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'People's Mass' to install our new Archbishop

This month's installation of Mark Coleridge as the sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn will be very much a celebration for the people of the Archdiocese.

More than 600 people are expected to pack St Christopher's Cathedral for the installation at 11am on Thursday, 17 August.

Two representatives will be invited from each parish, high school, the indigenous community, ethnic communities, groups, movements, agencies and organisations in the Archdiocese to emphasise the importance of the occasion to the people of the Archdiocese.

A large number of Australia's bishops, as well Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Ambrose de Paoli, more than 100 priests from the Archdiocese and beyond, and many religious will attend.

Archbishop-elect Coleridge, who is an auxiliary bishop in Melbourne, will have a number of family members and friends attending.

Diplomats and politicians will also be in the congregation.

Consideration was given to holding the installation in a larger venue, but the Cathedral was chosen because of its significance to the ministry of the Archbishop and the life of the Archdiocese.

Attendance is by entry card, but there may be a very limited number of unallocated seats. These seats will be available for general admission on the day.

Limited extra car parking will be available at Manuka Oval.

Farewell Fr Francis



and thanks for everything

They came from all parts of the Archdiocese, all backgrounds, ages and cultures. All with one thing in common. To thank the man who has served them as their faithful shepherd for the past 23 years.

Farewells last month were held across the Archdiocese in West

Wyalong, Cootamundra, Goulburn, Cooma, Cobargo and Canberra to mark the end of an era with the retirement of Archbishop Francis Carroll.

At all the gatherings, parishioners spoke with warmth of their experiences with Archbishop Carroll. In reply, he paid tribute to the clergy and religious of the

Archdiocese and told of how he was spiritually uplifted by his contact with lay people on his many parish visits.

ABOVE: Archbishop Carroll is flanked by Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power and Deacon John Lim as he enters St Christopher's Cathedral to celebrate Mass as part of his Canberra farewell.

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Snapshots of our good shepherd



My privilege to be your pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

When the appointment of Bishop Mark was announced and I was appointed as Apostolic Administrator, I expected the final months in the Archdiocese would mean a simple coasting to the finishing line. Instead it has been a turbulent few months for our local Church and for me in particular.

Two of our great Archdiocesan priests, Mgr John Hoare and Fr Joe Rheinberger have died, one expectedly, the other dramatically, unexpectedly.

Their funeral Masses were great celebrations of Christian faith in Christ's victory of life over death.

The crowded Cathedral on both occasions, paid tribute to

each one's unique contribution in life and faithful ministry to the life of the Church and bespoke a deep sense of loss of two of our outstanding priests.

Just a week later, my sister Rose was buried from St Michael's Cathedral in Wagga.

Again, a Cathedral packed with family and close friends, expressed deep sadness but paid tribute to a beautiful woman of faith who, all her life, shared life-giving love with family and all she met.

I am deeply grateful for all the supportive prayer and messages of condolence



that I have personally received over these difficult times.

I know that like myself, the bereaved families and our sorrowing church family have been comforted and felt carried along on a tide of prayer and loving concern.

I have also been moved by the multiple farewells in the various deaneries of the Archdiocese.

Moved most of all by the sheer goodness of so many people who have generously affirmed my ministry among you over the past 23 years.

It has been my privilege to have been your Chief Pastor

during that length of time. I ask pardon for my mistakes and for any hurts or disappointments I have caused.

I thank all of the clergy, religious and lay faithful for your generous support, willing collaboration and personal affection.

I will carry many wonderful memories into my retirement in Wagga and will always keep the people of this Archdiocese in my heart and prayer.

Preparations are busily going ahead for the installation of your new Archbishop.

Bishop Mark has been absent overseas but has been in constant contact, especially with his beautiful messages on the death of Fathers John and Joe.

I know that you will warmly welcome him and generously

support him in prayer and cooperation as he comes to new pastures and new responsibilities.

I pray and am confident that he will be a true pastor and that the Archdiocese will know a new springtime of growth in the unity of faith and the mutuality of love.

Over the years one of my better decisions was to set up Catholic Voice.

I have enjoyed writing to you month by month and am grateful for this final opportunity to do so.

With prayerful best wishes and deep affection.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Francis P Carroll
Apostolic Administrator

Lived up to our expectations

By Marie Duffy, Congregation Leader of Sisters of Mercy, Goulburn, representing the religious of the Archdiocese.

"God is love" - the first three words of Pope Benedict's first encyclical, an encyclical which has become significant in the teaching and preaching of Archbishop Carroll this year - are the words which resonate strongly as I reflect on the contribution Archbishop Carroll has made to the lives of religious women and men in the Archdiocese since 1983.

I recall the sense of joy and hope expressed by the religious community at the time of his appointment. Fr Francis was well known and respected by many religious who had experienced pastoral leadership from the "boy from Ganmain" in the Wagga Diocese. He has lived up to our expectations!

Fr Francis has encouraged the religious community to a deep sense of communion with each other. Within the first year of his appointment to the Archdiocese, a Day for Religious was organised - this was to become an annual event. The aim of the day was two-fold - to provide us with spiritual input as well as the opportunity to get to know each other.

At these gatherings, Fr Francis demonstrated true pastoral love - all embracing and rejecting no-one, but challenging us to live out the radical message of the Gospel.

He has always shown a keen interest in the ministries undertaken by religious congregations. In the midst of his busy schedules he attended significant occasions relating to those ministries.

Over the past three years, in my role in leadership, I have appreciated the counsel given to me by Fr Francis on numerous occasions. On those occasions, he has demonstrated respect, integrity and compassion - even if the answers I was looking for weren't always the ones I received!

He leaves the religious community more loving because of his presence with us. Thank you, Fr Francis, for this contribution you have made to our lives.

A godly Christian friend

By Anglican Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn George Browning

We are all formed by the company we keep: the Catholic community indeed the whole Canberra community has been profoundly blessed to have enjoyed the company of Fr Francis for the past 23 years.

Every now and again God surprises us with a leader who does not conform to structural expectations, one who is not seduced by the power of the office, one who remains rooted in his origins, one who has been able to celebrate the contribution of those beyond his own constituency. Such a man we have



been blessed to find in Fr Francis Carroll

Always the priest, always a loyal Catholic, but transparently a godly Christian man.

I have been particularly blessed to have shared my episcopate with him in ecumenical leadership within this city and beyond. Whenever possible we have endeavoured to speak with one voice. At times Fr Francis has drafted a press release, at other times I have. Under the Governor Generalship of Sir William Deane we were privileged to work together in the preparation and gathering of the people following major disasters such as Thredbo.

I have especially noted Fr Francis' commitment to ecumenism in his own Church. I believe he has personally called half the diocesan synods held anywhere in Australia following Vatican 2.

His concern for all an inspiration

By Executive Director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture and former President of the National Council of Churches in Australia the Rev Prof James Haire

I have had the privilege of working closely with Archbishop Francis Carroll for the last six years, particularly in the National Heads of Churches Group, the National Council of Churches in Australia, and on the board of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, although I have known of him for many years.

Archbishop Carroll, or Fr Francis as we affectionately have known him, has been an outstanding ecumenist over many years. His concern for the whole Christian community, both Catholic and non-Catholic, has been an inspiration to many, especially those with responsibility for church leadership in Australia.

His openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in how as Christians we ought to behave towards one another has been of immense importance to the development of ecumenism in this country.

In relation to this, he was one of the mainstays in the foundation and growth of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Indeed, with-



out his involvement, it would have been difficult for this Centre, where I am privileged to serve as director at the present time, to have been truly ecumenical. A sign of that was his enthusiastic support of moving the annual Stations of the Cross liturgy onto the Centre's site three years ago.

He is a person of great wisdom. I learned early on that it was important to listen to the quiet and careful way in which he outlined God's will for us in particular situations.

I always benefited from paying careful attention to what he had to say, for it came from the heart of faith and not at any point from personal interest.

He is a person of great humility. I know the delight that he has in serving with a small group of disadvantaged people in Dublin, with which he has been associated for many years. In that, he follows in the long tradition of the Irish Celtic missionaries, who were crucial in the evangelisation of Europe.

From that humility and devotion, I, like many others, have learned a great deal. In particular, we have learned that discipleship in Christ is not a human attainment, but a gift from God. Fr Francis has shared that gift with us. Hopefully we will share it with the world.

He strove to do what was best

By chairperson of the Archdiocesan Council of Priests Fr Bernie Patterson

In Acts 11:23, Barnabas is described as a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. The short description of Barnabas helps us understand the quality of the man who would make a major contribution in spreading the Good News. My understanding of Archbishop Carroll is first and foremost that he is a holy man, a man who has experienced the love of God and yearns to respond by freely giving of himself in service. There is no ego or false trappings belonging to his position as Archbishop. He is a man of prayer.

Fr Frank was open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. He did not make decisions from a status quo perspective. When he could envisage the Holy Spirit's involvement, he was open to new initiatives and he allowed things to happen.

The way he approached his role as Archbishop was an inspiration to me. In my opinion Fr Frank would have preferred to serve the Lord as a parish priest, working with people at the day-to-day situations. He was outside his comfort zone as Bishop and Archbishop, but he set about being a leader by leading. He faced many difficulties in the rapidly changing face of the Church with courage and direction. He strove to do what was best for the Archdiocese. He did what he knew he had to do with distinction.

Jesus came to serve and not to be served, to reveal the love of the Father for all and He remained faithful to his task - as disciple, Fr Frank has aspired to do the same. It was a privilege to have been associated with him.

Gentleman, priest and scholar

**Fr Joe Rheinberger
1936-2006**

Joseph John Rheinberger is not an easy person to define. In many ways, he was a man of great simplicity, but at the same time he was quite a complex character. He took life and its challenges seriously but at the same time he enjoyed the company of friends and had an intense interest in their welfare.

Born and bred in Bega, he often returned to his roots even though he had the sadness of losing all his immediate family prior to his own untimely death. Both his parents and his sister died not long before his ordination to the priesthood in 1960 and his brothers, Gerald and Michael died in 1970 and 1994. Gerald left a young wife and children and Michael died tragically on Mt Everest after reaching the summit. In many ways, Joe carried the grief of those deaths to the very end.

His primary schooling at St Patrick's School, Bega, prepared him for life at St Patrick's College, Goulburn where he was dux of the College in 1953. He acknowledged both his primary and secondary education as being significant in his character development and his vocation to the priesthood.

His sharp mind and diligence enabled him to handle the seminary studies with comparative ease. His time at St Columba's College, Springwood and St Patrick's College, Manly were years of spiritual development, intellectual challenge and warm friendship with his fellow seminarians. His ordination to the priesthood in his home town of Bega on 20 July 1960 was one of the high points of his life.

Never one to shirk a challenge, immediately after completing his seminary studies, Fr Rheinberger began post-graduate doctoral studies at the newly instituted Faculty

of St Patrick's College, Manly. Under the guidance of Dr Clem Tierney, in late 1962 he successfully gained the doctorate 'magna cum laude' with his thesis on "The Baptismal Theology of St Ambrose". He is one of only 11 Doctors of Sacred Theology from the Manly Faculty.

In the early years of parish ministry, in his typically disciplined way, Joseph managed through part-time study to gain a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Australian National University. He enjoyed the stimulation of study in a secular university in a way that would have pleased his Archbishop at the time, Eris O'Brien, himself a distinguished academic.

Not surprisingly, his talents were recognised by Church authorities resulting in him serving in Banyo (Brisbane) Seminary from 1968 to 1970. At a farewell dinner in Canberra one of his fellow-priests offered his departing friend some advice to the effect that he should make sure he did not fail any of the students. Joe retorted that on principle he would demand that the students earned the marks they were given. However all that eventuated, Joe Rheinberger is much loved and admired by the Queensland clergy and his time at Banyo remained among his happiest memories. His annual holidays often took him to Queensland to catch up with old colleagues and students and he was in regular contact with them for the rest of his life.

His years as a professor at St Paul's National Seminary, Kensington saw him closer to home and responsible for the priestly formation of mature aged men, including a number from his home diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The challenges at St Paul's were different but Joe was always up to the task.



In 1973-74, he launched into further studies at Lancaster University, England where he converted his BA to a Master of Arts. During July and August of 1974, he and Fr Pat Power were coincidentally together on supply at St George's Cathedral in Southwark, London, where Joe was tidying up his thesis and Pat was on holiday from Canon Law studies in Rome. As well as enjoying each other's company and seeing a few shows at the West End, they filled in for the chaplain at St Thomas's Hospital and tended to the needs of gentlemen sleeping on the embankment of the Thames. It was at this time that Joe first came to the realisation that troubles with his eyes were going to be a major impediment to his further pursuit of any serious academic career. While his worst fears of losing his eyesight completely did not materialise, he was never able to read and study as he would have wished. Despite this huge disappointment, Joe accepted his lot stoically.

Returning to Australia, he undertook a number of parish appointments as Administrator before becoming Rector of St John's College within the University of Sydney from October 1976 to the end of 1979. Joe had many fond memories of this phase of his life where he was in an academic environment without the eye-strain that a teaching post would have involved. Needless to say there were other stresses and strains trying to keep one step ahead of feisty students, but as in the case of his former seminary



students, Joe took pride and interest in the "Johnsmen" with many of them seeking out his friendship and counsel in later life.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn was very much Joseph Rheinberger's family. He served a term as Administrator of St Christopher's Cathedral, and was parish priest of five parishes: Crookwell, West Queanbeyan, Page, Gowrie and South Woden.

At the time of his death he was serving a second term as Vicar of Education, having been Acting Director of Catholic Education for a time in 1994.

His teaching and people skills were much appreciated in the time, energy and expertise given at the Catholic Education Office, in the Commission and in local school communities. He also took an active interest in the Australian Catholic University.

In July 2003, he was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese, succeeding Mgr John Hoare. Previously, he had served on the Council of Priests, the Diocesan Consultors and was a valued advisor on moral, doctrinal and ethical issues. His interest in his brother priests was legendary and his contribution to the ministry to priests' program and the on-going formation of clergy was significant. He was the clergy representative on the Archdiocesan Commission for Women, formed after the 2004 Diocesan Synod.

In many ways, the Catholic Church was Joe Rheinberger's whole life. Yet he appreciated the ecumenical life of the Church and

his own participation in the academic world showed his breadth of character. He did not have a lot of time for small talk but was avidly interested in people and the details of their lives. He regularly called on his brother priests and deacons, was seen as a special friend of many of the Religious of the Archdiocese and gave a willing ear to anyone in need. He could be easily hurt himself and was always conscious of being sensitive towards others. He was generous in accepting difficult assignments and conscientious in carrying them out.

He never showed any great interest in spectator sports, although at various times of his life he rode a bike, paddled a canoe and enjoyed walking. Apparently, he was quite a good swimmer in his younger days. His great recreational love was poetry and this was enhanced by his ability to read German, French, Spanish and Italian. Never one to boast about his knowledge, he enjoyed nothing more than sharing his passion for poetry with a like-minded soul. His facility in German helped him on a famous trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway when he became ill and landed in a Russian hospital.

He died in his sleep at Barellan presbytery, presumably in the early hours of Sunday morning, 2 July. He had installed Fr Ben Macajes as Parish Priest at the vigil Mass and was preparing to do likewise at Ardlethan on Sunday morning.

What might have been a tough Germanic character was more than tempered by his deeply Christian faith and love. He was at heart a gentle man. His priesthood was dear to his life and he never wavered from his commitment, even in some very difficult times for himself personally and for the Church as a whole.

His breadth of learning, whether in the classics, philosophy or theology was worn lightly without any sense of superiority. Joseph Rheinberger will be remembered with affection as a true gentleman, a faithful priest and an eminent scholar.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, niece and nephew, Marie, Carmel and Gerard Rheinberger and his dear friend, Sister Margaret Watson RSM. - **by Bishop Patrick Power.**

Surely not a Shark?

Canberra Raiders rugby league team has a Catholic priest, Fr John Woods, as chaplain. In a clear case of upmanship, the Cronulla Sharks presented the Pope's ambassador in Canberra, Archbishop Ambrose de Paoli, with a book on the club and a club jumper when he visited Sharks territory last month. But, as The Catholic Weekly, which provided the picture (above right) of Archbishop de Paoli and rugby league legend of the '50s and '60s Johnny Raper, observed, surely the nuncio is a Saints supporter. It seems time for Fr John to invite a



certain distinguished guest to Canberra Stadium one Sunday afternoon before he's lost forever to the Raiders. And then there's the small matter of a new archbishop who's an AFL supporter. A chaplain's work is never done ...

FAREWELL JOAN:

Joan Kearns (pictured right with her final class at Sacred Heart Primary, Peace) began at the school back in 1970 and worked on

a voluntary basis for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions. She became a full member of staff in the early 1980s. Joan recently became a grandmother again to twin girls in Sydney and has retired to spend more time with her family. Her dedication and passion for the education and the well-being of her students will be long remembered.



PANTOS TO PLEASE ALL: Fifteen years ago a number of members of the Southern Cross Club banded together to

organise an amateur theatre group. The Southern Cross Players encouraged people of all ages to take part in acting, directing, stage management and other areas of theatre as the group provided low-cost theatre for the community, with the support of the Southern Cross Club. The first pantomime, "The Queen of Hearts" was the beginning of 14 consecutive years of pantos. While prices for these types of shows can stop families from attending, the club has ensured a budget-priced outing can be put on at Christmas-time each year. Schools get an even more reduced price, and the Southern Cross Players would love to

John Hoare, a man for all seasons

Mgr John Hoare 1920-2006

St Thomas More is the patron of Campbell Parish which Fr John Hoare played such a key role in establishing. The description of Thomas More as a "man for all seasons" also aptly applies to the late Mgr John Hoare. His ability to touch people of all ages and in so many different circumstances was a hallmark of his priestly life and ministry.

John Maurice Hoare was born in Moss Vale on 21 July, 1920. His father's employment on the railway saw the family move to Michelago where John's father became the station-master.

The seven-year-old future priest did not attend a Catholic school in his six years at Michelago but benefited by his time at the local bush school. John became a trusty altar boy accompanying his parish priest on his "Mass runs" to Bredbo, Jerangle and other outlying Mass centres. Even in those young days the idea of a vocation to the priesthood was beginning to emerge. At the same time he enjoyed hunting foxes and rabbits and many of the other delights of country life.

The family eventually moved to Cootamundra where John was taught by the De La Salle Brothers. Despite his earlier consideration of the priesthood, on leaving school he moved from Cootamundra to Temora where he worked in the menswear department of a local store while at the same time having an active social life.

But the Lord continued to call and on 1 March, 1941, he entered the seminary at St Columba's College, Springwood. Among his classmates were two future Cardinals, Edward Clancy and Idris Cassidy whose friendship became an integral part of John Hoare's life.

All three with another good friend, Fr Len Wholahan, were ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Gilroy in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on 23 July, 1949.

The newly-ordained Fr Hoare was posted to Goulburn for a short period at the beginning of 1950. He was to spend the rest of his priestly life in Canberra, which was at that stage just one parish, still mourning the loss of its founding parish priest, Mgr Patrick Haydon, who had died the previous year.

Little did John Hoare imagine that he would eventually follow in Mgr Haydon's footsteps to become Mgr John Hoare, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

One of the defining influences on Fr Hoare was the Royal Military College, Duntroon, where he was the Catholic chaplain from 1950 to 1976. Here he played an important role in the formation of Australia's future Army leaders, many of his former



cadets rising to the rank of general. He maintained continuing contact with his former protégés, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. It was at Duntroon, too, that he developed close bonds of friendship with other chaplains in a way which anticipated the ecumenical movement.

He sometimes boasted that at Duntroon they practised ecumenism before anyone could spell it! He took great pride in the construction of the Anzac Memorial Chapel of St Paul which opened at Duntroon in 1966.

As assistant priest in St Christopher's Parish, he endeared himself to the parishioners, welcoming newcomers to Canberra, doing his stint as hospital chaplain and having a warm rapport with school children. Here and later at Campbell and Page, he fascinated the young ones with his magician's skills and everyday kindness. His down-to-earth humanity meant that he easily related to people of all ages.

With the development of Canberra, he was appointed in 1961 as Administrator of St Thomas More's Parish in Campbell and in 1969, he became Parish Priest. During this time, he was a member of the Joint Commission for Church Development, the forerunner of the ACT Churches Council. By then he was well known and greatly respected among the other churches and in the wider community of Canberra.

In 1977, after 16 years as a much-loved and effective pastor of Campbell, Fr Hoare took up a new challenge to become Parish Priest of St Matthew's, Page. Like most of the fledgling parishes in Canberra at the time, St Matthew's celebrated Mass and



the sacraments in the school hall. The new parish priest had the vision to recognize that a church building was necessary, as the church community of God's people continued to grow. Fr Hoare took great pride in St Matthew's Church, opened in 1984 with its magnificent sculpture of St Matthew in the church lobby.

Throughout his priestly life, John Hoare filled many leadership roles: Military Provicar, Diocesan Consultor, Member of the Council of Priests, Dean of the Central (Canberra) Deanery, national chaplain of the Catholic Women's League and foundation Board Member of Calvary Hospital. In 1969 he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) and in 2000 received the Order of Australia Medal.

His leadership qualities and his outstanding priestly life led Archbishop Carroll in 1989 to invite him to become Vicar General and Chancellor of the Archdiocese. Accepting that invitation was a great sacrifice for a man who was so much "at home" in parish life. But with typical generosity, Fr Hoare said "yes" and moved to the Archbishop's House in 1990, going back to where he had begun as a young priest 40 years earlier.

Always admired by his brother priests, John Hoare now assumed a special duty of care for them as well as being a wise and trusted advisor to the Archbishop. His corporate memory and huge range of friends and contacts in Canberra informed his sound judgement. But he never became a mere bureaucrat. His personal holiness, his dedication to the priesthood and his love for

people, great and small, meant that he was always grounded in reality as a true pastor in the mould of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

In many ways, Fr John Hoare personified the best of the pre-Vatican II and post-Vatican II Church. He appreciated and lived out the fullness of the Catholic tradition but was secure enough in himself and his faith to be always open to change. He welcomed the ecumenical movement and the liturgical changes, especially involving the vernacular. He encouraged lay people to have a greater participation in the life of the Church, he saw the need for the Church to engage with the modern world and he consistently affirmed the dignity of the human person.

He retired in 2003 at the age of 83. It could be said that he grew old gracefully but in a way he never grew old because he always remained young at heart. He never lost the zeal or the enthusiasm of a newly-ordained priest. He treated everyone as an equal, always respecting their God-given dignity. He remained faithful to God and to the people in his life. He celebrated the baptisms and marriages of countless Canberrans, taking a personal interest in anyone who had been part of his priestly care. In his latter years, he spent more and more time at funerals, giving consolation to the bereaved families. He derived great joy in being invited to participate in family celebrations of every kind.

When he began to face the prospect of his own death in the early part of this year, he did so with typical bravery, serenity and trust in God's love.

He appreciated the expert medical attention he received and did everything possible to preserve his life. But he accepted God's will with peace and without question, giving thanks to God for a blessed life. He was grateful for the kindness and dedicated care he received at John James and Calvary hospitals and Clare Holland House as well as the love and support provided at the Archbishop's House.

During the last months of his illness, there was precious time spent with his sisters, Pat and Monica, and their families, giving all concerned the opportunity to express yet again the deep family love which had always united them.

Archbishop Carroll and his household, Bishop Power and John's brother priests along with a variety of friends and colleagues were able to walk with Fr John on the last stages of his earthly journey. Their prayers and his acknowledged a holy priest of God, a "man for all seasons".

He died peacefully at Clare Holland House on 11 July, the feast of St Benedict. - by Bishop Patrick Power.

see more schools make use of the performances for their annual excursions. This year, "Jack and the Silver Giant" will be performed at the Southern Cross Club, Phillip, at 11.30am on Saturdays, 25 November and 2 and 9 December, and at 11am and 1.30pm on Sundays, 26 November and 3 and 10 December. Tickets are \$10, and \$7 for school performances. For bookings, telephone 6283 7288.

LISTENING TO MARK: A group of women in St Thomas Aquinas parish, Charnwood, are delighted at the choice of archbishop for Canberra and Goulburn. They have been meeting each Friday morning over a cup of tea to discuss scripture under the leadership of parish associate Sr Colleen Howe RSJ.



In recent times, they have been discussing issues raised by Archbishop-elect Mark Coleridge in his series of talks called "Catholic Listening To God". The group (below, from left): Pauline Hally-Burton, Marea Trevaskis, Margaret Di Michiel, Sr Colleen Howe RSJ, Beata Del Piva, Kathy Pascoe, Lorraine Marlow and Anne Tussup.

FAR-SIGHTED GIFT: Children from St Joseph's Primary, Bombala, know all about "globular clusters" and a "hamburger galaxy", thanks to Dr Pat Purcell and wife Diane who has given the parish a telescope to help its astronomy group. "O Lord, your majesty is praised above the heavens....when I see the heavens, the work of your hands, the moon and the stars which you arranged, what are we, that you should keep us in mind, mortals that you care for us?" With



those words from Psalm 8, Bombala parish priest Fr Mick MacAndrew blessed the new scope at Sunday Mass. Pat first visited Bombala to give workshops and viewing nights with his telescope, before returning with two, one as a gift, the other on loan. The astronomy evenings held so far have attracted members of the wider community, another opportunity to bring them into the atmosphere of Church and faith, says Fr Mick.

PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS: International Catholic charity Aid to the

Church in Need is claiming a place in the Guinness Book of Records with its children's bible. "God Speaks to His Children" recently was published in its 150th language, Sindhi, spoken in the province of Sind in southern Pakistan. More than 43 million copies of the book, based on bible texts, have been printed and distributed to 138 countries. The book goes back to an initiative by the charity's founder Fr Werenfried. The first copies were distributed in 1979.

SIMPLE STORY OF SUCCESS: A book written by Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy, "Theology of the Body Made Simple", which promotes the legacy of Pope John Paul II and his radical "Theology of the Body", had its Sydney launch last month. Fr Percy will donate royalties from the book, which has gone into its second printing, to Catholic Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

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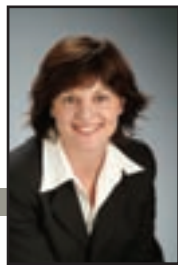
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Four members of the St Brigid's conference of St Vincent de Paul Society have retired after a combined total of 160 years service. The members of the conference in Central Canberra parish are Jim Madden who had 60 years service, Arthur Newton 50 years, Mary Ryan 25 years and Bill Olsen 25 years including five in Rockhampton. Mr Olsen served as treasurer for the past 20 years and Mary Ryan spent time as president and regional president. Parish pastoral council chairman Mr Bill Meani said they were an inspiration to all. It would be a challenge to replace them.



Mrs Ryan is congratulated by conference president Mr John Kennedy.

Prayer for vocations goes out to all

A special program of prayer for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the sanctity of priests begins on Sunday, August 6, in St Christopher's Cathedral.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a special monstrance blessed by Pope Benedict XVI will take place across the Archdiocese until 30 September.

Members of the Serra Club will take the monstrance between parishes and participate in each liturgy. Parishioners should consult their parish bulletins for times of prayer and adoration in their parish.

The schedule is: 6 August, St Christopher's Cathedral, 7 Narrabundah, 8 Yarralumla, 9 Calwell-Gowrie, 10 North Woden, 11

Holder-Waramanga, 12 O'Connor, 13 Campbell, 14 Evatt, 15 Kambah, 16 Watson, 17 Kaleen, 18 Charnwood, 19 Page, 20 Cooma, 21 Michelago, 22 Jindabyne, 23 Bombala, 24 Bega, 25 Pambula, 26 Narooma, 27 Batemans Bay, 29 Braidwood, 30 Moruya, 31 Central Canberra and Queanbeyan.

1 September Goulburn, 2 Taralga, 3 Goulburn, 4 Tumut, 5 Gundagai, 6 Murrumburrah, 8 Adelong, 9 Young, 10 Grenfell, 12 Lake Cargelligo, 13 West Wyalong, 14 Ardlethan, 15 Temora, 17 Cootamundra, 19 Crookwell, 20 Gunning, 21 Boorowa, 22 Kippax, 23 Yass, 24 South Woden, 25 Narrabundah, 26 Wanniasa, 27 Gungahlin, 28 Aranda, 29, 30 John XXIII College, ANU.

Women's office head named

Collaboration among women and men, clergy, religious and lay people will underpin the operations of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference newly named Office for the Participation of Women, according to new director Kimberley Davies. She has a background in Catholic education in Queensland. She will also be executive secretary to the Bishops Commission for Church Ministry. Canberra woman Sue Doepel has been appointed project officer for the commission.

DIRECTOR APPOINTED: Sydney Archdiocese's director of communications Mrs Marita Winters has been appointed director of the Catholic Enquiry Centre. She has a background in marketing and communications, and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Graduate Diploma of Theology in Marriage and Family from the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, Melbourne.

Retired priest dies

A retired priest of the Archdiocese, Fr John McGee, died suddenly late last month at Yoogali in the Wagga Wagga Diocese. Fr McGee, 72, was a priest for 47 years and served in both the Wagga Wagga Diocese and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Death of Archbishop's sister

Archbishop Francis Carroll's sister Rose Mary Suckling last month died peacefully at her home in Wagga Wagga. She was 77. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga, and she was buried in Wagga Wagga Lawn Cemetery.

Prayers for Mid East peace

Parishes have been urged to pray for peace in the Middle East. In a letter to all bishops, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Philip Wilson passed on the Pope's plea for special prayers for peace in the Holy Land and in the whole of the Middle East.

"Let us pray to Mary, Queen of Peace, to implore from God the fundamental gift of concord, bringing political leaders back to the path of reason, and opening new possibilities of dialogue and agreement," Pope Benedict XVI said.

New bishop for Adelaide

Jesuit headmaster of St Ignatius' College in Adelaide Fr Greg O'Kelly has been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Adelaide. Fr O'Kelly, 64, was born and raised in Adelaide and is a distinguished figure in Catholic education in Australia. He was awarded the Order of Australia for services to education in 1994.

Prayer for abused urged

Pope Benedict XVI will be asked to set aside a day of prayer each year for the needs of children who have been sexually abused. The day suggested is the Feast of St Maria Goretti on 6 July. Catholic Women's League Australia took their motion to the 2006 General Assembly of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations in the United States where it was warmly supported.

Jesuit to lead religious

The Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes at its annual assembly in Adelaide elected Jesuit leader Fr Mark Raper as their president for the next two years. ACLRI is the peak organisation of more than 150 leaders in Australia, representing 8000 members. Its purpose is to support religious life on mission in contemporary Australia.

Cancer fund-raising ball

The O'Connor family of Harden is planning its seventh annual fund-raising event in support of St Vincent's Hospital Cancer Research Unit. Over the past six years, the Justin O'Connor Foundation has raised more than \$600,000 with a substantial amount going to the local communities of Young and Harden to assist with the care of country based cancer patients. The Oxton Park Muster, a black tie ball, will be held in a grain shed on their wheat and sheep property Oxton Park on Saturday, 14 October. Inquiries: www.fundsforcancer.org.au for more information or to buy tickets on-line, or telephone Lyne Peebles at St Vincent's 9295 8376.

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background

on vocations of all kinds

National Vocations Awareness Week 6-13 August

August 6: the first Sunday of NVAW 2006:
Educating around the universal call to holiness: the fact that everybody has a vocation, and that there are myriad ways through which people live out their vocation, according to their gifts and personal resources. Particular emphasis is placed on the single and married vocations, and lay ministries on this Sunday.

August 13: the second Sunday of NVAW 2006:
Show-casing and celebrating the specific vocations: of consecrated (religious) life, and ordained ministry, with their distinct character and gifts for ministry within the Church.



Married people

Married people share a relationship that is self-giving, love-giving and life-giving with a spouse. They live their marriage vows by helping each other to grow to human and Christian community. They are faithful to each other and work at their relationship in good moments and bad moments. They live a life of faith and prayer so that their relationship with God may grow and develop. Together they seek to form a home. With each other they are the first teachers of their children in Christian faith and values. They may serve the parish community as lector, catechist, musician, liturgist, or minister of the Eucharist, and they may share their gifts and talents by contributing to a variety of parish ministries and projects. The husband may be a permanent deacon. They may serve the wider community in a variety of ways, depending on what their personal talents, resources and family responsibilities will allow. A Christian marriage is really a 'marriage of three': the two partners and their God.

Answers to your questions

"What can bring us happiness?" This cry of the Psalmist (in Psalm 4) is repeated by people of every place and time. What is happiness? It is the complete fulfilment of all my being and yearning. It means to be known and loved totally and for ever. There is partial and fleeting happiness to be found on earth, but each experience makes us thirst for more, for deeper, for lasting and complete love. No human love can fill us but teaches us we are made for God and nothing else gives us complete and lasting happiness.

The Psalmist answers his own question with a further cry to God: "Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. You have put into my heart a greater joy than they have from the abundance of corn and new wine..."

But how do we come close to God? How can we obtain His happiness in our lives? We actually began at our Baptism, which is truly death and resurrection, rebirth, transformation to a new life!

Do you know what happened to your "I" at your Baptism? Do you know how to read Holy Scripture to come to know God better and to find answers? Do you know the limitless love God has shown you? Would you like some hints on discerning a vocation to the priestly or religious life, or to understand the vocation to marriage better? Pope Benedict, has answered these questions in the booklet: "Holy Father, I want to ask you something!" For your free copy, send your name and address to: The Tyburn Nuns, 325 Garfield Road East, Riverstone NSW 2765.

Love in heart of the Church

The long line of Carmel extends back to Elijah the prophet, who was born about 900 BC in Northern Israel. Elijah lived on Mt Carmel and worshipped the one true God. He set an example of solitude and contemplative prayer, of zeal for the honour of Yahweh. We see in him the beginning of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a special characteristic of the Order of Carmel.

Hermits gathered on Mt Carmel, and in 1247 were given a Rule of Life. They gradually spread into Europe and other parts of the world. A Spanish Carmelite, Teresa Ahumada de Cepeda, afterwards known as St Teresa of Avila, was inspired to set up a Carmel in its austere primitive rule, and she did this in Avila, Spain, in 1562. She founded 17 monasteries throughout Spain, travelling the rough roads by

mule-cart. After her death in 1582, Carmels were founded in France, Belgium, Italy, and throughout the world.

The vocation to Carmel is above all a call to prayer, contemplation and union with God through the exercise of the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity.

The Carmelite's vocation, as St Therese of Lisieux summed it up, is to be love in the heart of the Church. Another Carmelite, close to our own times, was St Edith Stein, who was martyred in Auschwitz in 1941, and named co-patroness of Europe by Pope John Paul II.

An important aspect is concern for the many people who come burdened with diverse problems, and the nuns are available to speak with them and assure them of a remembrance in prayer.

Single people

Single people are men or women of all ages who have come to believe that being single is the way for them to faithfully live their baptismal call to holiness, and to attain 'fullness of life'.

They may live alone, with family, or in a Christian community with others who are also single.

They may use their chosen career to express their love through their ministries in fields such as social work, education, and health care.

Singles often devote their time and energy to the service of others, especially those most in need, and they are often key volunteers in community projects.

They may serve their parish community in any number of ways. Many single people have chosen to serve for a time as overseas missionaries or volunteers with aid projects.

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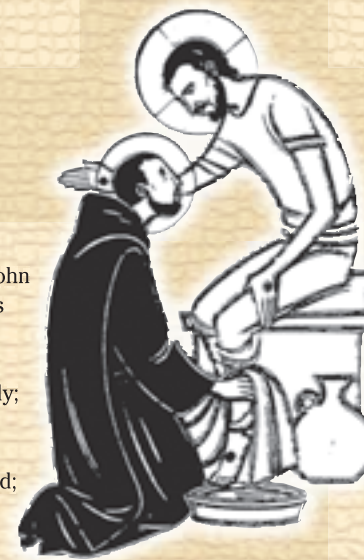


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What are you doing now?

I work at St Joseph's House of Studies, a ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph, which provides a home for 38 young country women studying at first year tertiary level. It's a wonderful place to work, meeting young women who are embarking on the next stage of their life. I am completing my Master of Arts (Theology) and gaining accreditation as a Spiritual Director. I have several directees and also accompany people within the L'Arche Community.

What made you realise your vocation?

Having a sense that I might not marry, I chose to embrace the single life in my 20s, and decided to attempt to live the gift of the single life through ministry. For most of my adult life living in a lay Christian community, St Joseph's House of Prayer was a positive and constructive way of doing this. I haven't always lived the gift of single life well - one of the difficulties is finding healthy role models when you are young. Weekends for single people at the Goulburn and Carcoar Houses of Prayer were helpful in meeting other people and being about to talk about the joys and challenges of being single. A friend once said that the single life was one of "permanent possibility".

What are the greatest challenges of your vocation?

Sometimes being on one's own can feel overwhelming - too many decisions to make about every aspect of

life. While I lived in a lay community I had a sense of belonging within the church/ diocese. Moving out of community and living on my own brought

a sense of dispossession. How/ where do single people discover their place of belonging? One challenge for me is in often feeling unseen/ invisible. Single people don't have a commissioning or celebration attached to their vocation as does marriage, parenthood, religious and ordained life. There are few opportunities for single people to publicly be affirmed and celebrated for who they are and the gift they bring to the Church.

What are the best times for you?

When I'm with friends - I have a wonderful group of friends who keep me sane and grounded. It's important to have both male and female friends and children in my life. I enjoy spending time with people, connecting at a faith

my life

In the seventh in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds, we speak to single woman Lyn Kelly



level. I enjoy learning and being challenged to grow.

What leisure interests?

Reading, spending time with friends and family, gardening, going to the movies, travel, cross-stitch, tapestry.

What would you say to someone considering your vocation?

Being single is the one state of life that we all live at some point. The single life is not often chosen as a vocation in the same way one might discern religious life for example. I think the single life is something we take hold of when we discover we are in fact single because one hasn't married or one becomes single. How we embrace the single life and its gifts and challenges will vary from person to person. One of its gifts is the gift of availability.

Your hopes for yourself, your parish, your Church in 2006?

I hope to complete my Masters at ACU this year, be available for spiritual direction and prayer days, to enjoy my work and discover what flowers and bulbs appear in the garden at my new home. As I have recently moved I hope to get to know people in my parish and to discover where I can contribute. I hope our church in this Diocese will continue to implement the Synod decisions and proclaim the gospel message of love to all people, to speak to those who feel disenfranchised and be a sign of hope.

Brothers

A brother is called to live in community at home or overseas as a missionary. He may be a contemplative or an active religious. As a member of a contemplative community he takes solemn vows and is sometimes called a 'monk'. He is called to live his vow of poverty simply and share his gifts, time and resources with others. He lives his vow of chastity by living celibacy as an expression of his love for Jesus and all people. He does not have exclusive nor physically intimate relationships. He lives his vow of obedience by being a man of prayer so that he can listen to God's voice. He also listens to God's word spoken through others. He may be involved in a variety of ministries including education, health care, youth ministry, social work, spirituality, media and pastoral care

Permanent deacons

A permanent deacon is a man who is an ordained minister of the Church. He assists the bishop of his diocese, to whom he promises obedience, and may assist priests in their parish ministry. He lives a life of faith and prayer, promising to pray the Prayer of the Church each day, so as to grow in his relationship with God. He proclaims and preaches the Good News and serves and cares for those who are poor, or wherever the needs of the Church or people are greatest. He ministers at baptisms and funerals, witness marriages, and assists at worship. His ministry may be full or part time. He may be married, or single and celibate. If married, he is assisted by his wife in his ministry. Most permanent deacons are married.

Responding to your call

By Archdiocesan Vocations Director Fr John Woods

"What is God calling me to do?" That question was recently put to young men considering whether they might enter the Good Shepherd Seminary, Homebush.

To be open to the movement of God's Spirit is the first and primary call of the baptised. The call is no less than to holiness of life. Now holiness is not some ethereal notion. On the contrary, holiness is about walking by faith while integrating all areas of one's life in the light of God's call. Heavy stuff and yet holiness is very down to earth. It is about a new way of being and doing.

The call to holiness or the response to the call first received in baptism and made throughout our lives is no less than a call to transformation. It is about having the heart and mind of Christ. It is about doing God's will for the sake of the kingdom rather than being led by the dictates of my self-centred ego. It is about realising that I am insufficient to the task of life. Further, and logically, because the call is beyond oneself; the call is made in and for the good of the community.

Sometimes, where we are being called is clear, at other times we simply hang in out of habit or past commitment, or we even dull the call through sin or "misdirected love". And yet, because "all things work to good for those who love God", our side-tracking can clarify where we need to go.

Indeed, we only truly begin to learn what holiness is when we fail to achieve it. We then know and, more to the point,

experience that we are not sufficient to ourselves. That stings, but it is so true. We cannot get it together of ourselves and this grates against our pride and supposed self-sufficiency. It is gift.

Genuine spirituality tills the soil of our lives for the flowering of the gift. Until we learn that, we have not really learnt anything of true value. We are not sufficient to the task of life, but in Christ there is one who is. This is why he is our saviour. In him, through him and with him is the only way. As St. Augustine said, "Our hearts are restless till they rest in God." To rest in God is to be at one with Christ, "the Way, the Truth and the Life".

I recently spent some time with Mgr John Hoare, who was dying of cancer at the time. He was graced with the time to assimilate that in the light of the faith which had guided his journey. "I will soon find out the truth about that which I have preached," he said. He also fondly spoke of the many expressions of support and cherished memories for those whose lives he had, often unknowingly, touched. "We don't realise how much good we do by simply being a priest."

To remember and to affirm the movement of God's Spirit is to also affirm that we called in and for the community. The primary task of a priest is to preach the gospel in the hope of a faith response which becomes fully realised in celebration of the Eucharist.

St Francis of Assisi was spot on when he said, "Preach always and if needs be

on occasion use words." Like every diocesan priest John Hoare knew the sublime joys and the frustration of a job description which de facto includes, but is more than, presider at worship, man of prayer and learning, plant and office manager, educator, counsellor and confidant, spiritual director, human resources co-ordinator and with the ability to relate to all manner of people about all manner of issues while retaining a quiet composure.

The fact that no one individual can be and do all of this surely gives a priest a head-start in putting his life in God's hands! An older priest once wisely told me that the hardest thing about being a priest is to be yourself. Priests are not perfect but most of them, most of the time, are "havin' a go".

In the homily at the funeral Mass for Pope John Paul II, the then Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, spoke of the late Holy Father's life as a series of calls to which he faithfully responded. Chances are that if you are reading this, you have a sense of being called by name. Where will that call take you? For some the call is to ordained priesthood.

Archbishop-elect Mark Coleridge has noted that some within the Church appear to have given up promoting vocations to the priesthood. "I am not one of them. I am convinced that God is calling some to priesthood," he said. I agree. Perhaps you do too. If you would like to reflect on these and related matters, please call me, Fr John Woods, Archdiocesan Vocations Director, telephone 6295 9555.

Where are you going?**If you'd like to discuss where God might be calling you**

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Contemplative in action

Kent Rosenthal SJ is a Jesuit student working with the Jesuit Refugee Service on the border between Haiti and the Dominican Republic. He shares part of his vocation story.

How did I come to be a Jesuit? I often feel embarrassed to tell people that the first contact I had with the Society of Jesus was by e-mail. It seems so impersonal and superficial. So I prefer to start my vocation story much earlier.

There were several times in my life when I thought about religious life, starting in early primary school in Toowoomba when I had a small altar in my room where I would pray with my mother each night before sleeping.

Mum and dad had a simple but strong faith that included a deep acceptance of people with other views and faiths.

Weekly and often daily Mass was important, and they were involved in many parish activities, but they didn't give an impression of being pious or overly-religious.

They simply worked hard to provide the best for our family of seven children and they showed this same generosity to the people around them.

It wasn't until the end of high school that I started thinking more seriously about religious life. It was around the time the film "The Mission" was in the cinemas and I was full of missionary zeal. I visited Papua New Guinea with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart to work at their work.

Being still very young, I spent a few years studying, working and travelling in Australia and overseas.

Still I felt a deeper yearning and that's when I started finding out about the Society, visiting Jesuit novitiate in Sydney and keeping in contact with the vocations promoter by correspondence while I was living in Cairns. The idea of a being a "contemplative in action" with an option for the poor inspired me.

It was impossible to know every detail about life as a Jesuit by visiting Sydney for a week at a time, but I felt an enthusiasm inside that I had something to offer and that I could meet the challenges of Jesuit life as they came.

The more I live, learn and travel as a Jesuit, the more the challenges around me of faith and justice seem insurmountable.

But when I look at the example of Jesus, I see that not everything can be accomplished by human effort. So I pray that I can keep growing in faith.



Kent Rosenthal ... growing in faith.

Brothers to all who suffer

One person's life as a Brother of St John of God ... by Br Nigel McGothigan.

"...my heart is in your hands crowned with love..."

{The words depicting the Irish Claddah symbol}

I believe God's invitation to a certain vocation and way of life is always prefaced by these words; for we are the "beloved" of God. Somehow it is a mixture of God's choice and my choice mediated through a lifetime of experiences.

In my short life, I have had the privilege of journeying, nursing and caring for people from all walks of life. Each event has seen me grow and question the existence of a loving God.

Each person has taught me to uphold the gifts I possess and the gifts of others in death and in life. Each person has taught me the value of faith, the value of my own spirituality, the value of love and the value of vulnerability. All in all, people have taught me through relationships the existence of a loving God, who weeps for us to come and know God

more fully.

In a world of self-centredness and injustice, where the poor become poorer and the rich become richer, the actions and words of John of God speak loud and clear to us, as they did in the 1500s in Granada, Spain.

He knew the value of relationships and was brother to all he met. He knew the power of living in constant conversion with God relying totally on providence. John of God accepted all people as equal.

For us as John's of God's brothers, his vision remains firmly our charism of hospitality; a committed compassion to the most needy. Our vocation is often hidden from the eyes of the world, a vocation of the Gospel; "...to be symbols of hope for our world, proclaiming God's hospitable love..." John's of God preference for the people on the fringes of society is where we are continually called to as his brothers. Brothers to all those who suffer and who need a friend.



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He may be a diocesan priest who promises celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom, and obedience to his bishop. Or, he may belong to a religious community and vow poverty, celibacy and obedience. He may choose to live in a contemplative community. Religious Order priests may serve in a variety of ministries, or they may choose the contemplative life.

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A sister may serve in a variety of ministries including education, health care, youth ministry, social work, spirituality, media and pastoral care. Such ministries may be in her own country or she may serve in another countries. She may choose to live in a contemplative religious community, which has a more intense focus on prayer. As a member of a contemplative community she takes solemn vows and is then called a 'nun'.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

 It's when you bid farewell to priests like Monsignor John Hoare and Fr Joe Rheinberger that you realise what an extraordinary contribution men such as these make not only to the Church but to the entire community. Both John and Joe were very public figures, and in many ways a priest is always public property. Yet much of a priest's life lies hidden beneath the surface. It lies hidden in countless human hearts that have been touched, through the priest, by the hand of Jesus. In that sense, the truth of a priest's life is known only to God. This is true of all the priests of the Archdiocese, but especially perhaps of the retired priests who have served so well for so long. They have given their mind and heart, their body and soul through a lifetime so that Christ may be in our midst.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation, and in particular the Father's Day Appeal, gives the family of the Archdiocese a chance to see the retired priests with the eye of God and to respond with a generosity that matches the mystery. The Catholic people have never failed in their love of their priests, and I am sure now that all in the Archdiocese will show that love in a special way for the retired priests who may have laid down the burden of responsibility but who remain a precious part of our life together in Christ.


Mark Coleridge
Archbishop-elect of Canberra and Goulburn



View of the presbytery at Boake Place, Garran, which is adjacent to Sts Peter & Paul Church and Primary School.

THE GARRAN PROJECT

The two-storey presbytery at Garran was built by Mgr Kelly in the late 1960s and is home to Fathers Fred Edwards and William Crahan. The building comfortably provides accommodation for 3 priests and there is provision for a housekeeper. Each suite is fitted out with a bedroom, ensuite and living room. A chapel is available to the Fathers and a dining room is shared for meals.

The location of the presbytery is eminently suitable for retired priests. It takes maximum advantage of the sun and is very much part of the North Woden parish community, School and Church of Sts Peter & Paul. The presbytery is close to the Hughes Shopping Centre, the Woden Plaza, the Canberra Southern Cross Club, several other social and commercial facilities as well as the Canberra Hospital.

Whilst the presbytery is very sound, it was never designed or fitted out as a residence for retired priests.

Secretary Mr Croker said a priority of the Clergy Retirement Foundation is to provide user friendly and sustainable accommodation for retired, but able, clergy. It now has the opportunity to renovate and extend the presbytery to provide more appropriate accommodation for the older members of our clergy having regard to their age, interests and lifestyles. The Committee believes the block is eminently located and configured to provide for the needs of retired clergy. We have recently entered into discussions with local government authorities and hope that a Development Application will proceed soon.

Construction costs will largely come from a benefactor's estate, however recurrent costs and day-to-day running expenses can only be met by the generosity of the Catholic and wider community. The success of the Father's Day Appeal, and other marketing activities of the Foundation, is integral to the success of the venture.



Fr Barney Lynch, retired priest of Cobargo parish.

Father's Day Appeal

Archdiocesan Target
\$40,000

A special collection on the first Sunday in September will be conducted in all parishes of the Archdiocese to raise funds for the Clergy Retirement Foundation in support of our retired priests – or Father as we often refer to them as. Throughout the community, the first Sunday in September is traditionally known as Father's Day – a time when families come together and celebrate Dad's special day! So using that theme, it has been decided to take the opportunity for our local church communities to recognize the tremendous role our retired priests have played in the archdiocese.




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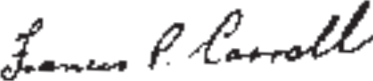
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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

 The Archdiocese, and that means the clergy and people of our local Church of Canberra and Goulburn, is being very generous to me in the provisions made for my retirement. I am humbled by this generosity and very grateful for the loving care that it represents. I hope that all our aged and sick clergy will know a similar affection and generous support in their retirement. The Clergy Retirement Foundation and its Father's Day Appeal provide the opportunity for Catholic people to contribute to that kind of support.

The Priesthood is a gift of God to his people and is essential to our Catholic life and mission. Many priests have shared that gift with their people over long decades of time. They deserve to be remembered with gratitude and supported as they lay aside the responsibility of the year in and year out pastoral care.

As one of the last requests that I make of you wonderful people of Canberra and Goulburn, may I ask that you guarantee that your pastors are able to retire and enjoy their twilight years in comfort and peace.


Francis P Carroll
Apostolic Administrator – Canberra and Goulburn

WHEN A PRIEST RETIRES, WHO CARES FOR HIM?

On 1 October 2005, the Archdiocese launched the Clergy Retirement Foundation which replaced the former Sick & Retired Priest's Fund which had operated since 1987. A committee consisting of clergy and lay people worked tirelessly leading up to the launch and 10 months later many of the aims and objectives of the Foundation are up and running smoothly.

The present committee consists of: Fr Tony Percy, Chairman, and Parish Priest of Goulburn, Fr William Kennedy Parish Priest of O'Connor, Fr Brian Maher Parish Priest of Aranda, Fr Tom Thornton Parish Priest of Bateman's Bay and Moruya, Mr. Kevin Hoorer retired Public Servant, Mr. Ron Bryan retired General Manager of the Property Investment Division of CFM, Mr. Dennis Morris retired Property Portfolio Manager, and Mr. Herbie O'Flynn, Archdiocesan Financial Administrator

The Foundation provides the infrastructure and the financial means to meet with dignity the care needs of all retired priests. Secretary Mr. Kevin Croker said 27 priests of the Archdio-

cese were being directly or indirectly supported by the Foundation. Many of these priests worked long into their 70s caring for the spiritual life and welfare of their people. Even in retirement, most priests, while their health allows, will continue to serve the community, in particular, by the celebration of weekend Masses in parishes, aged care facilities and hospitals.

The main objective of the Foundation is to provide welfare, maintenance and the necessities of life to retired priests. As the average age of our priests increases and the number of new seminarians dwindles, the demands placed upon the Foundation will increase. Mr. Croker said while there are 27 retired priests in the archdiocese, another six are eligible for retirement now and, by the year 2010 three more will have reached the retirement age of 75. This does not take into account early retirements because of ill health. Over one-third of our archdiocesan priests will be retired by 2010 and so a considerable amount of planning is going into meeting their needs.

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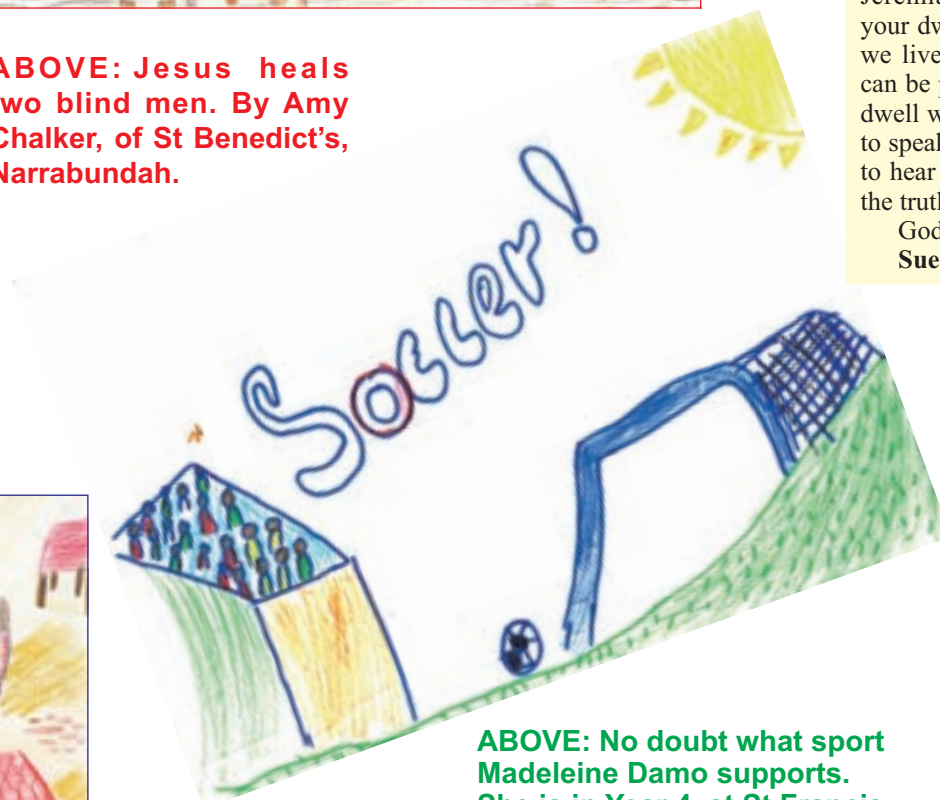
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ABOVE: Jesus heals two blind men. By Amy Chalker, of St Benedict's, Narrabundah.

Dear Children,
Mother Mary MacKillop, whose feast day is 8 August, is quoted as saying, "who am I to stand in God's way?" The great feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God is 15 August. These two women are models for us; they listened to the still voice of God within and followed. On 17 August our dear Archbishop Francis will step aside and our new Archbishop Mark will be installed into our Archdiocese. These two men also have listened to the voice of God directing their lives and are following humbly the paths by which they have been led. You and I can hear the voice of God speaking into our lives. God is love and to follow God is to love as he loved. The prophet Jeremiah 7:1-11 reminds us, "How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord, mighty God!" When we live in the love of God we find peace and can be peacemakers in our world. God wants to dwell with us and in us. So, children, remember to speak to Jesus often, and spend time listening to hear his voice in your life. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.
God bless you,
Sue.



ABOVE: No doubt what sport Madeleine Damo supports. She is in Year 4, at St Francis of Assisi, Calwell.

BELOW: Tayla Danvers, aged 7, of St Joseph's School, Eden, drew this colourful picture of Princess Mary of Denmark.



LEFT: That's Mary MacKillop, by Skye French, of St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah.



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Pitfalls, strengths on RCIA road

Real Stories of Christian Initiation, by D Yamane, S MacMillen, with K Culver. Collegeville. Liturgical Press, 2006. 140 pp. rrp \$30.95. The Parish Companion to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, T Wade, (ed). Melbourne. James Goold House Publication, 2005. 200pp, \$40 plus postage. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Sr Sheila O'Dea's recent visit to the Archdiocese focussed on one of the revolutionary changes of Vatican II: the restoration of the adult catechumenate, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), just over 30 years ago.

The heart of the process is conversion to God, a process of coming to know God personally and inti-

mately, primarily through listening to and reflecting on the scriptures, and various liturgical rites conducted at Sunday Eucharist. An adaptation of the process enables those already Christian to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Real Stories of Christian Initiation is a Case Study of five parishes in one typically Midwestern US Diocese. The writing team visited the parishes over the course of one year and critically evaluated every aspect of the process: team meetings; the proportion of time spent on liturgy and prayer, discussion, lecture (the latter is not recommended in the RCIA); its link with life situations; the balance between meeting group and individual needs; ritual celebration (and frustration); and the crucial role of the

pastor and his relationship with the RCIA team.

The five parishes ("average parishes") implement the RCIA to a greater and lesser extent. The conclusion draws together valuable pointers regarding potential pitfalls and strengths. There is a bibliography and useful index.

The writers are passionate proponents of the RCIA and present their understanding, interviews, results, observations and opinions forthrightly and clearly. As the subtitle suggests, there is much here to be learned for and from the RCIA.

The Parish Companion to the RCIA (revised edition) is a commentary on and companion to the RCIA Church documents. It provides a brief history of the RCIA and its relationship to Canon Law, pastoral comments and reflection questions for the Rites, and models for adapting the rites for particular circumstances and people. This revised edition contains an enlarged third section that explores the Church: the kind of Church that gives birth to the RCIA and the Church that is then challenged by the RCIA.

Sixteen high profile Australian east coast theologians and liturgists have contributed to this excellent book, which features simplicity of design, relevant photos, clarity of presentation and valuable suggestions for parish leaders.

Both books are highly recommended. They would be exceedingly helpful for priests, pastoral associates, RCIA teams and parishioners.

For those seeking to understand

A Spectator's Guide to World Religions: an introduction to the big five, by John Dickson. Blue Bottle Books 2005, 248pp, rrp.\$24.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

The cover features two hands holding binoculars to a hidden face. The book was nominated for Australian Christian Book of the Year 2005. The author is a writer, lecturer and singer/songwriter from Sydney named John Dickson.

And which are the "big five", referred to in the title? Dickson focuses on Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. He chooses these because numerically they are the largest and most international of the world religions.

First he exhorts us to assume nothing, to throw out the categories, and to allow the differences. In this Dickson differs from those other writers who seek to establish common ground. He believes that while religions are superficially similar they are substantially different. They have emerged from different people asking different questions in different times and cultures.

Dickson proceeds to give a succinct outline of the big five under useful headings. He covers the history and the major teachings and gives clear definitions of central and peripheral beliefs.

There are excellent summaries with web-sites and sources at the end of each chapter. There is also a glossary and a comprehensive index.

I really liked this book for many reasons. For example, I now have a basis for understanding the differences between Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims. This can only be helpful in viewing the unfolding events in the Middle-East.

The book is ideal for those teaching and studying comparative religions, for those seeking a basic understanding of the big five and for those whose family members are enriched by inter-faith marriages.

Dickson says of the religions, "We honour them by understanding their distinctive flavours and scrutinising their central claims."

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For the fantasy freak

The Sisters Grimm: The Fairy Tale Detectives (Book 1) by Michael Buckley, Scholastic Press, 284 pp, rrp\$19.95. Reviewer: Moira McAlister.

The title says it all. What a great idea for a story. It's amazing that someone hasn't come up with this idea before - ready-made characters with their own history, plots and relationships all interacting in expected and unexpected ways.

The story is well constructed and takes us on an exhausting romp. Sabrina and Daphne remind the reader a little of the Baudelaire children from A Series of Unfortunate Events, as do some of the action-packed scenes. The book is very visual and will keep the reader turning pages until the end. The humour enlivens the plot and the characterisation is good, if a little predictable. Great fun to read aloud or for the independent fantasy freak in your family.

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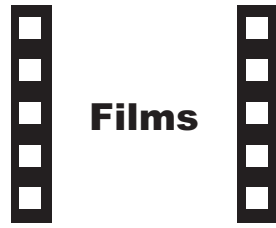
Beyond the Sea: Kevin Spacey is worth seeing and hearing. MA 15+
Sione's Wedding: Interesting snapshot of today's New Zealand. M
16 Blocks: Not bad police pursuit thriller. M.
Half Light: Ghost story with a nice twist. R.
Jindabyne: Well acted with a plot that challenges. M.
The Lake House: Smiles, tears, for the romantic. PG.
The Libertine: Award-winning Depp. MA15+
 All reviews at www.catholicvoice.com.au

Spacey brings teen idol back to life

This film is about singer-entertainer, Bobby Darin. The screenplay is cleverly contrived. It has Darin himself re-living his life with his boyhood self (William Ullrich) as a counter-conscience. However, there is a line, reprised right at the end, that memories are like moonbeams and we can do with them what we will.

Darin was born in 1936, a sickly child whose mother taught him to find strength in music and imbued him with the ambition to outclass Frank Sinatra. He died after heart surgery in 1973. He had become a teen idol, a popular crooner, a film star with an Oscar nomination, Grammy award winner, had married Sandra Dee and had a son. But his career spanned the changing 1960s and his style went out of fashion. He devoted himself to politics and finished by writing anti-war songs.

Spacey sings many of Darin's songs. He has studied Darin's voice, delivery, contact techniques with audiences and his orchestrations. It is a careful rendering of Darin's music. The screenplay, as it moves from memory to memory uses the songs to illustrate situations and themes. Spacey capi-

**Beyond the Sea.**

Starring Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth, Brenda Blethyn, Bob Hoskins and John Goodman. Directed by Kevin Spacey. MA 15+. 118 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

talises on the political themes of American involvement in Vietnam as a parallel to Iraq.

Spacey has assembled a topnotch supporting cast. Kate Bosworth gives a convincing interpretation of Sandra Dee. Brenda Blethyn shows oomph and verve as Darin's mother while Caroline Aaron brings a certain monstrosity as well as pathos to his sister, Nina. Bob Hoskins is at his best as his brother-in-law and John Goodman is John Goodman his manager. Greta Scacchi outdoes Bette Davis or Angela Lansbury as a domineering mother.

While Bobby Darin's music may seem too 1960s for modern tastes, *Beyond the Sea* will be nostalgic for many. And Kevin Spacey is worth seeing and hearing.

* Fr Peter Malone MSC directs the film desk of SIGNIS and is an associate of the Australian Catholic Film Office.

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Jindabyne. Starring Gabriel Byrne, Laura Linney, Max Cullen and Deborra Lee-Furness. Directed by Ray Lawrence. M. 120 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

What would you do?

Ray Lawrence directed one of the best Australian films in recent years, an intelligent drama that engages an adult audiences at several levels, *Lantana*. He has followed it up with an equally intelligent drama, *Jindabyne*. It has been skillfully adapted to an Australian setting from the US by Beatrix Christian.

Jindabyne is certainly a place, identified and beautifully photographed along with its mountain environment, its lake and the local rivers. But, it is also a state of mind, and the film develops this with increasing interest as well as challenge for the audience. It is one of those "what would you do in similar circumstances" stories.

It actually opens with a murder, all too plausible in this setting. We know who did it, so there is no murder mystery and working with clues. Rather, the plot takes us into several families in the town and sets up a strong set of characters.

The central family is the Kane family. Fishing is the key subject of talk - and will soon become the centre of a crisis as four friends go into the mountains for a weekend with rods and reels. Well acted, well written, the countryside a treat for the eye, and a plot and issues that challenge the mind.

Exploring the faith

Catholic Faith Exploration (CAFÉ), Series

CAFÉ resources are a series of Catholic adult faith exploration audiovisual kits produced in the UK. Each kit has a particular Catholic theme that is explored in a series of talks on the videos. The series are intended to be coordinated by a parish team and viewed by groups of parishioners over a period of weeks but they could be viewed by individuals. They include either videos or DVDs and group leader's guides.

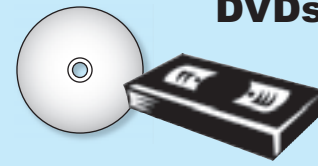
An Introduction to CAFÉ (Catholic Faith Exploration, 10 min, adults)

This video introduces the CAFÉ series of videos and booklets designed to assist parishes to assist parishioners to explore their faith in Jesus Christ within a small group setting.

CAFÉ Team Training (Two videos, 180 min, leader's guide, group training manual)

Videos and manuals intended to provide parish CAFÉ coordinators with information to assist with the operation of the CAFÉ

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session.

Catholics Listening to God (3 videos, 200 min.)

Newly appointed Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Mark Coleridge presents this series of seven talks which look at the importance of scripture, tradition and teaching in the Church. Archbishop Coleridge was a Biblical scholar in the Vatican when he presented the programs.

Knowing God Better (3 videos, 280 min.)

David Payne provides an introduction to the CAFÉ program in a series of seven talks. Topics include: God's love, forgiveness, help, word, spirit and hope.

Knowing God Even Better (2 DVDs, 200 min, music CD, leader's guide)

This new follow-on series to *Knowing God Better* was produced in 2004. David Payne also presents this series of

five talks. Topics include: *Knowing the Father's Love*, *Knowing Jesus as Lord*, *Knowing the Spirit as Friend*, *Knowing God's Presence* and *Knowing the Great Commission*.

Baptism: Helping your child get the most from life (2 DVDs, 50 min., parent and godparent booklets, leader's guide)

This kit is designed to act as a short course to inform and prepare parents who are bringing their children to be baptised.

Plugged in: Youth Café (3 DVDs, 1 music CD, 1 leader's guide, 1 poster, 6 post cards, 3 leaflets, Yr 7-12).

Youth Café is a series of six programs designed to inspire teenage Catholics. Each of the programs contains several elements including: a personal witness, questions and thoughts, scripture dramatisation, songs and challenge from Fr Stan Fortuna.

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MISSION TALK



July saw the passing of two supportive priests in Fr Joe Rheinberger and Mgr John Hoare, with some 90 years service between them. Both will be greatly missed.

Soon, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will assume the reins of our local Church and its mission, both locally and as part of the wider Church. We thank Archbishop Francis Carroll for his many years of support and encouragement and wish him a long and fulfilling retirement.

The long service of these and other clergy, religious and catechists, has enhanced our faith communities enabling us to serve others so effectively. These people have been blessed with great faith and formation. Such formation and good leadership, though essential, is a huge burden and constraint for missionary dioceses and their communities.

Catholic Mission, through our society of St Peter the Apostle, seeks to assist these communities meet the costs of formation for students to priesthood, religious life and as catechists. We are struggling to raise sufficient funds. To support this work, which underpins the presence of Christ in these communities, or to find out more, please send donations to the address below or contact us.

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An historic day for chivalry

An order of chivalry with medieval origins has held its historic first chapter in Canberra. The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem met at Yarralumla followed by Mass at the Anzac Chapel of St Paul at the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

The Lieutenant of Australia for NSW, Dr Glen Coorey KCHS and about 20 knights and dames of the order, were joined by knights of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta living in Canberra. Members

of both orders joined the Duntroon congregation for Sunday Mass celebrated by Fr Bernard Maxwell and Duntroon army chaplain Fr Michael Taylor.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is an order of chivalry established with the approval of the Roman Pontiffs, well before 1336AD. Since 1848, it has been under the protection of the Holy See. It is a votive order of chivalry, dedicated to spiritual and charitable assistance to the

educational, social and community works of the Latin Patriarchate in the Holy Land and the Holy Places, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem. The particular charitable work of the order's lieutenancies, now established in all Australian capitals except Hobart, is helping the Ramallah School in the Holy Land. RIGHT: Knight Grand Cross Judge Brian Donovan, Knight Richard Caesar-Thwaytes and Knight Prof Stephen Gatt at the Anzac Chapel Duntroon.



Young men are rising up

About 200 young men mainly from the Canberra and Sydney regions will head to Cooma in October for conference which has former Canberra Raiders rugby league star Paul Osborne as keynote speaker.

The Young Men of God movement conference with the theme "Young Men Rise Up", will be held on the weekend of 8-9 October.

The movement, which challenges young men to rise up and take their place in the Church today, began in Canberra in 2004 under the leadership of Missionaries of God's Love Moderator Fr Ken Barker with a team of Catholic young men.

It offers men aged 18 to 35 an opportunity to get together in



Enjoying a YMG gathering (from left) Nick Seselja, Adam Henry, Paul Flannery, Pat Burns, Corey Payton, Phil Seselja, Jeffery Nori. Front: Daniel Clementine.

a game of touch footy and a barbecue every fortnight. About 40 men, married and single, regularly join in after attending Mass at St

Benedict's, Narrabundah, every second Tuesday evening. On the other Tuesday evenings they meet in small groups in their homes for prayer, input and sharing.

At the conference, retired SAS Brigadier Jim Wallace will run a seminar on Christian leadership. Director of Choice Media Jonathan and Karen Doyle will run a seminar on relationships using the Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body as a basis. A team of young men headed by St Edmund's College teacher Nathan Galea will offer a program for those who have not had any recent involvement with the Church.

For more information go to www.ymgmovement.org or telephone Ben O'Heir 0410 403 763 or Fr Barker 6281 0132.

Inner healing priest to run retreats

Divine Word Missionary from India Fr Gilbert Carlo will offer retreats in Canberra from 26 August to 7 September. Fr Carlo teaches a way to pray, focusing on Jesus and the Scriptures, that incorporates deep breathing and relaxation and meditation techniques, as well as chants and simple prayer postures. He has ministered for the past 16 years on inner healing in the US, Europe, and for the past nine years in Australia.

Fr Carlo's first retreat will be held at St Vincent's Church, Aranda, from 26-31 August with morning

and evening sessions. He will preach at all Masses on the weekend.

From 2 September, he will be at St Thomas the Apostle, Kambah, preaching at all Masses on the weekend, and offering an evening retreat program.

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When the Emperor Constantine was buried inside a church in 337 AD it started a trend that resulted in many Christians being buried in churches.

By 752 AD many churches had become very overcrowded. To overcome this problem, the Pope allowed graveyards to be added to the churches. As the Protestant churches developed, they also created graveyards in the grounds of their churches.

However, by the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, the same problem of overcrowding was affecting church graveyards. By the nineteenth century, the case for cemeteries separate from churches became overwhelming. One of the first major cemeteries to be built in response to this need was the Pere Lachaise in Paris.

The modern cemetery was created.

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A super tip: you just can't afford not to save

By Zilla Lyons, Regional Manager, Catholic Superannuation and Retirement Fund

Our biggest challenge in superannuation today is to encourage young people to not just live for today, but to plan for their tomorrows as well.

Having a secure financial future will almost definitely involve saving a little more from the pay packet than the compulsory 9 per cent superannuation guarantee.

Take Dennis, a 57 year-old teacher with a very healthy superannuation account - almost three times the average balance of a male teacher of his age - primarily accumulated from contributions he had made to super over the years direct from his salary.

From his first teaching appointment as a 21-year old, Dennis contributed an extra 5 per cent of his salary to superannuation. Once in place, he virtually forgot about the arrangement as it made very little difference to his standard of living. Over time, Dennis noted his super account was growing at a healthy pace, so he saw no reason for it to change. He and his wife reared a happy family, without having to make any great sacrifices.

The success of Dennis' savings plan and those like him is the result of three key things:

Perseverance, starting early and compound interest (earning interest on interest, allowing your account balance to swell).

The earlier you start, the greater the acceleration of your savings.

Most people fail to start saving as they budget to spend first and perhaps save later. Sure, money doesn't always bring you happiness, but savings can give you security and future life choices.

How many times have we heard the old adage "pay yourself first"?

Today's popular financial planning industry is based on this edict and it is not rocket science.

A good financial plan will outline tax-effective ways for you to save first and spend from

what is left over. Superannuation is one of the most tax-effective savings vehicles for the everyday worker.

The media seems to encourage youth to live only for today. Advertising focuses on enjoying the moment and paying the price some time in the future.

Older, and perhaps now wiser, people will tell you that tomorrow comes a lot sooner than you think. Don't gamble with your future financial security; plan it instead.

As a mother of four daughters now approaching their mid-20s, I am made aware on a regular basis of the challenges in communicating this message. "It's such a long way off. What about the pressures of paying rent and the car loan, saving for a home, having a social life?", they say to me over their mobile phones while ordering take-away lattes!

Being a really fun mum, I send them budget sheets so they can see how much they are spending on the latest outfit they just had to have, those few drinks on a Friday night, or the catch-ups with friends at trendy cafes. The response is always the same. "Mum, I can't afford to save."

The answer I give is that they can't afford not to save and, like most people, that they are doing things in the wrong order.

I advise them to save first and spend out of what they have left over - their own financial plan.

My message to them and to everyone, no matter what age, is to start a savings plan now and to include a little extra superannuation. They won't be disappointed later!

Disclaimer: This superannuation article is for general information only. It does not take into account your personal objectives, financial situation or needs. As a result, you should consider its appropriateness to your own situation and obtain independent financial advice before making any decisions about your superannuation.

"Our life is a short time in expectation, a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment."

"There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life. It seems that there is no such a thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness. ...

"But this intimate experience in which every bit of life is touched by a bit of death can point us beyond the limits of our existence. It can do so by making us look forward in expectation to the day when our hearts will be filled with perfect joy, a joy that no one shall take away from us."

Henri Nouwen wrote that and the older we get the more we experience its truth. In this life, there's no such a thing as a "clear-cut pure" joy. But that doesn't make our lives less-worth living, it simply changes our perspective.

Karl Rahner said a similar thing: "In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we learn that here, in this life, all symphonies remain unfinished."

What this means is that we aren't restful creatures who occasionally get restless, fulfilled people who occasionally are dissatisfied, serene people who occasionally experience disquiet.

Rather we are restless people who occasionally find rest, dissatisfied people who occasionally find fulfilment, and disquieted people who occasionally find serenity. We don't naturally default into rest, satisfaction, and quiet, but into their opposite.

Why?

We too easily assume that we must be doing something wrong to trigger all this restlessness and disquiet. Sometimes that's the case, but our deepest emotional aches and pains have their real root in what's best in us rather than in what's worst in us. Ultimately, our profoundest dissatisfactions take their root in what's deepest inside us, the image and likeness of God.

As Christians, we believe that we bear the image and likeness of God inside of us and that this is our deepest reality. We are made in God's image. However we tend to picture this in a naive, romantic, and pious way.

We imagine that somewhere inside us there is a beautiful icon of God stamped into our souls. That may well be, but God, as scripture assures us, is more than an icon. God is fire - wild, infinite, ineffable, non-containable.

If that same fire is inside us, and it is, then there are divine appetites inside of us too, appetites that are not ever satiable in this life. There's a divine restlessness written right in our DNA.

And that divine fire is at the root of most of

Coping with the divine fire within

Ron Rolheiser

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what is problematic in our lives: grandiosity, jealousy, rage, egotism, our incapacity to be satisfied, our constant longing for more, our restless ambitions, our pathological complexities, our greed, and our propensity for addiction.

It's difficult to live in this world and be satisfied, humble, chaste, and not jealous of others. It's difficult too to have to share this world with six billion others who are just as special as we are.

Something in our very make-up wants always to stand out, to be recognised as unique, to own the

world, and to be acknowledged as godly. No wonder there are so many jealousies and wars on this planet.

But this divine fire is also the root of all that's good in us.

When we have divine fire inside of us, it's also impossible to be satisfied with mediocrity, with sin, with lack of meaning, with only this world, with what's second best, and with anything

less than a full surrender in love to all that's good - others, the world, God.

When we're in the image of God it's impossible not to go through life and be relentlessly driven to search for love and to search for God.

Being in the image of God is our greatest blessing and our greatest struggle. Because of it, we search for meaning, give our lives for each other, create magnificent works of art, and bow in worship to God.

But because of it we also spend too many sleepless nights, are often furiously jealous of each other, and too often see others as rivals, give in to rage, and murder each other.

It's not a simple thing to carry infinity in a finite body and a finite world.

St. Augustine summarised it all in one line: "You have made us for yourself Lord and our hearts are restless until the rest in you."

Given the way we're made, it's hard to live in this world and settle for second-best - and, in that, lie the roots for both greatness and self-destruction.

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Living with the 'net



Paul Jenkins

Focus on getting the best photos

Over the past two months, I have examined the functions that a good quality digital camera needs to be able to take top pictures.

These functions have included: 1) The resolution or number of megapixels it has. 2) The zoom features. 3) LCD or Liquid Crystal Display screens on the camera allow you to see your pictures instantly. 4) Storage of your images allows you to save and store images so they can be printed out or downloaded onto your work or home computer. 5) A memory card reader drive for your PC; and 6) Batteries.

For more information on the parts of a digital camera and using a digital camera try Photo.net (www.photo.net/equipment/digital/basics/).

I have found several websites for getting the most out of your digital camera and taking excellent digital photographs.

Some of the information in these websites is also useful for taking photographs with an ordinary SLR non-digital camera.

1) The O'Reilly Mac DevCentre. Com (www.macdevcenter.com/pub/a/mac/2002/10/22/digi_photo_tips.html) is primarily for Apple Mac Computer users. In particular, the article Top Ten Digital Photography Tips by Derrick Story has some useful tips for taking better digital photographs. "Outdoor Portraits That Shine" gives hints on using flash functions more effectively for portrait shots. "Tolerable Tripod" suggests using a tripod to steady your camera more. You will also find many useful links for using Apple computers, software and products.

2) The Kodak Australia website (www.kodak.com/eknec/PageQuerier.jhtml?pq-path=38&pq-locale=en_AU&requestid=4557) contains a series of pages for digital and normal photographers.

Some of the topics listed for digital photographers include: Top 10 tips for great pictures; photographing people and animals; photographing holidays and events; tips for camera phone pictures; and interactive demos. ● **Cont Next Page.**

ALinks to the sites on these pages may be found on the Catholic Voice website: www.catholicvoice.com.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
Pallottines	www.pallottine.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
Sisters of Mercy	www.mercy.org.au
Sisters of St Joseph of Sacred Heart	www.sosj.org.au
Vincentians	www.vincentians.org.au

YOUTH

Antioch Youth, Calwell	http://act.antioch.org.au/calwell
Antioch Youth, Canberra	http://act.antioch.org.au/
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 Catholic Music Express

catholicmusicexpress.com
A one-hour Pennsylvania-based podcast show featuring contemporary Catholic music, interviews, news and moments of inspiration. Professionally-produced, it is available free online to listen or for use on radio stations. The debut show featured the likes of John Michael Talbot, Nancy Krebs and award-winning fiddler Natalie MacMaster.

Francesco Productions

francescoproductions.com
What would Eminem sound like if he became a Catholic monk? Meet Fr Stan Fortuna, a Franciscan friar-cum-rapper from New York's South Bronx with an extraordinary gift for reaching out to young people through his music.

Focus on the best

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The section on photographing babies in the "Photographing people and animals" page offers these suggestions: Take pictures frequently; capture feelings; get close; try different angles; include other people in pictures; use a simple background; and use natural light.

Each tip has a small amount of information to explain how to achieve the suggestion effectively to take a better photo.

3) The MalekTips website (<http://malektips.com/>) contains an excellent digital photography tips page (http://malektips.com/digital_cameras_help_and_tips.html). There are a variety of links to tips on digital aerial photography; digital fireworks photography; digital night photography; and digital sports photography.

The digital fireworks photography page contains 12 tips for taking photos of fireworks at night. Some examples of these tips are: Keep the shutter held down, focus to infinity and consider tilting your camera.

Each link on the digital cameras help and tips page contains at least 10 useful suggestions for improving your photograph.

The MalekTips webpage also contains many general computer and software tips for PC users. For more websites with good suggestions try the following search words in the Google search engine: digital photography tips, digital photos and digital camera tips.

While most of the websites concentrate on digital photography, the information contained in them can be used effectively for taking photos with an ordinary camera.

Classifieds

To Let - Coastal

BROULEE - Spectacular views near beach, 6 bedroom 3 bathroom house, newly renovated. Telephone 6257 1222. www.brouleebeachhouse.com

DALMENY - Comfortably furnished house in the gum trees. Sleeps 6-8. VCR/DVD, slow combustion fire, carport, large deck overlooking reserve for outdoor entertaining. Walk to beach. Weekends, school hols, short/long term. Telephone 6248 5236.

MALONEYS BEACH Batemans Bay - Modern two-storey home, absolute waterfront, uninterrupted views. Sleeps 10. Telephone 0408 697 108, or view www.montalbano.worldstays.com

MALUA BAY - Spectacular beach/ ocean views, new 2 br apartment sleeps 6. Two minutes walk to beach. Linen, private courtyard, bbq, fully self-contained, DVD, TV, m'wave, laundry, cot. Telephone 0425 226 120 or 4471 2676.

MERIMBULA - Fabulous Fishpen Merimbula NSW, 2-bedroom fully self-contained, ground-floor unit with off-street parking. Flat, easy 5-minute walk to shops, lake, beach, park and town. Quiet and peaceful. Excellent value. Telephone 6495 7635 or 0427 069 662.

MOLLYMOOK - Birchgrove Apartments. 200m to beach, water view, lovely quiet location opposite reserve. Fully self contained 2 BR, lock up garage and plenty of extra parking and easy walk to Golf Club and Ulladulla shops. Please phone Craig or Kathy 0428 318 156 or 6230 3034.

SURF BEACH - Clean, modern, spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bathrm, fully s/c t'house. Sleeps 6, TV, VCR, DVD, m'wave, dishwasher, washing mach, BBQ. Available year round, no groups or pets. Telephone Trish 6291 8342 ah.

TOMAKIN - Spacious 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom, holiday house for rental. Magnificent ocean views. Short walk to beach, club and shop. Fully equipped. Sleeps 8-10. Great for families. Telephone 6285 2817.

TUROSS HEAD - "Ella May Holiday Flats". Renovated 2br, walk to beach. Heaps parking, fully equipped. Avail all year \$350-\$600 per week, weekends available. Telephone 0414 597 619 or 6161 7793.

TUROSS HEAD - 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom house, close to beach, spectacular views, large verandah, sleeps 6. Telephone 0418 627 750.

To Let - Qld

NOOSA - Spacious 3 bdrm, 3 bath townhouse. Sleeps 6. River boat fish, 3 pools. Spa, BBQ, gym, sauna. Mod kitch, balconies, linen, u/c parking, cable TV, DVD, CD. Cafes. 3 min beach. Nat park, lge shopping complex. Owner, telephone 6258 5962 - Maree Rodgers, telephone 07 5447 3577.

NOOSA - Stylish 2bdrm fsc townhouse by river and cafes. R/c aircon, tennis court, BBQ, heated pools/spas, VCR/video library, stereo, linen, modern facilities. Book with owners and save. For brochure, telephone (07) 3289 7178.

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KENWOOD Chef mixer from \$100. Wanted faulty units, bowls, attachments etc. TV, microwave, electrical appliances/parts - low prices with warranty. FREE repair quote. Trade-in or free removal. Telephone John 6286 4454 any time.

ROOF tiles Boral Centurion autumn tan. Wardrobe doors, painted 2040x620 good quality. Classy light fittings. Intercom-radio front door to 6 rooms. House lot in very good condition. Bargain prices. Telephone John 6286 4454 any time.

Prayers

Thanks to St Jude Novena

St. Jude, glorious apostle, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the person (who betrayed our Lord) has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the true Church invokes you universally as the Patron of things despaired of. Pray for me, who is so miserable; pray for me, that I may finally receive the consolations and the succour of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (add your personal request here) and that I may bless God with the Elect Throughout Eternity.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be Adored, Glorified, Loved & Preserved throughout the world, now & forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, please pray for me. Saint Jude, Worker of Miracles, please pray for me. Saint Jude, Helper of the Hopeless, please pray for me. Amen.

O most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, people honour and invoke you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things almost despaired of. Pray for me, for I am so helpless and alone. Please help to bring me visible and speedy assistance. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (state your request) and that I may praise God with you always.

I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you by publishing this request. Amen.

Holy Saint Jude, Apostle and Martyr, Great in virtue and rich in miracles, Near kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all Who invoke your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depths of my heart And humbly beg to whom God has given such great power To come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, In return I promise to make your name known And cause you to be invoked. Saint Jude pray for me and all those who invoke your aid. Amen.

Pray this prayer for nine consecutive days with three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and three Glory Bes.

Public Notice

ANY schools requiring cherries late November, early December for fund-raising. Contact Ron telephone 0418 627 904.

HOUSE-SITTER, mature age, Christian lady available September onwards. Will care domestic animals. Conditions to be discussed. E-mail everuss33@hotmail.com

WANTED to buy or for free religious statues to add to my collection. Suitable for outdoors. Telephone Canberra 6286 4603.

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Coming Events



ALBINISM FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIA - First national conference, 25-27 August, Y Hotel, Sydney. Speakers relevant to living with albinism from ophthalmologists, researchers, personal stories, discussion groups. See www.albinismnsw@optusnet.com.au

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish, Goulburn, each Wednesday, 7.30pm- 9pm, beginning 25 October. Inquiries: Telephone 4821 4754 after 5pm.

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

CENTERING PRAYER DAY - 9.30am-3.30pm, Saturday, 12 August, Assisi meeting room, Corpus Christi Parish, Calwell. Presenters Sr Lorraine Cupitt and Rob Moore. Information: Rob Moore, telephone 6292 1167, e-mail rob@kyrie.com

COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 9 and 23 August. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CURSILLO ULTREYAS - Southside, Gowrie parish centre, 8pm, Tuesday, 22 August. Northside, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 24 August.

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

CURSILLO - Canberra women, 21-24 September, St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong. Inquiries: Donna Bush, telephone 6231 1821 (h), e-mail donna.bush@act.gov.au

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND - 8-10 September, getaway for married couples at Sundown Motel Resort, ACT. Bookings: Telephone 9345 5402. Information www.wmme.org.au

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

MEISTER ECKHART - A Day of Reflection on the Teachings of the 14th Century Dominican Mystic, by Fr Tom Cassidy, Dominican Provincial and patron of the Eckhart Society. Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Watson, 9am-5pm,

Saturday, 9 September, including Mass. Cost \$5. Inquiries: Telephone 6247 7036 (ah); 6249 7026 (ah).

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 - Singles social group for Catholics and Christian-minded people, aged 24-40. Meet people for social activities, including dinners, movies, social sports, coffees and Mass every two months. Inquiries: Telephone 0401 918 717, www.catholicsocialgroup.com, e-mail raphsgroup@yahoo.com.au

RETREAT - Theme "God is Love", directed by Fr Peter Ryan CSSR, 15-17 September, St Clement's Monastery, Galong. All welcome. Legion of Mary initiative. Bookings: Jacqueline Donohue, telephone 6251 3950, or Sr Frances McAleer. Telephone 6386 7214.

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

ST MARY'S COLLEGE LEETON REUNION - To express an interest in 2007 reunion, contact Marg McDonald (Stout), telephone 6975 2677, or Ruth Legge (Fitzpatrick) telephone 6964 1563, by 24 September.

SERRA CLUB - Mass, 6.30pm, Thursday, 10 August, Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, followed by dinner in private dining room, Southern Cross Club, Phillip.

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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