plant and Pat Reardon. Back row: Marie Jones, Irene Kefford, Betty Guymer, Val Masciocchi, Cheryl Westfield, Vicki Wigg, Thais Turner, Trish Collis, Yvonne Houghton, Marie Murray, Dulcie Ridley, Mary Sutcliffe, Joan Cleary, Noelene Pursehouse, John Cleary and Elsie McIver.



tion from sacramental preparation booklets prepared by Fr Peter Murphy, of Wagga Wagga Diocese.

The program culminated with two sessions run by Conventual Dominican Sisters, Sr Mary Thomas and Sr Mary Augustine.

ABOVE: In the sanctuary of Christ the King Church, Taralga, are first communicants Jasmine Miles, Grace

Marshall, Michael Bennett, James Marmont and Harrison Cummins with parish priest Fr Paul McGavin.

They are flanked by Sr M Augustine OP and Sr M Thomas OP, with sanctuary servers James Fanning and Michael Carlon in front, and in the rear Shaun Fanning (acolyte), Francis Viera, Thomas Hunter and Patrick Carlon.

11 confirmed at Narooma

Archbishop Francis Carroll visited Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Narooma, to perform one of his last duties before retiring.

He confirmed 11 young parishioners, Clare Aston, Brian Jamba, Shenese Dawson, Joseph Nugent, Anna Nguyen, Selena Phillips, Sarah Phillips, Beth Connor, Jacob Read, Jessica Oliver and Shayne De Groot.



Archbishop Francis Carroll cuts the celebratory cake with the help of the young parishioners. - Picture: Lesley Connor, of Narooma News.



On schedule

The first stage of the \$35 million aged care village being built at Bruce by Little Company of Mary Health Care is progressing on schedule.

Project director Mr William Crowley met with prospective residents on site to update them on the project.

He is pictured looking at images of the units with Patricia Guinane (left) and Helen Dudley.

Calvary Retirement Community is set in native bushland opposite Calvary Hospital.

Students shine their light

Groups of students from Lumen Christi Catholic College at Pambula Beach on the Far South Coast of NSW visit the town's aged care facility, Imlay House, each week to spend time with residents.

This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate the values found in Lumen Christi's vision statement, "Inspiring hope and serving".

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons small groups of students visit Imlay House to attend church services, paint residents' nails, play board games, give massages, create artwork and play ball games.



Year 11 student Megan Olsen says it is "a rewarding opportunity" where she is able to make a valuable contribution to society through service.

ABOVE: Year 11 student, Jenai Shearer chats with resident Stella Brown.

Pilgrims trace their way of faith

Members of the 1st Neo-Catechumenal community of the Parish of the Transfiguration, North Woden, went on pilgrimage to Rome and Loreto. The adventure marked the second-last stage of an itinerary of Catholic faith formation lived by the parishioners for more than two decades.

The community visited the shrine of the House of the Holy Family of Nazareth - the base from which many church charisms have found a new impetus to carry forward the evangelisation of the world.

One participant said that "singing the Rosary there one felt so much more intensely the moth-



erhood of Mary and how much she reveals to me the Church as a mother, tender, loving, patient, transmitting eternal life, pointing to her son."

The group included three priests and a seminarian all originally from North Woden parish. They were hosted by parishioners from leading parishes of Rome where the Neo-Catechumenal Way was begun in the 1960s. These types of parishes are often the source of

"mission families" sent by the Pope and working in different parishes, along with their many children. A member from Canberra, Carmel, is now on mission herself with husband Duncan in Cyprus.

A highlight for Stephanie and Michael Claessens was the visit to the catacomb of St Sebastian with their youngest son, two-year-old Sebastian, who born premature at 24 weeks and weighing

only 670 grams. The Roman martyr, who was head of the imperial guard, was executed by Diocletian and is a patron saint of soldiers. Little Sebastian, born on Anzac Day, survived enormous odds like his namesake and is testimony to the power of faith and prayer offered by many people across the Archdiocese.

ABOVE: The Neo-Catechumenal Way group on pilgrimage.

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College in the bush flourishes

The Archdiocese's college carved out of coastal bushland marked another milestone with the blessing and opening of a \$920,000 addition to its facilities.

Archbishop Francis Carroll made perhaps his last official visit to the school named in his honour, Carroll College, at Broulee for the occasion.

The local community added \$500,000 to the Federal Government contribution to build a commercial kitchen, restaurant and gallery, two additional rooms and a computer laboratory, as well as refurbishing a classroom in the technical and applied science area.

The college master plan makes allowance for another stage of development, a multi-purpose hall/ gymnasium, which will need to be funded totally by local people.

In blessing the extensions, Archbishop Carroll referred to the awe-inspiring environment in which the college is located.

He told students the school was a place for everyone, where everyone was valued and able to carry out their part in the life of the school. There needed to be a sense of unity and recognition that no-one should feel out of place.

Catholic Education director Mr

Geoff Joy recalled that 13 years ago then Batemans Bay parish priest Fr Henry Byrne had bubbled with enthusiasm about his vision of building a Catholic secondary school in the bushland. At that time, there was no Catholic secondary school in the 600km of coast between Nowra in NSW and Bairnsdale in Victoria.

Federal Member for Eden-Monaro Mr Gary Nairn said although it was 38 years since he had attended school, the emphasis on offering quality, opportunity and choice had not changed. This was clearly evident at Carroll College.



ABOVE: Mr Gary Nairn unveils a plaque with the help of college captains Alanna Harmey and Joshua Marsh.

BELOW: Archbishop Carroll blesses the new kitchen watched by Lois White, Bianca Fattore, Rylie Spellacy, Kiel Rosevear, Deacon Paul Rummery and Circe Adams.



TOP: College captains Alanna Harmey and Joshua Marsh welcome the gathering.

ABOVE: Mr Gary Nairn congratulates college principal Mrs Ann Lovell.

RIGHT: Bella Duke delights the crowd with her singing.



LEFT: Senior leaders Ryan Puth, Lisa Watson, Katrina Prior, Dylan Cosgrave, Daniel Palise, Kyle Foy and Jenna Gough hold crucifixes which were blessed and placed in each of the new rooms.

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