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An era ends as we welcome...



Our Bishop Mark

The 23-year ministry of Francis Patrick Carroll as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn comes to an end as he hands his crozier, the symbol of his pastoral

leadership, to Mark Benedict Coleridge. More than 700 lay people, clergy and religious packed St Christopher's Cathedral for an impressive two-hour

ceremony. Read Archbishop Coleridge's homily, Pages 6 and 19 and on the web at www.cg.catholic.org.au



'I resolve to serve faithfully'

"I accept the pastoral care of the people of God in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. I resolve to serve faithfully the Church in this Archdiocese."

With these words the sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn Mark Benedict Coleridge, 58 this month, accepted office in front of more than 700 lay people, clergy and religious in St Christopher's Cathedral.

His acceptance was greeted with prolonged applause as was his own tribute later in his homily to the man he has succeeded, Francis Carroll, who held the position for 23 years.

Cardinals Idris Cassidy, Edward Clancy and George Pell, Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Ambrose de Paoli, more than 150 other bishops and priests from the Archdiocese and around Australia, religious, diplomats, politicians, other Christian churchmen, members of the Islamic community, and representatives of Catholic parishes, schools, groups

and movements greeted the new archbishop. Archbishop Coleridge's mother Marjorie and members of his family, as well as friends from Melbourne, were in the congregation.

At the beginning of an impressive ceremony that lasted more than two hours, Archbishop Coleridge, escorted by Bishop Pat Power, was applauded by the crowd that had spilled outside as he climbed the steps of St Christopher's to be met by Archbishop Carroll and Fr Bernie Patterson, representing the clergy of the Archdiocese, amid a fanfare of trumpets.

After the two archbishops prayed silently together for a few minutes at the Cathedral's side chapel, Archbishop Coleridge vested for Mass.

Before the installation, Agnes Shea welcomed the gathering to Ngunnawal land, paying tribute to Archbishop Francis Carroll as a friend of indigenous people and greeting the man who followed him.

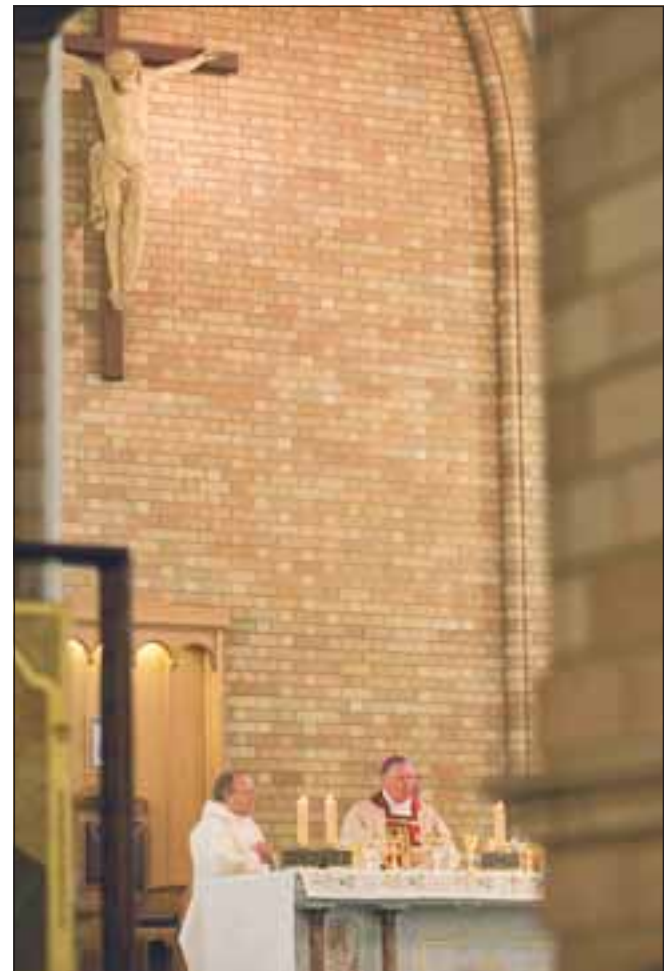
Fr Julian Wellspring read the letter from Pope Benedict XVI appoint-

ing Archbishop Coleridge before Archbishop Carroll led his successor to his cathedra, his chair of office, on the sanctuary and invited him to sit. He then presented Archbishop Coleridge with a crozier, the symbol of his pastoral leadership.

After the installation had taken place members of the Brewer family, from Corpus Christi parish, approached Archbishop Coleridge to congratulate him of behalf of the lay people of the Archdiocese. Others to greet him included Mr Geoff Joy, Mr Adam Morris, Ms Margaret Ryan, Mercy Sister Marie Duffy, Marist Brother Mark May, Fr Peter Gannon and Deacon Paul Rummery representing various aspects of the Archdiocese.

When Archbishop Coleridge left the Cathedral after Mass, he walked through a guard of honour of cardinals, bishops and priests.

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Scenes from the installation Mass attended by a huge congregation (clockwise from top left): Archbishop Coleridge is greeted by Archbishop Francis Carroll and Fr Bernie Patterson, representing the clergy; more than 150 bishops and priests concelebrated the Mass; a view of Archbishop Coleridge celebrating Mass; greetings from his fellow bishops and priests as he leaves

St Christopher's Cathedral after the ceremony; members of Archbishop Coleridge's family, from left, brothers Adrian and Chris, Andrea Miller, mother Marjorie, brother Damian, Margaret Coffey, Brigid and Benedict Coleridge and Thomas O'Connor; Archbishops Carroll and Coleridge kneel together in prayer in the side chapel of the Cathedral before the historic installation begins.

Where are our leaders, bishops ask



Anglican Bishop George Browning reads the statement outside the Israeli Embassy watched by Bishop Pat Power (left) and Prof James Haire.

Canberra church leaders including Bishop Pat Power have questioned the moral courage of Australia's politicians over the bloodshed in Lebanon and Israel.

In a statement, they read at the gates of the Israeli and United States embassies, the churchmen said it was impossible to remain silent in the face of so much pain and suffering in the Middle East.

Bishop Power was part of a protest staged by Anglican Bishop George Browning, the Rev Peter Walker, of the Uniting Church, Dr Kevin Bray, of the Churches of Christ, and Prof James Haire, director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

"We deplore the violence of Hezbollah and we deplore the violence of the State of Israel," they said.

"We are outraged that such unspeakable pain is being unleashed upon civilians, especially women and children, while the world remains largely silent.

"Where is the moral courage of our leaders? How can the leadership of the Australian Government and the Opposition not cry out for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire?"

"Does it not occur to the govern-

ments of Israel and the United States of America that the very possibility of a lasting, generational, peace is being made almost impossible while a new generation of youth are being accustomed to violence as a way of life.

"We find it impossible to understand how the leaders of our own nation have remained so cowardly silent in the face of such brutality.

"We have had enough of this so called war on terror. When will the governments of the world come to understand that peace can only be built on justice and fairness?"

"We support the Christian leaders of Jerusalem in their recent call for an end to violence in the Middle East. We can have no peace while violence is repaid with violence. It is a recipe for eventual annihilation."

● President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Archbishop Philip Wilson, of Adelaide, issued a plea for peace in the Middle East and called for sustained prayers from Catholics.

Archbishop Wilson joined with Pope Benedict XVI in calling for an immediate ceasefire as the first step towards reconciliation and lasting peace.

"Nobody underestimates the complexity and the difficulties in finding a solution for peace in the Holy Land, but there must be an end to the killing, including of civilians, before even the first steps towards reconciliation can be taken," he said.

● Maronite Bishop Ad Abikram said "every single day, we are seeing and hearing with the whole world, what tragic atrocities Lebanon is enduring - hundreds of victims, thousands of displaced people and refugees, sick and elderly without medicines, children who are massacred or who are starving of food.

"The people of Lebanon are living through a horrible catastrophe and call on the conscience of the generous Australian people to help them overcome their suffering."

● Caritas Australia has called on the Australian community to support its partner agencies Caritas Lebanon and Caritas Jerusalem.

Caritas Australia has launched a Middle East Crisis appeal. Donations may be made by telephoning 1800 024 413, posting cheques or money orders to GPO Box 9830 in your capital city (or 19 MacKenzie St, North Sydney, 2060), or online at www.caritas.org.au

Survey for Mass-goers

Twenty-five parishes of the Archdiocese this month will take part in the National Church Life Survey. The survey of Mass attenders aged over 15 provides Australia's Christian churches with an opportunity to reflect upon their experiences of church life.

Archdiocesan survey co-ordinator Mr Herbie O'Flynn said the responses would help parishes assess qualities of vital parish life, including faith, worship, belonging, vision, leadership, innovation, service and welcoming.

"Parishes participating were especially chosen to reflect the diverse nature of the Archdiocese, especially rural versus urban, size, growth areas, parishes recently amalgamated and parishes without a resident priest," he said. Questionnaires are available in Italian and Vietnamese as well as in English.

Canberra man appointed

Wanniassa parishioner Mr Bruce Ryan, after a 35-year career in government administration, has been appointed executive secretary of the Bishops' Commission for Pastoral Life. The commission, chaired by Bishop Eugene Hurley, is charged with fostering the participation of the faithful in the life of the Church. It has a particular focus on issues including marriage and the family, disability, migrants and refugees, and pro-life initiatives. Mr Ryan is married with five children and one grandchild. He works in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference secretariat in Canberra.



Top liturgist for WYD

A top Australian liturgist Fr Peter Williams has been appointed director liturgy for World Youth Day Sydney 2008. He will be responsible for delivering some of the largest components of the celebrations, including the welcome Mass for thousands of youth pilgrims and the final Mass with Pope Benedict XVI in Sydney.

Kids helping kids

Sixty budding young chefs from Carroll College and Batemans Bay High School combined forces in the college's commercial kitchen to cater for a crowd of 90 to raise money for a hospitality training school for street kids in Vietnam. The connection is fostered through local chef, Louise Hicks, who is working as a volunteer trainer in the KOTO (Know One Teach One) restaurant in Vietnam.

Photographs taken at the installation of Archbishop Coleridge may be ordered from Catholic Voice
e-mail: ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au

Catholic Voice 'commended'

Catholic Voice was runner-up in the major award for excellence presented at this year's Australasian Catholic Press Association conference in Adelaide. The New Zealand national fortnightly NZ Catholic won the Bishop Phillip Kennedy Memorial Prize for newspapers.

Catholic Voice was the only newspaper highly commended. The judge said the section had been difficult to judge "as each of the entrants can lay claim to 'excellence in per-

formance as a Catholic newspaper in its specific market'. There is much good writing and presentation, with none of the newspapers failing to be relevant, bright and newsy." The judge described Catholic Voice as "a solid and varied monthly, particularly commendable because of its solo staff. "Evident throughout all entries was a focus on timely issues as well as a connection with readership."

The Redemptorists' Majellan won the top award for magazines.

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behind the news

my life

In the eighth in a monthly series on vocations of all kinds, we speak to Missionaries of the Sacred Heart priest Fr Mark Hanns



What are you doing now?
I am blessed to be living and working with Michael and Jim Fallon, Marian England and Maureen Craddock at St John the Apostle parish at Kippax. Being here means I have come full circle, as I was ordained a deacon in this church, and ordained a priest at St Christopher's in 1995. It's great to be back among the many friends I made then. I'm chaplain to the primary school, SFX College and Antioch.

What made you realise your vocation?

As a kid, when the religious brothers suggested we think about being a priest or brother, I thought, "You'd have to have rocks in your head!". Then when I was saying a prayer before bed one night a strange and sudden thought entered my head like a voice, "I want you to be a priest". I responded, "No!".

But 15 years later I admitted that what was burning in my heart was the call to priesthood. I discovered the MSC and found a spirituality that spoke my language, and I keep growing into it.

What are the greatest challenges of your vocation?

It's an ongoing challenge to prepare a homily each week, but I always study

around it and take it to prayer. When the Lord gives me an insight, that is what I give to the congregation. I'm convinced that the homily must make the Gospel relevant to everyday life on the ground.

What are the best times for you?

When I accompany someone on their spiritual journey during spiritual direction and also in the sacrament of reconciliation, then I know I'm on sacred ground. When a person shares the things that are deep within his or her heart it is sacred. It gives me great joy to see the freedom and peace a person experiences when the Lord gives them the insight they need.

What are your leisure interests?

I love water sports, whether they are frozen or liquid. Surfing, water skiing,

snow skiing, fishing, as well as running and playing Oztag. I also love to boil the billy and share a pot of tea with a friend or two while solving the world's problems or reading a good book.

What would you say to someone considering your vocation?

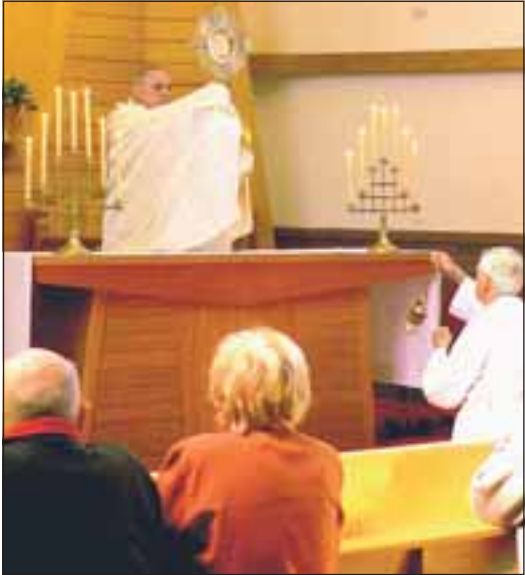
If this is where the Lord is calling you then this is the life in which you'll find fulfilment. Pray about it and listen in the silence of your heart. Talk to a good spiritual director.

The only truly effective way to be a priest is to be your true self, and that is a continuing journey of discovery. And being on this spiritual journey will enable you to accompany others on theirs. The world needs priests who are deeply in touch with the movement of the Spirit.

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

I want to continue my studies in spirituality. In our parish I hope that our youth group has a powerful renewal in spirit, and I hope that the YCS that has begun at SFX College grows strong. In 2006 and every year after, I want to hear the Church speaking loudly on the cutting edge of justice - in word and action - socially, internationally and environmentally.

From near and far



MONSTRANCE ON THE MOVE: Parishes have responded well to exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a special monstration blessed by Pope Benedict XVI which is being taken across the Archdiocese. The monstration is pictured above in use at St Thomas More's, Campbell. It will go to the following parishes this month:

- 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 Wann-iassa, 27 Gungahlin, 28 Aranda,
- 29, 30 John XXIII College, ANU.

GUNNING FOR SOME GOOD ART: Springtime is here and there's no better time for a drive in the country - and no better to come to the annual art show hosted by the Catholic Parish of Gunning. This year the art show will open with a gala supper at 7.30pm on

Friday, 8 September. It is then open from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday and from 10am to 4pm on the Sunday. Devonshire teas are available on Saturday and Sunday. Inquiries: Mrs June Clancy, telephone 4845 5151. There will be a raffle and people's choice award. The show is in the old Catholic school in Gunning, opposite the Catholic church.



PARISHIONERS HIT THE ROOF: Corpus Christi parish has received a

\$20,000 grant from the ACT Government under the Heritage Grants program to help restore the roof of the historic Sacred Heart Church at Tuggeranong. The money will supplement the \$25,000 which the parish is contributing. MLA John Hargreaves made the presentation to assistant priest Fr Emil Milat at the Erindale Scout Hall, site of the historic former Athllon Homestead. It is expected that work on the church roof will begin during the October school holidays. The roof had been deteriorating for some time, causing water to leak into the church and allowing birds to take up residence.

MORE FORUM: Guest speaker at the October session of the St Thomas More Forum at Campbell will be Federal Opposition spokesman on reconciliation and the arts Peter Garrett. The date for what is sure to be a popular forum is Wednesday, 11 October.

GOLDEN DAYS: Past and present families, pupils, teachers and friends of St Joseph's, O'Connor, this is for you. The school is celebrating its golden jubilee on Saturday, 28 October, and wants you to join in for a fun evening reminiscing and enjoying how the school has developed and grown in the parish family. Details about the dinner and how to book are available on the school web site www.sjo.cg.catholic.edu.au or telephone 6248 9818.

Sisters' strategy to focus on indigenous plight

Goulburn's Josephite sisters are striving to get the plight of Australia's indigenous people back on the national agenda in a meaningful way.

On the feast day of Mary MacKillop, 8 August, they released a package of material entitled "The Hour has Come - Working Towards a Justly Reconciled Australia" which they hope will raise the awareness of local communities.

The kit bases its reflection on the words of Pope John Paul II to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Alice Springs on 29 November, 1986.

Congregational Leader Sr Noelene Quinane said the coming 20th anniversary of the address provided people with a unique and timely opportunity to focus on the words of this fondly remembered occasion.

They should reconsider them in light of recent concern about conditions in remote indigenous communities, proposed changes to land rights legislation and the disadvantaged state of indigenous people's lives generally.

"The kit uses the words of Pope John Paul II to focus on issues such as culture and culture clash, the relationship between the Church and indigenous people, and the on-going needs of indigenous people into the future," she said.

"The thoughts and comments of prominent Australians are used to echo the Pope's sentiments. Participants in the group discussions are encouraged to develop a local plan that will help them take whatever action is possible to address the needs they have identified."

The community awareness program is part of a strategy undertaken by Australian Josephite congregations in the lead-up to the 40th anniversary in May next year of the 1967 referendum on the rights of indigenous people.

Sr Noelene said the overall aim of the strategy was to see indigenous issues returned to the national agenda in a meaningful way, and to see policies introduced that would bring lasting progress in addressing indigenous disadvantage in Australia.



Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn, Sr Noelene Quinane (left) with Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Sr Katrina Brill, and Sr Laraine Crowe, of the Josephite Leaders' Social Action Office, at the launch of The Hour Has Come.

- Copies of the package are available for \$8 through Josephite Leaders' Social Action Office, P O Box 326, Curtin. ACT 2605.

Junk food 'cheaper than fresh fruit'

Junk food is cheaper than fresh fruit and vegetables in many Aboriginal communities, according to a Josephite Sister who recently saw the situation first hand.

Sr Joan Healy, of the Josephite Leaders' Social Action Group, has returned from a visit to the Anangu Pitjanjatjara Yakunytjatjara Lands in South Australia.

She said that after listening to many mothers and grandmothers she was surprised and distressed to find that the most frequently mentioned need was affordable, nourishing food.

"Chicken and chips cost \$3 a serve, but broccoli is \$3 for a single floret and apples and oranges are up to \$2 each," she said. "Fruit and vegetables are priced by the piece."

"Poor quality mince is \$18 a kilo and stewing steak is around \$25 a kilo. Baby formula is beyond the budget of most fam-

ilies, but breast feeding mothers need nourishing food.

"These women know what is best for their children. They don't want to feed their children 'rubbish food'. But when their children are hungry they feed them whatever they can afford."

"But good things are happening. The women talked about the music shed where young people gather to play music and have a feed. One woman said the young ones used to break school windows, but now when they can play music and dance and have a feed there is much less trouble."

"The band shed closes at 9 o'clock and the women say there is much less petrol sniffing. They say 'people not hungry, not bored, that's the answer'."

She said a regular supply of affordable, good quality, fresh fruit and vegetables was a cheaper alternative to kidney dialysis.

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Now is the time for a new kind of imagination

In times long past, it was God who called Abraham, and the angel Gabriel who spoke to Mary. But it was neither God nor Gabriel who rang me on 13 June to ask if I would accept to be Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. It was in fact the Papal Representative in Australia, Archbishop De Paoli, who rang to say that the Pope had chosen me for the mission and to ask if I would accept. I said yes without too much fuss, and here I stand before you this morning as the new Archbishop.

The appointment could, I suppose, be seen largely in political or corporate terms, as if I were somehow the ecclesiastical equivalent of a political leader or a corporate boss. But that's not how I see it, because after all these years I have learnt something of the art of seeing with the eye of God. The Australian poet James McAuley once wrote this of Jesus in the Gospels: "He rose and walked among the stones and beasts and flowers of earth. / They turned their muted faces to their Lord, / their real faces seen by God alone" ("Jesus"). As Archbishop, I would hope to be a man who sees muted faces - the real face of the Church, the real face of Australia, your real face and even my own, which can be the hardest thing of all. Casting the eye of God upon my appointment to Canberra and Goulburn, I can see that it may have been the Pope who chose me and the Nuncio who phoned me, but it was God himself who called me. The Pope and his Nuncio simply did the work of the angel Gabriel. They passed the message on; they made known the call.

I have been a priest for thirty-two years, and in the journey of those years, there have been extraordinary twists and turns. In many ways, my life as priest and now Bishop has turned out to be very different than anything I expected when I was ordained to the priesthood in 1974. Yet one thing that has never faded in the midst of all the flux is the sense that I am called by God to this - no less personally called than Abraham or Mary. If anything, this sense has grown deeper and more assured as the years have passed.

I have asked or applied to do none of the many things I have done in my years as a priest. I have simply said yes to what others have asked me to do, as I did to the Nuncio on 13 June. And what I have learnt is that, when you say yes to others - especially when you say yes to Christ - the path that opens up is strange but deeply satisfying, more demanding but also more joyful than anything you could ever have planned for yourself. It pays to follow the Lamb wherever he goes (cf. Rev 14:4), even when he leads in ways you never expected.

Homily of Archbishop Mark Coleridge at his installation as sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.

St Christopher's Cathedral. 17 August, 2006.

But the One who calls you to follow also sends you out on mission. This is what it means to be an apostle - to be sent out by Christ - and it's what it means to say, as does the Catholic Church, that the Bishops are the successors of the apostles. In the first place, I am sent to the Church - in the Archdiocese, in Australia and throughout the world. And at this turning-point in my own journey, I ask the question: Where and how does the Church stand at this time and in this place? It's plain to see that the Catholic Church in Australia is in some sense passing through a time of diminishment, and there are some who think that this is a process of terminal decline, that we who remain are the last of a dying tribe. A young Church, it seems, has grown old very quickly. If that is the case, then perhaps the best we can manage is to circle the wagons in some self-protective manoeuvre that might delay the end a little.

I see things differently however. To my eye, the Catholic Church in Australia is like the ageing Elizabeth of whom we have heard in the Gospel just proclaimed. She is pregnant against all the odds. As Gabriel reports: "She whom people called barren is now in her sixth month. For nothing is impossible to God". There is something stirring in the old, seemingly barren womb of Mother Church in this land, and it's all God's work.

Not for the first time, the Catholic Church in Australia and elsewhere is passing through a time of deep and permanent change, which may in some ways be death but which is also birth. Both birth and death have their pangs, and they can feel very alike. But according to the Bible it's vitally important to know one from the other; otherwise you end up in the deepest confusion of all (cf. Matt 24:3-

8). So it is with us now: what is birth and what is death?

The Second Vatican Council has been described as "the great grace bestowed on the Church in the twentieth century" (Novo Millennio Ineunte, 57); and for all that we have seen in the last forty years, we are still in the early days of the great renewal called for by the Council. The buds of new growth are there, though they are not always the buds we expected or in the places we might once have looked. But the ways of God are not necessarily my ways or yours. The surprises of the Holy Spirit can come as a shock.

What is increasingly clear to me is that in the Second Vatican Council the Holy Spirit was seeking to stir in the whole Church new energies for mission. The Council was not about renewal of the Church for the Church's sake, but about renewal, new energy, for the Church's mission in the world. This is what Pope John Paul II called "the new evangelisation" - new, he said, "in ardour, in meth-



od, in expression" (Address to the Bishops of Latin America, Port-au-Prince, 24 March, 1983), by which he meant new fire in the belly, new strategies, new words and images and gestures. If that is "what the Spirit is saying to the Churches" (Rev 2:29), then far from being a time to circle the wagons, this is a time to roll the wagons in new ways through territory we do not know. Now is the time for a new kind of apostolic imagination, a kind of lateral thinking in the drive to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in fresh and powerful ways that go to the heart of Australia.

All of us must join in that thinking. As a leader, I have always done best in situations where others bombard me with all kinds of ideas and suggestions. It can't be left to the leader to have all the bright ideas and to make all the best suggestions. I will have some ideas and suggestions certainly; but my task as Bishop is also to make discernments and decisions about what others propose. I will at times



say no for one reason or another; but that doesn't mean I haven't listened or that you should stop feeding me ideas and suggestions. Because it's up to all of us to imagine and to think how the Gospel might be proclaimed in new ways. Therefore I depend on you and a host of others to dream dreams, to see visions (cf. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:17) and to propose initiatives that might light new fires of the Gospel in the Archdiocese and beyond.

But that kind of missionary energy can come only from a Church that is growing more mystical. To renew structures in the Church can be important, but still more important is the renewal of heart made possible by the encounter with Christ in prayer. Therefore, our communities - families and parishes and educational institutions above all - must become genuine schools of prayer (cf. Novo Millennio Ineunte, 33), for the way of deep renewal in the Church at this time is the way of contemplation - contemplation of the face of Christ crucified and risen, the face of suffering and the face of glory, the face both human and divine. "Incarnate Word", pleads James McAuley, "cast flame upon the earth; raise up contemplatives among us, who walk within the fire of ceaseless prayer, impetuous desire.

Set pools of silence in this thirsty land" ("Letter to John Dryden"). Let that be the cry of the Church in Canberra this morning: lead us, Lord Jesus, to a new depth of contemplation for the sake of a new mission. And let that be my charter as Archbishop, as it has been of each of my predecessors, in their different way and in their different time.

Two of them are here this morning, Cardinal Edward Clancy and Archbishop Francis Carroll. In greeting both of them with affection and gratitude, I want especially to pay tribute to Archbishop Carroll, who now lays down the burden of responsibility after more

than half a lifetime as Bishop. For close to forty years, Frank Carroll, Father Francis, has been a great Bishop, universally held in high regard. Part of his secret is that he is one of nature's true gentlemen. But the other and more important part is that he is one of those graced men of God who breathes a deep and radiant humanity. Frank, your contribution has been magnificent.

Here I will seek to build upon the legacy of my predecessors from Lanigan to Carroll, and what a legacy it is. After my appointment was announced, I read a history of the Archdiocese entitled "Planting the Celtic Cross". For the most part it's a stirring frontier story of the faith of Irish settlers and the missionary work of Irish clergy, to all of which we paid tribute this morning in singing one of the great Irish hymns, "Be Thou My Vision", at the beginning of Mass.

"Planting the Celtic Cross" tells the story of remarkable expansion against the odds, as we see not only in the structures and institutions of the Archdiocese but also in its spiritual vitality. Those times can seem a world away from our own, given the different circumstances and challenges we now face; and in many ways they are remote. Yet is not the same depth of faith, however different its forms, exactly what we need today to meet the new challenges we face? Is not the same missionary energy, however different its forms, what the whole Church needs now if we are to do in our own time and in our own way what others have done before us? The legacy of our Irish forebears may not be as remote as it seems. Their spiritual genes are still powerfully among us, and they will surely surface in unexpected ways as we move into a very different future as a people differently yet surprisingly the same.

Like the Archdiocese, the whole Church now seeks not to reject but to build upon the past as she moves into the future that God has in mind. The way forward for the Church is always a matter of "back to the future", and the challenge is always to engage the past in creative ways that stir new energies.

This is what the Council meant when it spoke of a need to "return to the sources", and it's what I will strive to do as Archbishop - engage the past in order to build the future, and to do so in ways that both honour the past and embrace the future.

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TV, music 'enemies in the home'

Television, the sexual revolution and the music industry had allowed ideas and behaviours into the home that were the enemy of family life, delegates to the 5th World Meeting of Families were told.

Kathy and Paul Monagle, of Fadden, Bev and Kevin Cains, of Garran, and Martin Ebdon, of Wanniasa, were among 50 Australian representatives led by Bishop Eugene Hurley who attended the conference in Valencia, Spain.

A major feature of the program was the International Theological and Pastoral Congress at which international experts analysed the condition of marriage and the family in many countries. Among the issues was the crisis in faith in the family in many European and western countries.

Professional Michael Waldstein, president of the International Theological Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family in Austria, talked of the need to turn the hearts of fathers so that blessings and not curses predominate.

He talked of the importance of the role of fathers in the formation of a child's personality, culture and faith. He said television, the sexual revolution and the music industry had created a generation gap which had allowed into Catholic homes ideas and behaviours which were enemies that would not otherwise have been admitted.

Others speakers dealt with world demographic issues, and the challenge of the culture of death in some countries of abortion and euthanasia stem cell debates. Some countries in Europe are being challenged with calls for same-sex marriage.

Cardinal George Pell outlined the condition of marriage and the family in Australia and called on the over 10,000 participants to come to World Youth Day in Sydney in August 2008.

While the congress was under way, conferences for grandparents and for young people were also held together with a large fair promoting spiritual activities and Catholic movements and organisations.

Pope Benedict XVI was greeted at a large



outdoor gathering and concert. At the welcoming, Ron and Mavis Pirola spoke on behalf of Australia of the work they had been doing for the family as members of the Pontifical Council on the Family. More than 1.2 million people gathered the next day for the Pope's Mass at which he announced the next World Meeting of the Family will be in Mexico City in 2009.

ABOVE: The Australian contingent at the 5th World Meeting of Families included a group from the Archdiocese.

Winners have heart to help

Two young women with a desire to help others are the winners of scholarships for outstanding students from the Canberra campus of Australian Catholic University.

Katie Turner won the St Vincent de Paul Indigenous Student Scholarship, which was presented for the sixth year, and Sarah Petherbridge took out the first ACU National Foundation School of Social Work Rural Placement Scholarship.

Ms Turner, who is completing a double degree in Arts/Social Work, hopes to work in rural areas, specifically with young people and developing programs for children and adolescents. She chose the degree so she could work with children. The scholarship will cover the cost of her first placement and the cost of text books.

Archdiocesan chief executive officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society Mr Bob Wilson said the organisation would continue to support indigenous students, and hoped to be able to expand this support. "The people we are educating will become role models, so supporting them will always be a priority," he said.

The ACU National Foundation School of Social Work Rural Placement Scholarship, won by Ms Petherbridge, is sponsored by ACT Senator Gary Humphries, Canberra businessman Mr Jim Murphy and the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

"Social work is more important than ever because pressures on the social fabric are greater than ever," Senator Humphries said. "Greater wealth and social mobility have provided material benefits, but also drawn people away from family and other traditional institutions which provide



ABOVE: St Vincent de Paul indigenous scholarship winner Katie Turner (left) with rector of ACU's Canberra campus Prof Peter Camilleri and Social Work Rural Placement scholarship winner Sarah Petherbridge.

social support. This has increased the need for social workers,"

Ms Petherbridge was on a trip to South Africa when she decided to become a social worker, after spending time working in a school for children with mental disabilities.

"It was certainly an eye-opening experience working with the people at that school and seeing the conditions so many of these children were living in and the adversity they faced," she said.

"That is when I decided that I really wanted to do something significant with my life that may make a difference to someone else. I returned from South Africa several months later and enrolled into the social work degree."

Her scholarship will fund placement at the Southern Area Brain Injury Service's transitional living unit wing of Goulburn's Bourke Street Health Service.

Students at home in kitchen

Hospitality students from five Catholic colleges this month will band together in the kitchen for a fund-raising dinner to help the most vulnerable in the community.

The Year 11 and 12 students from St Edmund's, St Clare's, MacKillop, Merici and Daramalan colleges will host a four-course dinner for 250 guests on Tuesday, 5 September, at Rydges Lakeside Hotel with all proceeds going to the "Home in Quean-

beyan" project, an initiative of Fr Peter Day, of Queanbeyan. The initiative sets out to provide 24-hour supported accommodation for people with mental illness who are homeless or at risk. The night will also support students who are part of the vocational training program at their colleges.

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Today, Christian burial in the Canberra region rarely occurs on church ground, but rather in public cemeteries.

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Binalong celebrates



Five young parishioners received their First Communion at St Patrick's Church, Binalong. With parish administrator Fr Greg Beath and Sr Gerardine are (from left): Benjamin Dyball, Jordan Boulding, Amy Stephenson, Haley Pigram and Travis Pigram.



Thirty eight men gathered at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, for a men's retreat directed by Fr Terry Naughton MSC assisted by Father Ed Travers MSC. Among the men from the Archdiocese who attended were Peter Naughton, brother of Fr Terry Naughton, Frank Catanzariti, Paul Holmes, Gerard Meli and Terry Flood who was joined by his son, Michael, who flew from Hobart where he is studying. Fr Naughton used the models of St Peter, Paul and Our Lady to illustrate how the scriptures can be worked into daily life. ABOVE: Fr Chris Chaplin MSC, Michael Flood, his father Terry Flood, of Daramalan College, and Michael Brown.

Fire victims say thanks

Scores of squatter families in Manila who lost everything in a fire before last Christmas once again have a roof over their heads, thanks to the generosity of Australians, in particular people from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

With many people living in the ruins of the settlement after the fire, Fr Geoffrey Coombe, of the Missionaries of God's Love, launched an appeal. The MGL brothers' appeal received \$45,400 in donations from people all over Australia. After Archbishop Francis Carroll made it part of his Christmas Appeal, people from the Archdiocese gave \$18,600.

MGL moderator Fr Ken Barker, who visited Manila, saw the restoration work that has been achieved. "I was delighted to find that 67 families living in about 40 dwellings had been housed," he said. "While the houses are very simple by Australian standards they are in fact larger and better quality than before the fire. They are



Fr Geoffrey Coombe and children from the settlement.

each about 20 square metres with an upstairs and downstairs.. "While they are squashed up very closely to one another with just a very narrow alley way between them, they still provide the basic shelter that is necessary. Some of the families have even managed to build little balconies and more rooms than they had before." People he met who had been able to rebuild wanted to say thanks to all who had helped them.

Filipino freedom

Hundreds of Filipinos attended Mass celebrated by Bishop Pat Power in St Joseph's Church, O'Connor, to celebrate the 108th anniversary of Philippines independence from Spain. Newly appointed Philippines Ambassador Ernesto H de Leon attended and delivered a message to the Filipino community. Other embassy staff as well as representatives of Filipino organisations in the Archdiocese were present.

Earlier, a flag-raising ceremony was held at the Philippine Embassy official residence. Sr Angelita, of the MACE sisters and Fil-Care



adviser, led the invocation. Fil-Care Association of Australia was one of the organisations given a certificate of appreciation for services to the Filipino community. ABOVE: From left, standing, Sr Siony, Bishop Pat Power, Atty Lindy Lachica, Lydia Pattugalan, Volet Carolan, Lourdes Salcedo. Seated, Sr Angelita and the mother-in-law of Atty Lachica.

60 years a priest



Long-time former parish priest of Harden Murrumburrah Fr Frank Keogh last month celebrated 60 years of priesthood and his 86th birthday with parishioners. He celebrated 6pm Mass at St Anthony's, Harden, before going on to refreshments at Murrumburrah in Keogh Hall which was named in his honour.

On Sunday he continued the celebrations at St John the Evangelist Church, Jugiong.

Before retiring in the twin towns, Fr Keogh was parish priest there from 1972 to 2000. He is remembered for many things not least the 1997 memorial to road accident victims which is located in the grounds of the Jugiong church.

His predecessor, Mgr Austin O'Connor, died as a result of a road accident in May 1972. Fr Keogh is well known around Harden-Murrumburrah and is often seen at the shops and in many other places.

ABOVE: Fr Frank Keogh with current parish priest Fr Simon Falk, acolyte Barry Coggan and altar server Georgie Butt during his anniversary celebrations.

Pioneers' 150th

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan, the first religious congregation founded in Australia, want to catch up with ex-students, family members, friends and colleagues as part of their sesquicentenary next year marking 150 years of life and mission.

Those who have been a part of their journey and who want to learn more about the celebrations may access the Good Samaritan web site at www.goodsams.org.au or contact Sr Francis Maher, PO Box 876, Five Dock, NSW 2046, telephone 9809 1590, e-mail fmaher@goodsam

Choir's program

The program for September and October of St Caecilia's Choir, which sings for the Traditional Latin Mass community, is: Sunday, 3 September: 13th Sunday after Pentecost. Propers of the day, Ordinary: Missa De Angelis, Motet: Ego Sum Panis Vivus (Palestrina), Processional: Sing All Creation, Recessional: Be Thou My Vision. Sunday, 10 September, 14th Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the day, Ordinary: Cum Jubilo (Chant Mass), Motet: Ave Maria (Victoria), Hymns: Processional: O Praise My Soul the Lord, Recessional; Hail Queen of Heaven. Sunday, 17 September, 15th Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Cum Jubilo (Chant Mass), Motet: Ave Verum (Wilton), Hymns: Processional: O Praise My Soul the Lord, Recessional: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise. Sunday, 24 September, 16th Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Mass for Five Voices (Byrd) Motet: Cibavit Eos (Byrd), Processional: Sing All Creation, Recessional: Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer. Friday, 29 September, Dedication of St Michael, Archangel. Sung Mass 6pm. Sunday, 8 October, 18th Sunday after Pentecost: Propers of the Day, Ordinary: Cum Jubilo (Chant Mass), Motet: Ave Verum (Wilton), Hymn Processional: O Praise My Soul the Lord, Recessional: Mary Immaculate.

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Retired priests farewelled

Two retired priests of the Archdiocese, Fr John McGee and Fr Greg Collins, have died.

Fr Gregory Michael Collins was born on 7 August, 1922, the son of Valentine and Florence Collins, and died 84 years later on 9 August, 2006. His mother died a few years after his birth. Although he felt that great loss throughout his life he was surrounded by a large family of 14 brothers and sisters.

He was educated at St Joseph's School, Oberon, St Stanislaus, Bathurst, and St Patrick's, Goulburn, before going to Springwood and Manly seminaries.

He was ordained a priest by Bishop Terence McGuire in Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral, Goulburn, on 2 December, 1947. He served in Braidwood, Goulburn and Grenfell, before being lent to Lismore Diocese for 16 months, then in Cooma, Yass, Canberra and Young.

In 1963 he went to Bungendore, first as Administrator and then as Parish Priest. In 1968 he became Parish Priest of Jindabyne, transferring to North Goulburn in 1973 and to Narrabundah in 1977. He remained there until his retirement on health grounds at the end of 1988. He

continued to live in Narrabundah doing supply work until declining health caused him to go to St Catherine's Aged Care facility in Bathurst.

In his homily at the Mass of Thanksgiving at St Benedict's Narrabundah, Archbishop Francis Carroll said Fr Collins was "intelligent and endowed with a good sense of humour, he was a kind and thoughtful man always ready with a welcoming word and a listening ear." At times he knew self doubt and perhaps lacked some self esteem, but he could show leadership and determination when that was called for. A talented sportsman he was a noted footballer and skier and had an abiding love of golf.

"He was liked and admired by parishioners and much loved by those who came close to him in family and strong friendships. They especially knew him as a wholesome human being and a faithful priest. Never ostentatious, he was a man



Fr Greg Collins

of faith and prayer who lived what he proclaimed."

Clergy and friends from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and the Wagga Wagga Diocese gathered at St Patrick's Church, Albury, to farewell Fr John McGee.

Archbishop Francis Carroll, with whom Fr McGee served in both dioceses, celebrated the Requiem Mass. Among the concelebrants was Fr McGee's brother Jim. Fr McGee was born in Scone in 1933 and completed his schooling at St Patrick's, Albury, before going to the Springwood and Manly seminaries. He was ordained by Bishop Henschke in 1959 and served in the Wagga Wagga Diocese before moving to the Archdiocese in 1976. He was founding editor of the Wagga Wagga Diocese newspaper Together. When he retired he moved to Yoogali. He is survived by all nine siblings. Fr McGee was buried in Albury lawn cemetery.

At his funeral, he was described as "quiet, reserved, ever the priest, clever, private, full of energy", as well as adventurous and innovative in preparing liturgies for children.

Josephites mark ministry milestone



The Lyneham ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn has celebrated a milestone with the dedication of the centre to Mary MacKillop and the appointment of a manager.

On the feast of Mary MacKillop last month, Ms Dominique Marsh was commissioned as manager of MacKillop House and Conference Centre.

The name change from St Joseph's House of Studies acknowledges that the mission of the Sisters at Lyneham is to offer hostel accommodation for country women students during their first year of study in Canberra. The conference centre has been newly refurbished and equipped for use by retreat groups and professional development groups and for a range of other activities.

ABOVE: Dominique Marsh (third from right) is welcomed by staff at MacKillop House, Helen Druett, Lyn Kelly, Fiona Boumelhem, Kathleen King and Sr Jo Brady.

● The Goulburn Josephites have met in two groups - one in Temora and one in Goulburn - to continue with a recommendation of their 2005 Chapter, that from time to time they gather as a group for reflection, conviviality, prayer and purpose. The idea of living, praying, working and witnessing as women who seek to share the spirit of Julian Tenison Woods and Mary MacKillop can be strengthened by these informal assemblies of all Sisters. BELOW: Sr Andrea Dean and Sr Noelene Quinane.



A day of waffles and spaghetti



Nearly 50 people (above) from a wide range of backgrounds and Christian traditions have a different spin on waffles and spaghetti after a day run by the Australian Eastern Unit of Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The theme for the day was "Men are like waffles and women are like spaghetti", based on the book of that

name by Bill and Pam Farrel.

The day explored and celebrated gender differences and looked at ways men and women can come to terms with them to form balanced, harmonious and God-filled relationships.

Wanda and Jim Kaucz from Canberra were among those who gave presentations.

Have a ball with Vinnies

The St Vincent de Paul Society hopes to raise \$10,000 for its Vinnies youth programs from a charity ball on Saturday, 9 September, at the Auditorium, Erindale.

Vinnies youth offer day and sporting programs for children aged 6 to 12, as well as the long running school holidays Kids Camps.

Among the features of the ball will be an auction of donated items, including tickets for a guided climb to the summit of Sydney Harbour Bridge, a portable gas barbecue and a signed Brumbies football.

Tickets cost \$80 each and include a three-course dinner and drinks. Bookings: Telephone 6282 2722.



Amy Banson is presented with roses by ACU National Canberra Campus Minister Liz Anne Smith.

Amy's long walk comes to an end

Australian Catholic University student Amy Banson arrived home in Canberra following her 1463km walk to raise funds and awareness about Acquired Brain Injuries. Ms Banson, who studies a combined Social Work/ Theology Degree was the organiser of the "Walk With A Rose" from Brisbane to Canberra as part of a personal challenge and as a tribute to young Canberran Clea Rose who was hit by a car and killed last year. More than 200 people joined her on the last leg of her walk, including representatives of ACU. The hardest part of her walk was knowing it would end, she said.

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Dear Children

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God bless you, **Sue.**



RIGHT: What a beautiful drawing of the Parable of the Sower, by Connie Brown, of St Benedict's School, Narrabundah.



ABOVE: Maja Pinzon, aged 9, of St Francis of Assisi School, says welcome to our new Archbishop.



RIGHT: What a car! By Ben McMahon, aged 11, of St Joseph's, Eden.

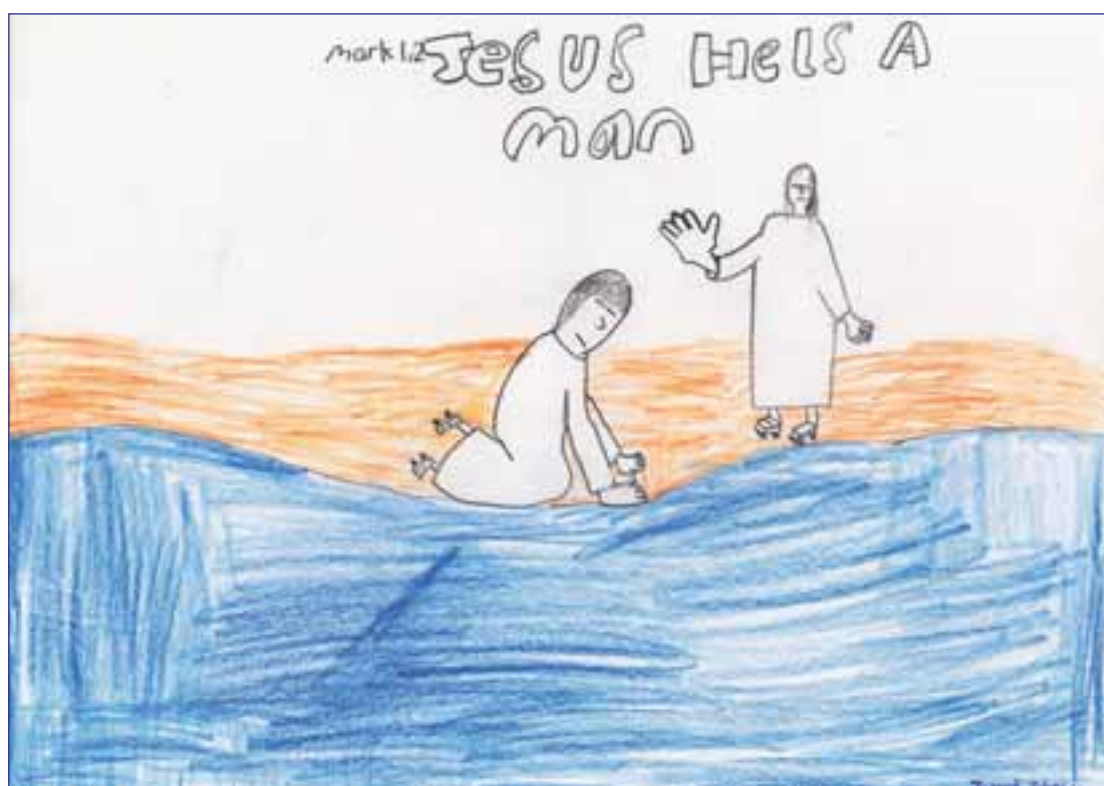


ABOVE: Friends Maryanne and Leena. A colourful drawing by Leena Webb, aged 9, of Chisholm Primary School.



ABOVE: My Mum, by Erin Grimes, aged 7, of St Joseph's School, Eden.

RIGHT: Jesus heals ... by Jarrod Johnson, aged 10, of St Benedict's Primary, Narrabundah.



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- by Skye Temby, aged 10, Aranda School of Religion.

Part of Canberra family for 40 years

Marymead Child and Family Centre is Canberra's own community-based child and family service.

The centre opened in 1967 to meet the needs of young Canberra families separated from their extended families with little support at critical times.

The organisation has grown and changed as Canberra has, but the mission has remained the same: they are there to care for vulnerable children, support families and build community.

Marymead programs support families through difficult times. They work with stressed families in their homes and provide safe supervised changeover of children between separated parents who are in conflict.

The counselling program works with parents who have identified worrying behaviours in



young children.

They also run groups for men and women to help them with the challenging task of parenting.

Marymead provides residential and community care for children

at risk, and also for those affected by a severe disability.

Marymead needs the support of the Canberra community to continue their vital work assisting children and families.

If you are looking for a way to contribute to your local community, why not help create a brighter future for children through Marymead?

There are a variety of ways you can contribute:

Foster Care: Marymead is fortunate to have many caring and dedicated foster and respite carers who take children into their homes.

However, more are needed - a range of different carers for a range of special children. Being a foster carer is a very important role, giving a safe home to children in need.

Host Family: Host Family volunteers are families or individuals who spend time sharing fun with a child or young person affected by disability.

Anyone looking to make a real difference in a child's life could think about becoming a Host Family volunteer.

Twenty children are waiting through the Host Family program - children like this special girl:

"I'm 10 and learning to help my mum with caring for me. Sometimes I get scared being in a new place but I'd like to make new friends and be with them like other kids."

Auxiliary: The tireless Auxiliary organises wonderful fundraising events for Marymead, as well as building friendships. Why not join them in their activities?

Gifts: Giving to Marymead not only invests in the future Canberra community, it also changes the lives of children and families today. Your donation, whether financial or in kind, makes a real difference.

If you are interested in knowing more about Marymead, call 6162 5800 or go to www.marymead.org.au

CLERGY RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

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.



Please give as generously as you can to this Collection.

Special envelopes will be provided at all Masses on Sunday 3 September.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED

On the first weekend of September at all parish Masses throughout our archdiocese, a special collection will be taken up for the first time to raise much needed funds to assist the work of the Clergy Retirement Foundation.

Foundation Chairman, Fr Tony Percy, said that he hoped the idea of a Collection for retired and sick priest's being conducted simultaneously with Father's Day would make people more conscious of the important role and responsibility we all have in ensuring that our retired priests - just like our own dads - are well looked after.

For many years, the rising cost of accommodation, health and aged care has made the retirement of priests a major challenge for our Archdiocese. When priests retire, no longer supported by a parish, they need to rely on the Clergy Retirement Foundation to provide them with the financial security and dignity they deserve. Fr Percy said that over the years parishioners have been faithfully served by these priests in

parishes, schools and communities. All of them have given their best years to share your lives and those of your families, he said.

The average cost of providing for the accommodation and care of one retired priest is \$7,500 per annum. As there are now 24 priests in retirement, that means the Foundation must generate income in excess of \$200,000 a year to cover these and other administrative costs.

Envelopes for donations, which are all tax deductible, will be made available in all parish churches on the first weekend of September and parishioners are urged to give generously.

The Garran presbytery and grounds which are presently under consideration for re-development as a retirement centre for priests.



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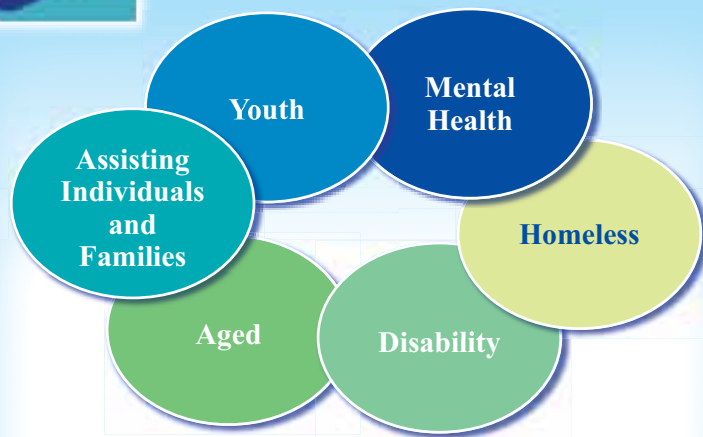
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Centacare



HELPING PEOPLE

Centacare is a welfare agency of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. It was established in 1960 to deliver services in an area covering the ACT and NSW regions of the Archdiocese.

Our primary focus is on individuals and families and our aim is to address issues faced in a flexible and coherent way.

Our mission is to uphold the Catholic Church's belief in the dignity of each person.

- To deliver services
- To advocate for those less advantaged
- To assist people to participate within the community

CONTACT US

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All Centacare services may be contacted at:

PO Box 3167, Manuka ACT 2603.

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Imagine you are young, pregnant and homeless. Imagine you are trying to escape domestic violence, you are pregnant and have nowhere to go.

Having a baby can be a frightening experience in any circumstance.

When you have little or no support from family or friends, when you have no shelter or comfort, when you have a mental illness or are facing other difficult life issues, the prospect of having a baby and raising a child can be overwhelming.

Karinya House is a non-profit, community-based organisation which provides supported accommodation, transitional housing, outreach services and support programs for pregnant and parenting women who are in crisis.

Karinya House is unique to Canberra and the surrounding regions, providing holistic care and offering women real and practical alternatives in their decisions regarding their circumstances and life choices. Karinya has two residences and both are consistently fully occupied.

In the last financial year 42 women and babies were given accommodation at Karinya House and Erin House and 290 women and their families were provided with outreach support. This is a 51 per cent increase from the previous year.

During and after their pregnancies, Karinya's clients are often faced with other difficult challenges such as homelessness, domestic violence, mental illness, poor health and social isolation.

Without Karinya House many of these women and children would be facing a very uncertain future.

Belinda and her son Logan, pictured on this page, have recently moved into Erin House.

"I don't know where Logan and I would be without the help and support we receive

One into 400 does go...



every day from the staff at Karinya House," she says.

The continued operation of Karinya House relies on the support of the community.

Through the Project 1000 appeal, Karinya is endeavouring to gather together a network of sponsors who are prepared to give \$200 each year, or whatever they are able, to support women in need during and after their pregnancy.

Karinya now need only 400 additional sponsors to meet their target of 1000.

Reaching this target will ensure the services they currently provide can continue. Can you or your community organisation or business help?

Bishop Pat Power, a Project 1000 supporter and

patron of Karinya House, says he hopes that the appeal will be met with urgent support and compassion by the community.

"Karinya House is a beautiful place of hope which responds to very real human needs.

"Project 1000 supports some of the most vulnerable people in our community with great dignity and in a practical and Christ-like way. I am very proud to be a small part of it."

Donations can be made annually or in regular smaller amounts and are tax deductible.

Please call Karinya House on 6259 8998 for further information or to make a contribution to Project 1000.

Welcome



We welcome the residents, families and friends of Blakeney Lodge (Tumut) and Maranatha Lodge (Batehaven) to the Catholic Healthcare community.

Catholic Healthcare accepted responsibility for these two aged care ministries from the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn in 2006.

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It is a decision that ranks in importance right up there with marriage, buying a house, or starting a family.

There are numerous factors to be considered including a desire to break from the work involved in the routine maintenance of a large home and garden; concern about the changing nature of the neighbourhood; the need to take a longer-term view regarding future support/care needs or, simply a desire to create a whole new beginning.

Given the importance of this vital life decision, many older people choose to defer making it just in case the decision is wrong.

For those who wish to make a change, a new-found acceptance by Australians of retirement villages has created an abundance of alternatives.

Southern Cross Care offers those people a great choice.

Southern Cross is committed to providing quality accommodation, care and services and has a policy of ensuring access to any older person who is desirous of acquiring accommodation or in need of care.

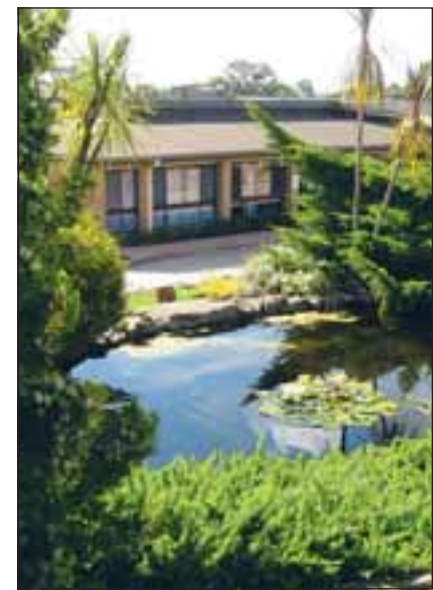
Its open-door policy to its care services coupled with its preferential access to 25 per cent of its independent living units sets it apart from the vast majority of other providers.

In addition to the construction of the new Garran facility, Southern Cross has made a commitment to rebuilding the facilities at Young, Cootamundra and Bombala plus also developing new facilities at Goulburn and in Campbell, ACT over the next two to five years.

Chief Executive Mr John Ireland said that it was not only Southern Cross's commitment to providing high-quality accommodation but also its commitment to holistic care with a strong emphasis on pastoral care that makes Southern Cross so popular and well regarded.

"It is our philosophy regarding access to and quality of services, as well as management's commitment to establishing strong relationships with our residents and their families that creates a truly unique quality of life for them and makes Southern Cross Care 'a great way to live'."

Southern Cross Care facilities at Cootamundra (right) and Young (far right) which will be rebuilt.



Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) Inc.,

"a great way to live"



Southern Cross Care is a Christian, charitable, community service organisation which was founded by the Knights of the Southern Cross in the early 1970's. As an integral part of the Catholic Church's ministry to older people, Southern Cross operates 34 facilities throughout New South Wales and the ACT, partnering with 2400 older people in its independent living

units, residential aged care services and community care programs.

Within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Southern Cross Care operates small retirement villages in Campbell, Braddon and Yarralumla; independent living units and residential care in Young, and residential care facilities in Cootamundra, Gelong and Bombala.



A new village has just been completed in Garran comprising 14 X two and three-bedroom villas and 70 supported living apartments (the residential aged care facility). Small dining rooms, numerous lounge and sitting rooms, a chapel, activities centres, a hairdressing salon and well appointed courtyards will significantly enhance the Residents' lifestyle.

The Garran facility is ideally located close by the Woden Centre and within walking distance of the Hughes shops.

Southern Cross's philosophy of care and access policy is based around unfettered access to all those who need our services. Access to care is available to "the next person who knocks on the door" regardless of their financial situation. At the same time 25% of

our independent living units are preferentially allocated to pensioner/renters without the need to pay an entry contribution. In Canberra we already have 24 such units and plans are underway to build pensioner/renter units in the expansion at Young and whenever we build the villages at Bombala and Cootamundra.

**For further information please contact:
Area Manager on (02) 6260 4256**



Work will be done on the Southern Cross Care facility at Bombala (above).

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Villaggio Sant' Antonio was a project initially envisaged by a small group of members of the Italian community of Canberra.

The aim of the project was to establish a retirement village for aged members of that community.

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VSA Day Care Program - An Australian Government initiative

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Clients are encouraged to participate in our activities program.

Meals and all personal care needs are provided.

VSA Respite Care

Villaggio Sant' Antonio provides respite accommodation for up to six clients at one time.

Clients have their own room with bathroom and access to a shared kitchen and activities room.

All care needs are provided for as well meals and laundry services.

Clients are encouraged to participate in our activities program.

Each person is allocated a total of 63 days of respite care each financial year.

For further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact:

Villaggio Sant' Antonio, 35 Burkitt Street, Page, ACT 2614; telephone 6255 1794, fax 6254 0766.

Caring for children in your local community

Marymead Child and Family Centre is a local community-based child and family service working to support families, and care for children and young people who cannot live at home. Marymead facilitates a variety of innovative programs focusing on children and young people.

The Marymead Foster Care program supports carers to give children and young people who are unable to live with their parents the best quality of life possible.

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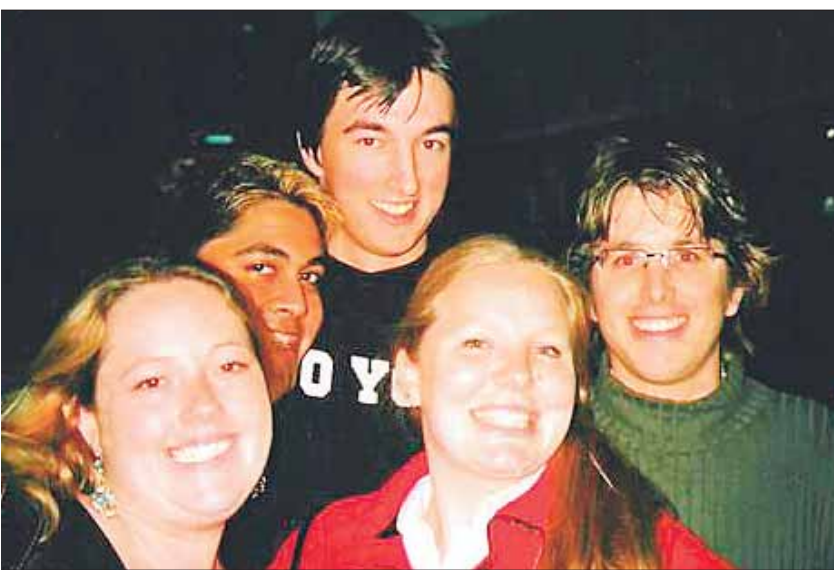
We need young, active and enthusiastic volunteers to man our Night Patrol Vans, help with Kids Holiday Camps and weekend activities, and assist our Parish Conferences with home visitation.

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Canberra/ Goulburn Archdiocese

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LEFT: The Vincentian spirit shines in the faces of these five young volunteers, Abbey Tizzard, Megan Skillicorn, Bikram Ray, Michael Sheather and David Bresnik. If you want to donate or volunteer please telephone Vinnies on 6282 2722.

Vinnie spirit at work in young

While the core work of the St Vincent De Paul Society is home visitation, it also engages in many other programs. Some of these are run by specialist conferences.

In the Canberra/Queanbeyan region two of these, St Joseph the Carpenter and St Nicholas, operate as part of a youth program. Both are run by young people 18 to 30, who work with children aged six to 15.

St Joes run Kids Camps. These camps were started in 1978 in response to the needs of children who have no opportunity to have a holiday.

Their families battle daily with poverty. Many of their parents face the additional burdens of single parenting, drug and alcohol addiction, mental illness or are fleeing domestic violence.

Most children are referred by parish conferences who encounter them through home visitation. Others are

referred by government agencies and charitable groups such as Marymead.

Twelve volunteers and 60 children attended the first camp. Today six to seven camps are run each year catering for hundreds of children. In addition, St Joes hosts a variety of day activities - including barbeques, movies, skating and bowling, and supports a number of sporting teams.

The children not only have fun and time out, they thrive on the friendships formed and the care and support from our young volunteers.

St Nicks established its Young Carers Program in 1997. It caters for children who care for a parent or sibling with an illness or disability. It runs two camps each year, as well as a variety of catch up activities. The kids who attend have an opportunity to have fun, but also to debrief with other children who share similar life experiences.

It is heartening to see the Vincentian spirit at work in the young volunteers - and they in their turn are privileged to be able to offer their friendship and compassion to the most vulnerable children.

St Vincent's Villas are located behind the Parish Church at Aranda.

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Priest's travels help all come away

A priest who could lay claim to having more contact on the ground with clergy in Australia than anyone else has published a book based on the retreats he has given.

Fr Peter Brock, a priest of the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, after more than 30 years in parish ministry, spent four years in Canberra as executive officer of the National Commission for Clergy Life and Ministry. He worked from an office in Favier House, Braddon, and lived at Queanbeyan presbytery.

During his time in the ministry, he visited priests in some of the most isolated parts of Australia.

Fr Brock has given clergy retreats in most dioceses in Australia, and led the two weeks of retreat for clergy of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn at Galong in November 2004.

The book, "You Must Come Away" contains the talks and format for these retreats. While the talks have been directed to clergy, almost everything written in the book could be helpful to any reader wanting to

take time out to "rest for a while", Fr Brock said.

In launching the book, Archbishop Francis Carroll said Fr Brock had achieved "impossible feats of travel and ministry" during his time based in Canberra.

He said the down-to-earth, practical book was "a little volume that would be of great value to a lot of people".

"You Must Come Away" is published by Spectrum Publications and is available from the Catholic Bookshop Braddon for \$19.95.



Fr Peter Brock signs a copy of his book at the launch watched by Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Ambrose de Paoli.

In August we welcomed Archbishop Mark Coleridge and farewelled another long-serving priest with the funeral of Fr Greg Collins. I also caught up with a number of missionaries on return visits to the diocese.

Sr Brenda Nash OLSH, visiting from the Diocese of Alatu, Milne Bay, PNG, is part of their Diocesan Development Team training parish animators. They're endeavouring to equip and enable many in parishes to undertake ministries to serve their communities. Sr Brenda has spent 46 of her 50 years of ministry in PNG sharing in the life and challenges of the communities she calls home.

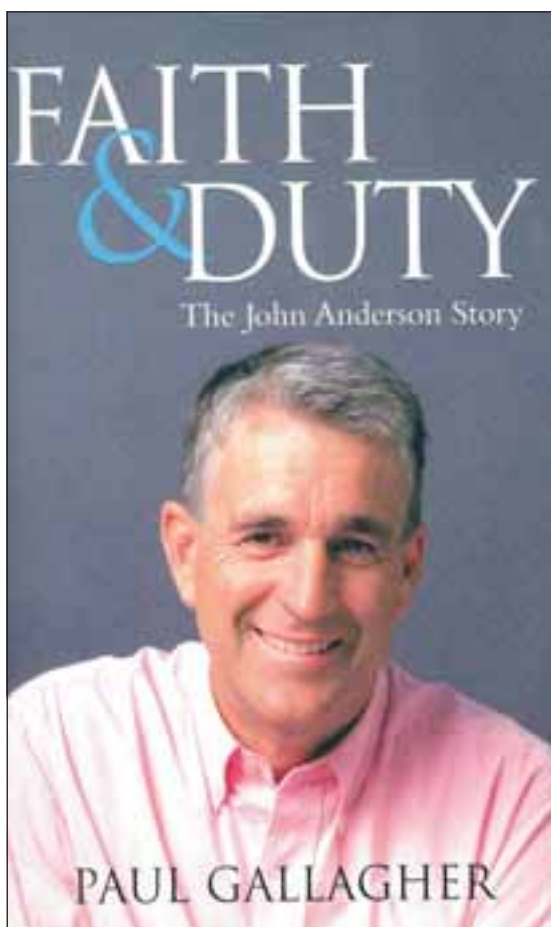
Fr Frank Jones returned for a short visit from his mission duties in Ecuador. It has been a year with many challenges and communities facing great need.

Br Paul Nixon has spent the past six years working with indigenous communities as part of the Missionaries of God's Love's mission in Darwin.

The communities and lives of the people these and other missionaries touch, go to the very heart of Catholic Mission's work. Such work needs support to endure. Prayers and donations enable us to continue meeting such need. God Bless.

Deacon Joe Blackwell

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Human glimpse of politics

Faith and Duty: The John Anderson Story by Paul Gallagher. Random House, 2006, 288 pp, rrp \$34.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Remember John Anderson? That's right. The member for Gwydir, also leader of the National Party and Deputy Prime Minister prior to his resignation, on health grounds, last July.

All round good guy and easy on the eyes too.

The Prime Minister said of him, "There is no finer human being in public life than John Anderson."

Paul Gallagher, Anderson's biographer, entirely supports this view.

His sympathetic portrait of Anderson includes vignettes of John's forebears and intensely personal stories from his childhood to explore what makes him tick.

Gallagher chronicles the personal tragedies that have marked his subject's life. John's mother died of cancer when he was three.

His father Duncan, a morose hard-drinking war veteran, was devastated but continued to farm his property near Gunnedah while raising John and his younger sister Jane.

When Jane was 12 she was killed in a backyard sporting accident.

This exacerbated John's sense of self-doubt which continued to plague him throughout the rest of his life.

However, he also possessed a conscientious sense of duty, a strength of character and a dogged determination to make a difference.

Underpinning these attributes was his Christian faith which he discovered

while at The King's School.

For his book *Faith and Duty*, Gallagher has been granted unprecedented access to records and to the recollections of this intensely private MP.

For lovers of political scut there are plenty of stories of deals done behind closed doors.

On record is a strong refutation of the allegation of corruption made by Tony Windsor against Anderson.

There is documentation, too, of the triumphs such as the 2004 National Water Initiative and the setting up of AusLink the first national land transport plan.

Faith and Duty charts the story of a remarkable life marked by tragedy and pain but also by an inspirational devotion to family and to duty in the light of unwavering faith.

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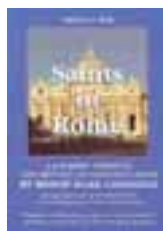
Tiff and the Trout by David Metzenthien: Penguin 2004, 198pp, rrp \$16.95. Reviewer: Moira McAlister.

This is a perceptive story about family, friends, children and adults, their relationships and the way in which places affect them. Tiff is 12 and loves the mountains, skiing, her cosy home, her small community and trout fishing with her quiet and gentle father. When her parents separate her world becomes chaos and confusion. This portrait of a family at crisis point is honest and sympathetic.

Young readers, whether they have experienced this situation or not, will feel with Tiff as she watches her world collapse and then comes to terms with the inevitable and begins to make sense of her new situation.



CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP



DVD: Saints in Rome, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge is a 60-minute journey through the fascinating history of Christian Rome. Presented on location throughout Rome, Archbishop Mark Coleridge explains the circumstances of various saints' lives in an expert manner. Bishop Mark is a biblical scholar and knows Rome very well, having spent many years there in study, and more recently working in the Vatican with Pope John Paul II. In an engaging way, he establishes the roots of the ancient city and introduces us to some of the influential saints of the Church, as we visit many of the sites and holy places in Rome. \$45.00

BOOK: You Must Come Away, Fr Peter Brock. 'Jesus saw that his disciples were frazzled, with no time even to eat, and said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'. After more than thirty years in parish ministry in the Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle Fr Peter was based in Canberra for four years as Executive Officer of the National Commission for Clergy Life and Ministry. He has given clergy retreats in most dioceses in Australia. *You Must Come Away* contains the talks and format for these retreats. While originally directed to members of the clergy, almost everything written here will be helpful to any reader wishing to take time out to 'rest for a while'. \$20.00.

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Powerful memories of a dreadful day

It is almost five years since the hijacking of the American commercial planes on 11 September, 2001, the crashes into the twin towers in New York and into the Pentagon in Washington DC.

The fourth plane was United 93, from Newark to San Francisco. The passengers overcame the hijackers but were not able to save the plane which crashed in the Pennsylvania countryside. This is the year for American films recreating these events. We have United 93 and this month the release of Oliver Stone's World Trade Center.

It is a good thing that the first film has been entrusted to British filmmaker, Paul Greengrass.

For almost 20 years, he has been a careful documentary film-maker. He is careful in his research and in his quest for accuracy and truth even when he is interpreting events.

These are the qualities he brings to his screenplay of United 93. He has, first and foremost, the support of relatives of those who died in that plane. He has spent hours interviewing them as well as traffic control personnel both civil and military (quite a number of whom play themselves).

He has listened to the phone messages from the passengers, one of the features of this terrible experience: that many were able to phone from the plane, discovering what had happened in New York, realising what was going to happen to them and sending last, loving messages. This aspect is emotionally powerful in the film. The duration of the film coincides with the duration of the ordeal.

The editing and pace of the film is quite extraordinary, a mosaic of often very short pieces building up into a tense film that recreates the events as well as showing us how ordinary men and women make decisions to cope with crises they never dreamed they would be involved in.

* Fr Peter Malone MSC directs the film desk of SIGNIS: the World

Films

United 93.

Starring Lewis Alsamari, JJ Johnson, Gary Comstock and Trish Gates. Directed by Paul Greengrass. M. 111 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

Footy Legends.

Starring Anh Do, Paul Kakad and Lisa Saggars. Written, produced and directed by Khoa Do. PG. 96 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

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In the underclass suburb of Yagoona people do it tough. Unemployment is high, social problems abound and education is limited. One bright spot for many people is their devotion to rugby league. It can be an exciting break from the bleak humdrum of a depressing existence.

Luc Vu (Anh Do) lives for his footy. At school he and his mates were a formidable schoolboy team. But over the last decade life has been hard for all of them.

Luc recently lost his parents (though we never find out how) and his job. He is the

sole carer of Anne, his 11-year-old sister. Community Services has concern about whether Luc is up to the job. When they send Alison (Claudia Karvan), a community caseworker, to investigate the situation, Luc is frightened Anne will be taken into foster care.

Desperate to show the court he is a responsible carer and can provide for his sister, Luc gathers together his former schoolboy mates and enters them into a football competition, The Holden cup. The prize is a Holden utility and the possibility of a modelling contract with Lowes Menswear.

The boys make the final, but just before the last game Luc is made an offer of a lifetime. Footy Legends is warm and generous family entertainment. Its heart is in the right place even if technically it leaves a lot to be desired. The script has several annoying gaps, but that is not as disconcerting as seeing the boom microphone drop into the frame. Writer, producer and director Khoa Do is to be highly commended for the working class material he brings to the screen.

It is worth supporting this engaging film if only to encourage raw talent that deserves a better vehicle.

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

Life, death and children

DVDs

Kids Talkin' About Death (DVD, 20 mins, ages 9-13).

This National Film Board of Canada production consists of interviews with a number of children who have experienced the death of a parent or relative or have helped a grieving friend.

The children speak very frankly and help to bring the topic of death out into the open for the viewer.

The program helps children to understand that discussing death can be an important part of understanding life.

Worth the Wait: Jason Stevens. (DVD, 30 mins, Years 10-12).

Australian rugby league star Jason Stevens talks candidly about his life and success on the sporting field, but most importantly about his relationship with God.

As a popular footballer who has experienced the good life, Stevens is an unlikely person to explain why sex is worth the wait and why young people are worthy of the wait.

However, his personal commitment to his faith makes him an ideal role model for young people who are struggling with the social expectations of sexual relationships.

Interviews with Guy Sebastian and clips of Stevens' appearances on the Footy Show and other television programs, makes Worth the Wait an entertaining and informative documentary.

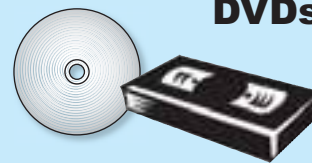
Rain (DVD, Nooma series, 11 mins, ages 15-adult).

This short film deals with eternal question, where is God when things go wrong?

Using the image of rain to symbolise the hurts and sufferings in our lives, and selected Scripture passages, the narrator suggests that maybe God



Videos & DVDs



is closer to us when we suffer and that through suffering God has the opportunity to tell us how much he loves us.

Alex. The Spirit of a Champion (DVD, 52 mins, ages 14-adult).

This inspirational film, based on the classic New Zealand novel by author Tessa Duder, tells the true story of Alex Archer's bid for a place on the 1960 Rome Olympic swimming team.

Despite setbacks, challenges and a personal tragedy, Archer shows the true courage and determination of a champion to achieve her goal.

Suitable for topics such as reaching goals, perseverance and using gifts and talents.

The Chronicles of Narnia: the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (DVD, 137 mins, PG, ages 10-adult).

C S Lewis' epic fantasy is presented in this quality motion picture. Children from contemporary England enter the land of Narnia through a magical wardrobe.

The evil White Witch has kept Narnia in never-ending winter and turned all her enemies to stone. Aslan, the lion-king, leads the fight against her tyranny, with the help of the children.

This tale introduces themes of salvation history.

The Parables of Jesus (DVD, animated stories from the New Testament series, 30 mins, ages 7-12).

Using quality animation, this video retells three of Jesus' parables - the talents, the rich man and Lazarus, and the two sons.

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Becoming Catholic: An Adult's Faith Journey. (Catholic Update series, 33 mins, ages 16-adult).

This video explores the Catholic Church's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, (RCIA), by reflecting on the personal faith experiences of individuals.

The program contains four segments: 1. Story segment; 2. Witness segment; 3. Teaching segment; and 4. Music video reflection.

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Curious George.

Animation film voiced by Will Ferrell, Drew Barrymore. Directed by Matthew O'Callaghan, G. 87 minutes. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

I am glad I saw this with some four and five year olds. The littlies seemed engrossed with it. For this age group it is quite charming in its way, relying more on action and antics rather than characters and dialogue. For adults, it is a benign version of King Kong, where academic explorer finds cute monkey. Colourful and sweet.

Absorbing glance at JPII

Have No Fear: The Life of Pope John Paul II. Five Mile River Films, 2006, \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

There is a plethora of DVDs about Pope John Paul II all of which have a different take on the life and personality of the late Pontiff. So if you are an educator or a student which one do you choose?

Have No Fear is a re-enactment of some of those events so well-known to us. Thomas Kretschmann (The Pianist, King Kong, Downfall) is the lead actor who makes a very credible JPII. Bruno Canz plays Cardinal Wyszynski and Joaquim del

Almeida is Archbishop Romero.

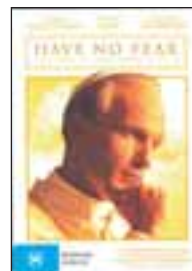
This is a professional and absorbing production. Wisely it avoids covering too much material in 84 minutes.

The film opens at the time of the Pope's visit to Jerusalem. He is shown at the Western Wall and at prayer in the Holy Sepulchre. A voice-over has him asking forgiveness for his own sins and for those of the Church. "Forgive my pride," he says at one point. It is quite a poignant moment.

The film flashes back to "Lolek" Wojtyla's childhood covering the formative influences of the early deaths of his

mother and brother, his school days and the Nazi occupation of Poland. It then moves lightly along to his unexpected election.

Have No Fear concentrates on one-to-one encounters or with small groups. He tells children, "Never doubt, never tire, never become discouraged." Quite a message in light of his own suffering. This production shows a humble Pope, a man of prayer, compassion and humility. I liked it.



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COURAGE CANBERRA - Group for those experiencing same-sex attraction and desiring to live sacramental life of the Church. Meeting 13 and 27 September. Confidentiality assured. Inquiries: Telephone 6254 2408, e-mail couragecanberra@hotmail.com

CURSILLO ULTREYAS - Southside, Gowrie parish centre, 8pm, Tuesday, 26 September. Northside, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Church, Page, 8pm, Thursday, 28 September.

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

DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH - Heart and Faith Service, 11am, Monday, 11 September, Villagio Sant' Antonio, 35 Burkitt Street, Page. Alzheimer's Australia ACT invites people with dementia, families and community members to join in sharing a variety of spiritual journeys through story and song. Inquiries: Telephone 6255 0722 by Tuesday, 5 September.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR DRUG LAW REFORM - 11th annual remembrance for those who lose their life to illicit drugs, 12.30pm-1.30pm, Monday, 16 October, Weston Park, Yarralumla, at memorial on right of Weston Park Road. Family members or friends who would like a loved one remembered by name, telephone Bronwyn 6241 7118 or Marion 6254 2961.

GOULBURN JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES - Gathering in St Joseph's meeting room, O'Connor, 1.30pm, Sunday, 24 September, for prayer, reflection and chat. Bring a plate for afternoon tea. Inquiries: Sr Maureen, telephone 6248 7729.

JOHN OF THE CROSS RETREAT - Friday, 8 September, to Sunday, 10 September, "The Hermitage" Marist Brothers, Mittagong. Weekend looks at John's Classic "The Dark Night", and its practical application for our spiritual growth. Bookings: Sr Lorraine Cupitt RSM, telephone 6262 8974.

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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).

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).

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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 BEDE'S REUNION - Invitation to girls who attended St Bede's, Braidwood, for 18-19 November. Inquiries: Carmel Waddell, telephone 4842 2226, Mary Haigh 4842 2287.

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Greetings from old – and young



TOP LEFT: A bird's eye view of a packed St Christopher's Cathedral. LEFT: Archdiocesan Chancellor Fr Julian Wellspring reads the Pope's letter appointing Archbishop Coleridge, watched by members of the College of Consultors. ABOVE: A delighted Archbishop Coleridge is greeted by young Tom Brewer.

Pictures by Loui Seselja and Geoff Orchison.

'Time for a new kind of imagination'

● From Page 6.

My mission will range far and wide, but it will have its focus in the national capital, and at this turning-point in my journey, I ask the question: Where and how does Australia stand at this time? In some ways, we are like Abraham, "our father in faith" (Roman Canon). He was a rich and successful businessman. Yet something gnawed away at him deep down; something was missing. In the midst of plenty, there was a lingering unhappiness, a sense of failure, of life slipping through his fingers. He had everything except a child and a land of his own; and without these in his culture, he was a man in whose life death had the last word and a man therefore who was wounded deep within, slowly bleeding to death.

So too Australia is in many ways rich and successful, and there is much of which we can be rightly proud, as Abraham was no doubt. Yet there is also something missing deeper down: we sense it in public life and we feel it in the privacy of our heart. We have a bit of fun but not much joy; we get on well enough with others but struggle to find love; we know little conflict but do not find peace; we have endless options but do not feel free; we move but we do not advance. Like Abraham, there is the wound deep within, and so we just get on with business, proving how rich and successful we can be

in a world where fear and greed loom large. There is no hope of the fulness of life we long for deep down - the joy, the love, the peace, the freedom; there is no hope of healing. Or so at least it seems. But precisely at this point of seeming hopelessness, God speaks a healing word - a word of promise to Abraham, "I will give you a child and a land", and a word of hope to Australia, "I will fill the muted void". This word comes from nowhere and opens magnificent and unexpected horizons of hope. It overturns the conventional logic which says that nothing else is possible, so just get on with business. This word is the wisdom of the Cross (cf. 1 Cor 1:18-25), and it's the only wisdom to which the Church can lay claim.

There are many crosses in the world - so many forms of suffering - and all of these crosses bar one destroy the human being. The one exception is the Cross of Christ: where it should destroy like all the others, it creates the human being uniquely. We have all known someone deeply wounded who has not been destroyed by the wound, but has been strangely created by it - by which I mean led to a new and more radiant depth of humanity precisely through suffering. That is the Cross of Jesus Christ wherever you find it. That is the power of Easter. That is the ground of Christian hope.

As he tells the story of Calvary, St John gives us an unforgettable image of this power: "One of the soldiers pierced his side with a lance, and immediately there came forth blood and water" (19:34). The death-wound of Christ becomes a fountain of life and proclaims to the world that there is no wound that cannot become a fountain, not even the cosmic wound of death. This is the point of my episcopal motto which is inscribed here over the cathedra lest I forget: "Sanguis et Aqua", "Blood and Water". This is the hope of Easter which cries out, with the angel Gabriel, that "nothing is impossible to God". St Paul says the same thing differently when he writes the strange and simple words that take us to the heart of the Gospel: "When I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor 12:10). This overturns the logic of a culture like ours which tends to say that when I am strong, then I am strong, and when I am weak, I am nothing. The word of hope the Church has heard from the mouth of God, she speaks to the heart of Australia, knowing that no other power can heal the wound that lies deep down in rich and successful Australia. Without that word, when God is silenced or ignored, we keep looking for the right thing in the wrong place and never find it. Who will lead us to the right place? Who will give us what is

missing? The only answer is God, who speaks in the place where we are weak and wounded, bringing babies from barren wombs and dead men from the tomb.

At this new threshold in my life, then, I find myself asking: Where am I going as a man? Where are we going as the Church? Where are we going as a nation? To tell the truth, I cannot be entirely sure. But that doesn't mean that we are adrift on a morass of uncertainty, nor that I am a steersman without a rudder, the blind leading the blind (cf. Matt 15:14). Yet we live at a time when some kinds of certitudes are denied to us, a time when faith may be more difficult but when it is more necessary than ever.

By faith, I mean what we see in Abraham and Mary, whom I have chosen as my special companions as I set forth upon this new phase of my own journey. Both were called by God but given precious little detail. In both cases, the call was hard to credit, and they were given no road-map for the strange journey ahead. Yet both said yes, trusting that the One who had called them would lead them safely on and would honour his almost unbelievable promise, "for nothing is impossible to God".

I have learned through the years that it is more important to say yes to the One who calls than to know exactly where you are going. It is more important to keep your

eye and ear on him than to look anxiously for some non-existent road-map that might allow you to take charge. To keep your eye and ear on the One who calls is what I mean by faith. That's what is now more necessary than ever - for me, for the Church, for the nation.

So here I stand - no political leader or corporate boss but simply a man of faith, a son of Abraham, a son of Mary, poor and powerless enough, wounded certainly, but called by Christ, equipped by Christ, sent out by Christ. To him I say yes once more this morning, as I have so often before, but now at a new depth and with a new intensity.

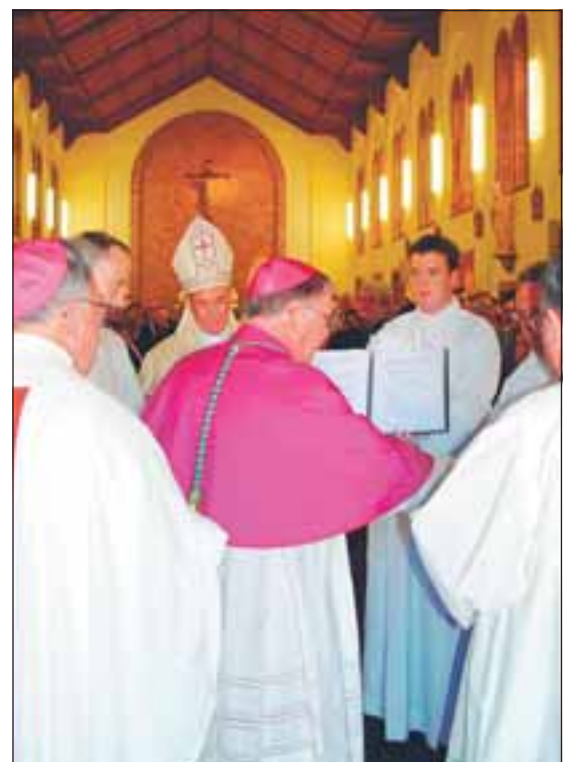
In saying yes to him, I say yes to you, the Church of Canberra and Goulburn, my future, my family, my flesh and blood in the Lord. For you I will live and for you I will die.

And in saying yes to Christ, I say yes to Australia - home of the Dreaming, Terra Nullius, South Land of the Holy Spirit, lit by the Southern Cross. Beneath the mantle of Mary Help of Christians which enwraps us like the ocean, may we all come, at our own pace and in our own way, to touch the face of God as did the Virgin, setting pools of life in all its fulness, oases of Christ himself, in this thirsty land as we journey on together towards our true homeland which is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20) where God will be all in all. Amen.



ABOVE: Archbishop Coleridge leaves the Cathedral to the applause of his peers.
TOP RIGHT: With mother Marjorie outside the Cathedral after the ceremony.
RIGHT: Welcomed at the door of the Cathedral by Archbishop Carroll.

BELOW RIGHT: Leaving the sacristy vested for Mass, followed by Archbishop Carroll.
BOTTOM RIGHT: "We welcome you, Mark, as Archbishop in this Church of Canberra and Goulburn," says Bishop Pat Power as he pronounces the installation.



It's time for new thinking in Church

Archbishop Mark Coleridge in his first homily as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn has called for a new kind of lateral thinking in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus.

Speaking at his installation Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra, he urged everyone to take part in that thinking.

"There is something stirring in the old, seemingly barren womb of Mother Church in this land, and it's all God's work" he said. Not for the first time, the Catholic Church in Australia was passing through a time of deep and permanent change, which may in some ways be death but which was also birth.

"Far from being a time to circle the wagons, this is a time to roll the wagons in new ways through territory we do not know," he said.

"Now is the time for a new kind of apostolic imagination, a kind of lateral thinking in the drive to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus in fresh and powerful ways that go to the heart of Australia.

"All of us must join in that thinking. As a leader, I have always done best in situations where others bombard me with all kinds of ideas and suggestions. It can't be left to the leader to have all the bright ideas and to make all the best suggestions.

"I will have some ideas and suggestions certainly; but my task as bishop is also to make discernments and decisions about what others propose. I will at times say no for one reason or another; but that

Archbishop Coleridge's coat of arms with the motto "Sanguis et Aqua", "Blood and Water".



doesn't mean I haven't listened or that you should stop feeding me ideas and suggestions. Because it's up to all of us to imagine and to think how the Gospel might be proclaimed in new ways. Therefore, I depend on you and a host of others to dream dreams, to see visions and to propose initiatives that might light new fires of the Gospel in the Archdiocese and beyond."

Archbishop Coleridge said it was important to renew structures in the Church, but even more important was the renewal of heart made possible by the encounter with Christ in prayer. Our communities - families, parishes and educational institutions above all - must become genuine schools of prayer. The way of deep renewal in the Church at this time was the way of contemplation.

He said the book, Planting the Celtic Cross, which told the history of the Archdiocese spoke of remarkable expansion against the odds, not only in structures and institutions but also in the spir-

itual vitality of the Archdiocese.

"Those times can seem a world away from our own, given the different circumstances and challenges we now face, and in many ways they are remote. Yet is not the same depth of faith, however different its forms, exactly what we need today to meet the new challenges we face?

"Is not the same missionary energy, however different its forms, what the whole Church needs now if we are to do in our own time and in our own way what others have done before us?

"The legacy of our Irish forebears may not be as remote as it seems. Their spiritual genes are still powerfully among us, and they will surely surface in unexpected ways as we move into a very different future as a people different yet surprisingly the same."

Like the Archdiocese, the whole Church now sought not to reject but to build upon the past as she moved into the future that God has in mind. The way forward for the Church was always a matter of "back to the future", and the challenge was always to engage the past in creative ways that stirred new energies. This is what the Vatican Council meant when it spoke of a need to "return to the sources".

"That is what I will strive to do as Archbishop - engage the past in order to build the future, and to do so in ways that both honour the past and embrace the future."

● Full text of homily pages 6 and 19.

