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Sacred Heart Central School students Philippa Hoey, Amy Carroll and Emily Morrison model beanies and scarves Cootamundra parishioners and school parents have knitted for those travelling to Sydney for World Youth Day. ● **Go to Pages 3, 7.**

Crowds show their devotion to Our Lady



Procession to the grotto ... Galong's annual Marian pilgrimage. More pictures, story **Back Page.**

Time to take stock

It's time to take stock of the liturgical renewal of the past 40 years with an eye to pastoral need and liturgical tradition, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

In a Pentecost letter to the liturgy to the people of the Archdiocese, he said the Spirit was saying to the Church "to discern as clearly as possible what has succeeded and what has failed, and to make adjustments in the light of that discernment".

Australia's bishops chose Pentecost Sunday to implement the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal in a provisional translation, which directs two changes for the people and a number for the celebrant in the Roman Rite Mass.

Archbishop Coleridge flagged that the style of language used at Mass will change to "a more elevated and sacral idiom" when the new translation of the Roman Missal appears, perhaps late next year.

The two immediate changes relating to the people are:

- The congregation stands immediately after the celebrant has said "Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice will be pleasing and acceptable to God, the almighty Father" and before praying "May the Lord accept this sacrifice...".

Much achieved in liturgical renewal, much still to be done, says Archbishop

- Before receiving Holy Communion, communicants bow to the One they are about to receive. Bowing is the preferred gesture, but those who are accustomed to genuflect before receiving or to kneel to receive will be free to follow their custom.

A brochure outlining and explaining these changes may be found on the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website at www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200804151396.pdf

For a copy of the new translation, go to www.acbc.catholic.org.au/documents/200707031933.pdf

"The new version of General Instruction is one of a number of indications that the Church is moving into a new phase of the ongoing journey of liturgical renewal, the roots of which reach back to the Second Vatican Council and beyond," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"In earlier times, it seemed that the

process of liturgical renewal begun by the Council was complete. But that is not the case.

"All of us will have to be open to learn, and that is not always easy.

"Over recent decades, liturgical habits have taken hold, some of which have been beneficial, others detrimental to the celebration of the liturgy.

"It is never easy to break the hold of bad habits, especially when we do not see them as bad.

"Openness to learn always involves humility, a preparedness to recognise that I do not know all the answers.

"In the case of the liturgy, that humility involves a preparedness to learn from the Church, to whom alone the liturgy belongs; and in the new General Instruction and the new translations of the Missal and Lectionary, it is the voice of the whole Church, the Bride of Christ, that we hear."

Much had been achieved in the journey

of liturgical renewal since the Second Vatican Council, but there was still much to be done, he said.

"Without abandoning the gains of recent decades, now is the time to take stock comprehensively, with our eye firmly fixed on both pastoral need and liturgical tradition in the way presumed by the Council.

"At times when my own spirits have flagged in what I am doing to help the Church move through this next phase of liturgical renewal, I have thought to myself that what we are doing - what we are all called to do now - is to prepare an Upper Room where the Lord can celebrate the Passover.

"In the Gospel, Jesus asks, 'Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' (Mark 14:14); and in shaping the liturgy we are providing the Lord with an answer - 'a large room upstairs, furnished and ready' (v. 15).

"The room must be large because all the disciples will gather there: the liturgy is for everyone.

"Moreover, in all our efforts to renew the liturgy as the Church requires, we are seeking to ensure that the room is 'furnished and ready'."

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near and far

Off to speak to the world

A St Clare's College student has been named one of 10 from the ACT to represent Australia at the International Youth Advisory Congress to be held in London next month.

After attending the Australian Federal Police's Today's Youth forum on internet safety, Year 11 student Rebecca Prior (right) was selected to attend the congress along with 200 young people from Australia, Canada, the US and the European Union. "I am both proud and excited to be representing Australia and St Clare's at this event in London," Rebecca said.

Thanks to Marcia

Parishioners of Mary Queen of Apostles, Goulburn, gathered in the Bishops Room at the Verner Street presbytery to mark the retirement of parish secretary Marcia Moon. Mr Matt Casey, who spoke on behalf of the parish pastoral council, thanked her for the help she had given over the past 12 years.

During the course of her employment Marcia was secretary to Fr Laurie Blake and later Fr Tony Percy. She has been an active member of the parish community from the time she and her husband Fred moved to Goulburn many years ago. She has been the smiling face behind the office desk. Her dedication to her tasks has shown her to be the compassionate quiet motivator behind many social functions. She will be remembered for her concern and care of many Goulburn parishioners.

Calling all from Coota

A reunion for all ex-students of the Cootamundra Catholic Schools will be held on the long weekend of 4 - 6 October. Anyone who attended the Convent of Mercy, De La Salle, Catholic Primary, Catholic High or Sacred Heart School is invited to attend.

Several other functions are planned in Cootamundra on the same weekend so early accommodation booking is recommended.

For reunion and accommodation details, forward names and addresses to Ted O'Connor, telephone 6943 2274 or PO Box 23 Cootamundra NSW 2590, or Margaret Large, telephone 6942 1851, email: therese_carroll@shcoota.cg.catholic.edu.au

Passion and dedication

Although Kathleen O'Keefe is no longer employed in archdiocesan youth ministry, the direction of her career has not moved far from young people. After more than two years of work with archdiocesan youth ministry, Miss O'Keefe has taken up a teaching position at MacKillop College's senior campus.

Miss O'Keefe was employed from February 2006 as the regional youth ministry coordinator in Tuggeranong Valley and then worked on the archdiocesan regional ministry pilot project until March this year.

CatholicLIFE director Mr Shawn van der Linden said she showed "amazing passion and dedication. She has broken new ground in the development of the regional ministry model and many will benefit from her work for many years to come," he said.

In the many years she has worked and volunteered in youth ministry, Miss O'Keefe has initiated youth groups, women's dinners, a family retreat, and regional and archdiocesan World Youth Day events and Masses.

South Tuggeranong Parish Priest Fr John Armstrong said Miss O'Keefe saw the importance of making a connection between parish community and the lives of young people. "Kathleen was extremely committed in her time and energy in working towards a model of youth community which can be sustained into the future," he said.

New leader for Jesuits

Fr Steve Curtin SJ has been appointed as the new Provincial of the Australian Jesuits. Born and raised in Sydney, Fr Curtin attended school at St Ignatius College Riverview and studied psychology at Macquarie University. He joined the Jesuits in 1985, at the age of 28.



New PPs appointed

Several clergy appointments have been made by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and the archdiocesan consultors: Fr Mietek Markowicz has been appointed parish priest of Queanbeyan, Fr Peter Doai parish priest of Kaleen, Fr Warrick Tonkin parish priest of Evatt and Fr Bernie Patterson parish priest of Bega. Fr Patterson will finish at Gungahlin in August and will take sabbatical. During this time, Fr Simon Falk will serve as administrator of Bega. Fr Falk has been released for two years full-time study to undertake a Masters in Theology through the Melbourne College of Divinity. He will begin studies early next year. Boorowa parish priest Fr Greg Beath will assume responsibility also for Harden-Murrumburrah parish. Fr Varghese Vavolil will become administrator of Braidwood and Bungendore with Fr Joseph Tran priest-in-residence at Bungendore. Fr Fayez Assaf will become hospital chaplain.

The parishes of Batemans Bay and Moruya, will be split with Fr Tom Thornton remaining parish priest of Batemans Bay. Bodalla will be added to Moruya parish. Appointments will be made to Wanniasa, Cooma, Moruya and Campbell parishes.

United in prayer

About 60 people of several Christian denominations from across Canberra have gathered in an evening of Taizé prayer. The event, part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was held at St Stephen's Anglican Church, Kambah. It was organised by St Stephen's, St Thomas the Apostle Parish and the Canberra Taizé Group.

Prayers were offered for healing and reconciliation between divided Christians. The evening included prayers, scripture readings, silent meditation and beautiful Taizé chants, accompanied by guitar.

BELOW: Anne and Deacon John Lim, Rev Peta Thorpe (St Stephen's), Trish Jarzynski (St Thomas the Apostle), Annemarie Nicol and members of the Canberra Taizé Group.



50 years of service

Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn have gathered to celebrate the 50th jubilee of religious profession of Sr Marie De Porres and Sr M Gemma in Our Lady of Dolours Chapel, North Goulburn. Sisters, families and friends, travelled from across the Archdiocese and beyond to share in the celebration.

Emeritus Archbishop Francis Carroll was chief celebrant assisted by Wagga Wagga Bishop Gerard Hanna and many clergy from both dioceses. Sr M Gemma has lived in Goulburn almost all her religious life. Her gentle nature, and untiring and unselfish work have been a gift for all, especially the boarders at North Goulburn to whom she ministered over many years.



Sr Marie De Porres' pathway took her to primary school teaching and to such places as Narrandera, Leeton, Binalong, Adelong, Batemans Bay, Barmedman, Yoogali, Yanco, Handwood, Yenda, Ungarie, Barellan, Goulburn, Taralga and, since 1999, Culcairn. She retains a close connection with the Catholic school at Culcairn and is involved in Church and community at local and regional level.

ABOVE: Congregational leader Sr Noelene Quinane with jubilarians Sr Marie De Porres (standing) and Sr M Gemma.

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Parishes prepare to greet Polish and Irish visitors

With less than six weeks to go, parishes are starting to finalise plans for pilgrim activities during Days in the Diocese.

About 100 Polish pilgrims, the biggest group from the Warsaw Archdiocese, will be staying in Yass and Evatt parishes.

Representatives from the parishes met visiting group coordinators at Clonakilla winery in Murrumbateman to discuss plans.

Group coordinators Miss Margaret Yurak and Mr Gregory Pindelski, both 23 year old students, said their group was a mixture of people from all over Warsaw who had responded to an advertisement. "Our group includes seven priests and the ages of pilgrims range from 16 to 70," Miss Yurak said.

Yass and Evatt parishes will try to give the pilgrims Australian experiences of spirituality, culture, service and wilderness.

As part of the service element,



Enjoying morning tea at Clonakilla Winery are (from left): Evatt parish priest Fr Paul Huthnance, Evatt WYD coordinator Mrs Kay Grzadka, Polish pilgrim Mr Gregory Pindelski, Miss Ana Manenica from the archdiocesan WYD office, Polish pilgrim Miss Margaret Yurak, Yass parish priest Fr Laurie Bent, Yass WYD billeting coordinator Mrs Anne Healey and Yass WYD coordinator Mrs Lara Kirk.

Evatt parish intends to take about 50 Polish and 40 German pilgrims to help clear the river at Cotter

Reserve and hopefully see some local wildlife. "I think the service element is a great idea to get some

work done and build relationships between the pilgrims and the community," Miss Yurak said.

With 125 pilgrims from Poland, Italy, Canada and South Africa set to stay in Yass for Days in the Diocese, the whole community is pitching in to help out. Yass World Youth Day coordinator Mrs Lara Kirk said the town's annual "Grandstand Cracker Night" had been moved from its original date.

"The fireworks night is not an event just for the Catholic community. It will involve the whole town so the pilgrims can meet a lot of people," she said.

Yass and Evatt parishes have come up with many ideas to entertain the pilgrims during their stay including an Australian film night, a craft day to decorate a keepsake cross for the parish, a winery visit and day to see the sights around Canberra.

Miss Yurak said the Polish pilgrims were excited about coming to

Australia and had been planning since October.

● Youth ministry director for the Irish Archdiocese of Kildare and Leighlin Fr Paul Dempsey is preparing to bring 138 young people to Boorowa and Binalong for Days in the Diocese.

"Things are well under way here now," he said. "We will have the official launch of the pilgrimage on Saturday 28 June in the Cathedral here in Carlow. Our Bishop, Jim Moriarty, who is travelling to World Youth Day will celebrate the Mass with us.

"There is a great Irish connection with the parish of Boorowa. Many Irish settled there, so it will be nice to strengthen that connection in July. The people in the parish there have been great in opening their homes to the group of pilgrims visiting. We are very much looking forward to the adventure and getting to know them and building friendships."

French pilgrims to join their Cardinal in St Christopher's

An internationally televised Mass celebrated in French by the Archbishop of Paris will be held in St Christopher's Cathedral during Days in the Diocese.

During World Youth Day the Archbishop of Paris traditionally celebrates a special Mass on the Sunday before the Papal Mass in the diocese where Parisian pilgrims are billeted.

Archbishop of Paris Cardinal André Vingt-Trois has asked all French pilgrims taking part in the Days in the Diocese program in the Archdiocese to join him for the Mass, which will be held from 6pm to 8pm on Sunday, 13 July. The 700-strong French group is one of the larger international groups coming to the Archdiocese.

CatholicLIFE director Mr Shawn van der Linden said the French Mass demonstrated the sharing of cultures, which is what Days in the Diocese is all about. "We are pleased to have the Archbishop of Paris and their pilgrims celebrate this Mass in our Cathedral," he said.

"Days in the Diocese is a chance for parishes to come together, to remind themselves of what makes

their parish and community unique and to share with their international visitors."

Music and liturgy for the Mass will be organised by the French pilgrims in collaboration with the Cathedral parish. A French television crew of about 20 people will stream the telecast live to more than 1.5 million people in France.

The Cathedral parish will host about 100 pilgrims from the Chemin Neuf community, which is Catholic with an ecumenical vocation comprised of married couples, families, consecrated women and men and priests.

On 9 -12 July, Goulburn Parish will host a major part of the Days in the Diocese program, the International Youth Forum. The forum will be facilitated by the French Emmanuel Community and is expected to attract about 2500 Australian and international pilgrims including about 300 French who will be billeted in Goulburn.

Kambah, Aranda, West Wyalong and many other parishes around the Archdiocese are also hosting French pilgrims.



Singers to get close up with the Pope

About 20 young people from Canberra have landed front row seats to some major events at World Youth Day.

The singers will join about 350 other young people from around Australia to create the World Youth Day choir, which will perform at the opening, evening vigil and Papal Masses. Since forming in March, the local choir has practised for two hours every week and learnt about 45 pieces of music. Music teacher Mrs Rachel Campbell, who coordinates the choir, said it would miss out performing at the archdiocesan World Youth Day Festival and Commissioning Mass on 12 July, due to rehearsals in Sydney. "I'm sure in the end it will be worth all the work," she said. "We get to be very close to the Pope so we're all excited about that."

On Saturday, 14 June, the choir will be officially unveiled during a 6pm Mass celebrated by Fr Ben Roberts at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ABOVE: Back, Naomi Luck, Rob Taylor, Sarah Lysewycz, Greg Taylor, Bridget Gannon, Rachel Campbell, Margaret Huntley, Nicolette Marks, Phoebe Davies, Csarusia Schlegel. Front, Alicia Da Costa, Cromwel Flores, Felicity Pollard, Grace Morris.

Youth 'need to feel good'

Young people who do not talk about their faith for fear of being seen as "weird" should feel differently after World Youth Day, Catholic Education Office WYD coordinator Mrs Donella Johnston said.

She told a meeting of WYD schools coordinators that young people needed to feel good about their faith.

"We recognise that World Youth Day is an important event for young people to get together and have the courage to talk about their faith," she said. "We should be talking about it like we talk about who we're going for in the footy on the weekend."

As a former language teacher, Mrs Johnston would take students overseas to experience the culture and language they studied and she likened this to the World Youth Day experience. "I took the students away because I wanted to give them the emergence experience of another culture. When they come back you can actually see them blossom."



Mrs Donella Johnston with some of the World Youth Day school coordinators. Post World Youth Day, she says young people should be more comfortable with using religious language and talking about being a Catholic.

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Taste of country life

Cootamundra parish is aiming to give more than 50 pilgrims a taste of country life. About 40 young people from Aruba in the Caribbean and 14 from Paris will take part in Cootamundra's Days in the Diocese program, which includes a visit to a local farm to see shearing and sowing winter crops. A bush walk in Pioneer Park will ensure the pilgrims see kangaroos, which is high on their priority list. A visit to Bimbadeen, formerly the Cootamundra Girls Home, is also planned. Coordinator Mrs Therese Carroll said she was sure it would be "the start of life long friendships".

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Church voice crosses a cyber threshold

A recent piece in the secular press expressed an anxiety that any Church - in particular the Catholic Church - should claim a mortgage on the truth. So for the sake of clarity and to allay any anxiety that is out there let me set forth here what the Catholic Church in fact claims.

We do not claim that the Church has a mortgage on the truth. We do claim, however, that Jesus Christ is the truth incarnate. In that sense, only he has a mortgage on the truth. We also believe that Christ has decided to reveal the truth to the Church so that the Church can share it with the world. He has also decided to entrust to the Apostles and their successors the Bishops the task of ensuring that the truth is passed on unimpaired from generation to generation. Not that the Church as yet possesses the fullness of truth. But we have the Lord's promise of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into the complete truth (cf John 16:13).

That is what we mean when we speak of a Magisterium - a charismatic teaching office entrusted by Christ to the Pope and the Bishops. It is a diakonia of the truth, a proclamation of the Good News of Jesus crucified and risen.

Without that, we end up like some Christian communities where the truth, if it can be known or communicated at all, is the product of a kind of political negotiation. At that point, you have perhaps some vaguely fashionable postmodern posturing which may have some appeal in a cultural moment like this, but you do not have the truth of Jesus Christ. Nor do you have the Church of Jesus Christ as it has been down the ages.

Catholic media takes its place within this diakonia of the truth, this service of the Gospel. That is why it is different from the secular media. Secular models can influence the life of the Church in all kinds of ways, some good, some bad. One example of this is the way in which people impose political models on the Church, treating the Church as if it were just another political party with all its factions and ideological urgings.

By this same logic, a paper like Catholic Voice would be no more than a churchified version of a secular paper, revelling in the antagonisms and controversies, real or contrived, which make for stories that sell papers. But the Voice is and has always been something different.

Mission for the west is taking shape

The initiative by Archbishop Mark Coleridge to establish a Western Mission comprising the parishes of West Wyalong, Weethalle, Ungarie, Ardlethan and Barellan and their outlying stations is taking shape.

It began in January when Ardlethan parish no longer had a resident priest. Archbishop Coleridge asked West Wyalong parish priest Fr Troy Bobbin to begin the mission with the help of priests from the Cathedral parish until June.

Fr Bobbin said a religious sister lived in each parish and was deemed the community leader of that area so requests, such as for baptisms, were directed first to her. In this way the parishes retained their identity. "As a team we meet monthly to evaluate how things are going and to plan for the next month," he said.

"We have now written our Western Mission Charter which will be updated as we move along. Our guide along the way is the Good Shepherd."

Each weekend, a vigil Mass is held at Ariah Park and West Wyalong. On Sunday Mass is celebrated West Wyalong,

Get your gifts to warm the hearts of pilgrims

The Archdiocese is selling beanies and scarves embroidered with the archdiocesan logo to raise money for World Youth Day. The souvenirs would be great gifts for international visitors and would help keep pilgrims warm during World Youth Day. Cost is \$10 for the black and red beanie and \$12 for the

black scarf. Buy both for \$22 and you will receive a free wrist band. Stock is limited, so for orders and inquiries contact Cathy Moffitt on 6201 9811 or e-mail cathy.moffitt@cg.catholic.org.au

Central Canberra Parish, Centacare and the Australian Catholic University's Canberra campus have joined forces to

In an Archdiocese as far flung and diverse as Canberra and Goulburn, Catholic Voice has for 20 years helped to strengthen the sense of unity which is fundamental to the life of the Church. The Voice has told us not only of the challenges and problems we face but also of what we have done well. In telling the story of our successes and failures, the Voice has held up a mirror to the Archdiocese. In seeing the image of ourselves, we have, I hope, seen the image of

Jesus without whom the Church is nothing or worse. By telling in word and picture the very simple and human stories that make up the life of the Archdiocese, the Voice has helped us all to read the story of God-with-us.

I thank Geoff Orchison and those who have helped to make Catholic Voice what it has been through the two decades of its life. At the same time I look to the future. There will always be a need for the print media. The Voice will continue to have its place in the life of the Archdiocese. But we are crossing an electronic threshold beyond which the Archdiocesan website will become more and more important. The website presents all kinds of multi-media possibilities, and we are planning to introduce some of these later this year. It also offers a regular e-bulletin news service which is proving popular, especially as we move towards World Youth Day, and we are hoping to expand this service.

My generation may still like to pore over newspapers. But a younger generation prefers to pore over a computer screen. The threshold we are crossing is full of both threat and promise. It is deeply ambivalent. But the Church as a whole, and this Archdiocese in particular, must seize the moment creatively and energetically. We must ensure that the face of Christ is seen amid the teeming images of cyberspace and that the voice of Christ is heard soaring above the maelstrom of opinion that we call the media.

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Mark Coleridge

+Bishop Mark



Ungarie (first and third Sundays), Burcher (second Sunday), Weethalle (fourth). Ardlethan and Barellan alternate each week with 8am and 10am Mass. The Sisters who are working in these areas are Sr Carmel Piffero RSJ at Ardlethan; Sr Ann Steenbergen RSJ at Barellan; Sr Frances McAleer RSJ at Ungarie and Sr Margaret Hart RSM with Fr Troy Bobbin at West Wyalong.

ABOVE: The team (from left): Sr Ann Steenbergen, Sr Carmel Piffero, Fr Troy Bobbin, Sr Frances McAleer and Sr Margaret Hart.

help bring 20 young people from East Timor to World Youth Day.

Parish pastoral assistant Sr Kate McMahon gathered 24 prizes for a "monster raffle" which raised about \$3500 and was drawn during a creative multi-cultural afternoon organised by the university.

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Summit model for Church?

The 2020 Summit was not an especially Catholic event, though there were plenty of Catholics there. But most were not badged as Catholics. They had been chosen for their own individual expertise, experience, political connections or ideas.

There were, however, a number of Catholics present who probably represented the Church in the eyes of participants. First among them was Archbishop Philip Wilson of Adelaide, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Others included Msg Tom Doyle and Frank Quinlan, representing Catholic education and Catholic social

services respectively, and Prof Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University. Mgr David Cappel from Adelaide and Fr Michael Tate from Hobart have both had extensive government involvement. Fr Chris Riley and Fr Frank Brennan SJ brought with them their expertise in matters like youth, Indigenous affairs and refugees.

Most of these individuals have since made clear that their summit experience was positive, with the exception of Fr Riley who complained that he was disappointed that more practical ideas had not been adopted. But for the others they emerged, like probably 90% of the 1000 participants, with not only fond reflections, but with new connections made, old ones strengthened, batteries recharged and plenty of fresh ideas.

That was one encouraging outcome of the summit. The other outcome relates to the ideas themselves and what they might mean for public policy and for the government. The take-up is unpredictable. For a full accounting we'll have to wait at least until the government's formal response at the end of the year.

Consider the future of one big idea, the republic, that emerged triumphant. The popularity of the republic in both the governance stream and in the whole summit probably surprised the Rudd government. That is so even though the Labor Party is committed to making this constitutional reform.

One minister, Bob Debus, even called for a republic by 2010. This is well ahead of the government's schedule, with a preliminary vote (a plebiscite) not yet allocated a place in the list of government priorities.

But on the positive side the debate created momentum, investigated several different ways of implementing the big idea, and gave great heart to republican groups in the community like the Australian Republican Movement. Nevertheless, the passage of this idea to implementation, like so many others, will have many ups and downs. It was, after all, a summit about 2020 not 2010 or even 2013.

One final thought. The summit is a model that could well be adopted by the Catholic Church. Wouldn't it be wonderful for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to call for nominations from Catholics around the country for such a big meeting?

The mix would be energising, constructive and challenging. It would bring together bishops, priests, religious and laity. It would be advisory, just like the 2020 Summit. The Church has its diocesan synods of course, but this one would cross boundaries of diocese, sector and place in the Church. The 2020 Summit slogan, Thinking Big, should work within the Church too.

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voices



John Warhurst looks at the national 2020 summit

Give silence a chance: Archbishop

One of the challenges the Church faced in liturgy was to allow silence to play its part, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said in a Pentecost letter to the people of the Archdiocese.

Worship generally had become "very chatty", he said. "In this new phase of the liturgical renewal, I think we need to work hard at creating a greater sense of silence as that from which the words and actions rise and that to which they return."

Where once churches were places of silence for the sake of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the custom had arisen in recent years for people to talk freely in the churches, certainly before and after Mass.

The same was true of the sacristy: where once silence was the rule, again for the sake of prayer and recollection. Often now the sacristy has become a noisy and distracting place.

"I wonder would it be possible to encourage an air of silence or at least quiet in sacristies before Mass, and to make our churches

places where there is a silence which supports prayer.

"Of course there are times when one has to talk in a sacristy or a church, but it is a question of the prevailing atmosphere. In that sense, I am speaking more about prayer than about silence for its own sake."

Archbishop Coleridge said Mass in the Roman Rite presupposed seven silences:

Before the Act of Penitence, before the Collect (after the celebrant's call to prayer), after the First Reading and before the Psalm, after the Second Reading and before the Gospel Acclamation, after the Homily, during the Intercessions (after the intention is announced and before "Lord, hear us"), and after Holy Communion.

Some of these either disappeared or were reduced to a bare minimum with the result that the liturgy could have a noisy and unreflective feel.

Language

"The style of language used at Mass will change when the new translation of the Roman Missal

appears, perhaps late in 2009. It will be a more elevated and sacral idiom, which may feel strange at first.

"But it is important to realise that the language of the liturgy was never everyday language; it was always more elevated and even slightly old-fashioned. That is because it is ritual language.

"For the celebrant to say at the start of Mass, 'Good morning, everyone' and for the people to reply 'Good morning, Father' is everyday language which in other contexts would be perfectly appropriate.

"But in the liturgical context it is out of place because it misunderstands ritual and the language that it requires. It can suggest a casual or informal approach to the liturgy which focuses more on the priest and the people than on their common worship of God. Therefore, in this new phase of renewal, another thing we need to understand better is the kind of idiom appropriate for worship.

When the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council approved the use

of the vernacular languages in the liturgy, they had no idea of what was on the way. They imagined that some parts of the liturgy would move into English (in our case), but that Latin would remain in general the language of worship. It was up to bishops' conferences to ask the Holy See for permission to use the vernacular at certain points of the liturgy.

"What happened then was that bishops' conferences generally and spontaneously asked for the entire liturgy to move into the vernacular and the permission for this was given. That is why it seemed that the Church went from Latin to English overnight."

Music

"Music is another vital element of worship that needs to be revisited as we set out on this new phase of the journey. It is not just a question of having good music, but of having good music which serves prayer and which, in that sense, is not an adornment of the liturgy but integral to it.

"The music of the liturgy needs to rise from the silence of prayer

and create a still deeper sense of that silence. Of course, it has the function of creating a sense of unity as one voice is made of many voices. But it also needs to be music that opens on to the mystery of God, which is what I mean when I speak of serving prayer.

"Some of the songs used in worship tend to replace or disrupt any sense of silence; they add to the sense that the liturgy is 'noisy'."

Archbishop Coleridge said the Holy See had asked bishops' conferences around the world to draw up a list of music approved for use in worship. This was part of pruning the repertoire that had built up over 40 years, and was already taking place in Australia.

The music chosen for worship should be appropriate to the liturgical season and to the part of the Mass when it is sung. "This may seem obvious, but it is not uncommon for choices of music to fail on one or both counts. It is worth recalling, too, that singing or music should not be prolonged unnecessarily. ● Cont Page 8

Review of Sunday celebration of Word

How far is it reasonable to expect people to travel to Sunday Mass?

That is one of the questions that will be a part of a review of the practice of Sunday Celebrations of the Word with Holy Communion in the absence of a priest.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge said the practice had become more common in recent years for a variety of reasons and in a variety of circumstances.

"In the light of that experience, it is probably a good time to review the practice.

"Among the questions are these: What might be the deeper effects of a long-term and regular resort to these celebrations?

"Does it unintentionally undermine the centrality of the Mass and the necessity of the ordained priesthood?

"Does it, again unintentionally, foster a sense of congregationalism where it is thought more important that the community gather than that it gather for Mass?

"How far is it reasonable to expect people to travel for Mass?

"Of course, there are times when a Sunday Celebration of the Word with Holy Communion is the best option. But a review might help to identify those times more clearly.

"It is not so much a question of what happens on weekdays but on Sundays. I have already begun the review in the Archdiocese, and the Australian bishops have also decided that now is the time for such a review nationally. This was a matter which was discussed at the recent bishops' meeting.

"I have no wish to make it more difficult for people to worship nor to put more pressure on the priests, but as we move into the new phase of the journey of liturgical renewal, the time seems ripe to take stock on this point."

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Basilica plans for old cathedral

Plans are under way to apply to have Sts Peter and Paul Old Cathedral raised to the status of a minor basilica.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has asked parish priest Fr Tony Percy to prepare documentation, including supporting photographs, to send to the Vatican.

Work is progressing at a good pace on the stonework on the western façade of the church. The large stained glass window in the western wall will be repaired while the scaffolding is in place. The statues of St Peter and St Paul which stood on the wall of the Old Cathedral are with a local contractor being repaired and restored. It is planned to



replace the statues in their original position while the scaffolding is still on site.

ABOVE: The Old Cathedral, from a painting by J Campbell in 1916. The original picture hangs in the dining room of the Goulburn presbytery. A copy of the print is sent to all supporters who donate towards the restoration. Photograph: Zero One Imaging.

Natural family poll forum topic

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will speak on The Natural Family at a forum organised to address topics of interest to Christians in the lead-up to the ACT election.

The forum, one of three which is open to everyone, is organised by the Australian Christian Lobby to provide Christians with the opportunity to consider key issues and to help them make an informed choice in the election.

Archbishop Coleridge will speak at 7.30 pm on 23 June at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture at 15 Blackall

Street, Barton.

Canberra-based author and Women's Forum Australia director Ms Melinda Tankard-Reist will speak on The Objectification of Women at Hughes Baptist Church at 7.30pm on 28 July.

Anglican Bishop Associate Prof Tom Frame will speak on Open Government at the Australian Centre for Christianity Culture at 7.30pm on 26 August.

"This is a critical year for politics in the ACT, with Canberrans set to go to the polls in October to elect the next government,"

Australian Christian Lobby managing director Mr Jim Wallace said. "Decisions made in the ACT can flow on and affect the rest of Australia, meaning it is all the more important that Christians are aware of some of the key issues involved and carefully consider their votes.

"The topic of The Natural Family is particularly pertinent to the ACT election as in recent years we have seen a number of attempts to undermine the status of this important institution which is vital to a healthy society."

Brickies of the future?

St Francis Xavier College has answered the call of the skills shortage by sending 17 students to learn bricklaying.

The government-initiated Adopt a School Program aims to give students practical experience and to get them to complete a project, which in the case of SFX is a paved outdoor area.

"We have a view to build an outdoor café area adjacent to the new junior kitchens," principal Mr Angus Tully said. "We are considering paving the area and building a low brick wall. This will enable us to entertain in the area."

Mr Tully said he hoped the program would also teach students "to apply their numeracy skills in a real-work setting, to learn the importance of team-work and to understand that it isn't just at school that people tell you what to do."

Through the program, which is partly funded by the Australian Brick and Blocklaying Training Foundation, the Construction Industry Training and Employment Association in Dickson gave the students a four-day course in bricklaying.

Former bricklaying contractor and now association teacher Ms



Lynne Sheffield said she hoped the program would promote bricklaying careers, which have been in severe decline.

ABOVE: Back, Mark Rowbotham, Jacob Liesegang, Dimitri Markakis, Adam Harmey, teacher Ms Lynne Sheffield, Mark Wilkinson, Mitchell Searle, Jacob Little, Lachlan Bunnnett and Jarryd Morton. Middle, Josh Mahony, Mark Allen, Jacob Warren, James Hinchey, Caleb Evans. Front, - Aaron Knoester.

Oldest Mercy celebrates



Australia's oldest living Sister of Mercy, 105-year-old Sr Madeleine Lawrence, has celebrated the 85th jubilee of her religious profession with members of the Goulburn Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy.

Other jubilees celebrated at Mass in Mt St Joseph's Chapel, Young, were Sisters Lucy Madden, Scholastica Page and Christopher Ryan (60 years), Sisters June Cassidy, Clare Flinn, Carmel Gardiner and Gabriel Sheahan, who was unable to attend due to ill health (50 years), and Sisters Mary Corkeron, Lorraine Cupitt, Frances Fitzpatrick, Helen Kearins, Kate McMahon and Margaret Schmetzer (40 years).

The celebrations began with the Eucharist, concelebrated by Young parish priest Fr Richard Thompson

and Fr Geoff Lloyd.

Congregation leader Sr Marie Duffy spoke of the manner in which each Sister had been a faithful witness to the Mercy charism as expressive of the ministry of Jesus Christ. She said they had touched and challenged the lives of countless women and men through their respective ministries.

During the liturgy, each jubilarian renewed her vows. At the end, Fr Thompson presented a papal blessing to Sr Madeleine, who is the longest professed Australian Sister of Mercy.

ABOVE: Sr Madeleine Lawrence chats with Fr Geoff Lloyd and fellow jubilarian Sr Christopher Ryan.

Magnificence through mess

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has hailed the "magnificence" of the Archdiocese's many groups and communities.

During a celebration of church movements, new communities and associations, 10 years since Pope John Paul II initiated the first gathering of its kind, Archbishop Coleridge said the Archdiocese would not function without such groups.

"It's easy to be many, but the hard bit is to be one, to get the whole thing functioning," he said. "The Church has always been a mess, but have you got eyes to see the magnificence through the mess?"

Archbishop Coleridge said the idea of a "new evangelisation" was important in many of the recent Church groups and communities. "One thing that is new about this 'new evangelisation' is that lay people are taking the initiative in ways we did not see coming. It's about all the vocations working together."

Appeal raises \$80,000

More than \$80,000 was raised through last year's Archbishop's Christmas Appeal with much of it going to help those affected by drought.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has expressed his immense appreciation to those who have enabled so much to be shared.

Deacon Joe Blackwell, Director of the Mission and Development Office, said 80 per cent of the proceeds would go towards drought relief in the western deanery.

The majority of this will be directed through the far western parishes with some going via the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The annual Christmas Bowl Appeal, conducted through the National Council of Churches in

Australia, of which the Catholic Church is a member, has again been given \$10,000 towards development projects in developing countries.

In addition, \$3000 has gone towards Caritas Australia's efforts in Bangladesh.

A similar amount has been allocated to Our Lady of the Pacific parish in Russian's Far East port city of Nakhodka as a contribution to a combined church, parish centre and rectory building project.

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'Alo' a legend in his lifetime



Archbishop Mannix as an army chaplain. He was called into full-time service in January 1942.

This led to long and distinguished service in Papua New Guinea and he was present at the signing of the formal surrender of the Japanese in Salamaua on 15 August, 1945. He came to Canberra in 1964 where he made his home in Campbell and began his long and close association with Fr John Hoare. On 28 April, 1969, he was consecrated bishop by Cardinal Gilroy in St Patrick's Church, Braddon, as Titular Bishop of Membressa and Auxiliary Bishop of Canberra and Goulburn Archdiocese.

On 29 May he took up his appointment as Military Vicar of Australia. He was also parish priest of Braddon parish from 1969 until 1986.

In 1985 he retired as Auxiliary Bishop and Military Vicar and the following year took up residence in St Christopher's Cathedral presbytery where he continued a full and effective pastoral ministry. Failing health caused him to take up residence in Villaggio Sant' Antonio where he died peacefully on 21 May.

The full text of Archbishop Carroll's homily may be found on the Archdiocese's website www.cg.catholic.org.au

through character training programs and in their continuing pastoral support both in times of war and peace. His disarming simplicity and steely determination usually assured success in having his carefully prepared ideas adopted in round table discussions.

"Bishop Morgan had the integrity and innate dignity of a genuinely humble man. His deep spirituality and transparent faith found expression in constant prayerfulness and convicted preaching.

"This faith was so integral to whom he was that he would bring a sense of God's presence and purpose and quite naturally speak truths of faith and even words of prayer into almost any situation, even the most secular. If many others were to do the same it may have come across as affected and idiosyncratic. With Alo it was seen as authentic and he was respected for it.

"Alongside his prayerful spirituality I would place his powerful pastoral sense as Bishop Alo's greatest qualities. This influenced, even drove him in all situations. He followed the example of the Good Shepherd himself who never left his flock untended.

"He was described as 'one of the best known padres in New Guinea, tramping around the jungle with his Mass kit'. He himself would say: "War service was a very important part of my priesthood and it took me wherever the demand then was. There was a need for the priest to be part of his soldiers'."

John Aloysius Morgan was born in Melbourne on 9 October, 1909, the second of six children born to Patrick Moran and Catherine McGrath. He was baptized shortly afterwards in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. He went to school at St Columba's Convent School, Essendon, St Joseph's Christian Brothers' North Melbourne and matriculated from St Kevin's College, East Melbourne. He entered Corpus Christi Seminary in 1927 and was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Mannix in St Patrick's Cathedral on 15 July, 1934.

He served in a number of parishes, but particularly significant in light of his later life was his appointment by

The quality of the person, his life and service made Bishop John Aloysius Morgan a legend in his lifetime, the Requiem Mass for the former Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese was told.

Archbishop Francis Carroll said Bishop Morgan was guaranteed "a place in the national and church history of Australia and especially in the folklore of this Archdiocese and its clergy and the Military Ordinariate and its chaplains".

He was speaking in the funeral homily at the Mass celebrated at St Paul's Memorial Anzac Chapel at Duntroon for Bishop Morgan, who was appointed the first Bishop of the Australian Defence Force in 1969.

Bishop Morgan was a remarkable human being, a committed Christian believer, a great Australian, a dedicated military chaplain and a deeply pastoral Catholic priest and bishop, he said.

"He was gifted by nature and grace. A fine all-round sportsman, he retained an active interest in a wide range of sports all his life. As a true Victorian, he was enthusiastic about the AFL. and was a passionate supporter of the Essendon football club from his earliest years

"He followed cricket closely but his first love was golf. Even in his declining years he could still play a very competent round replete with his unique rituals and even a personal version of the rules. Long after he could no longer play on the golf course the carpet in his upstairs room in the Cathedral presbytery served him well as a putting surface.

"Never a dedicated academic he had a clear and sharp mind. Particularly in the setting up and development of the fledgling Military Vicariate he showed wisdom, patience and a shrewd sense of judgment.

"He came to have a comprehensive understanding of the ethos and ways of the Defence Forces' structures and played a major role in defining the place of chaplaincy in them and promoting the great contribution he believed they could make.

"He was influential in seeing the chaplains had a significant and recognized hand in the formation of personnel

Give silence a chance

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In the Roman Rite, singing or music tends to accompany action rather than stand in its own right. Therefore, music or singing should stop once the action is complete."

The Body

"Another important consideration is the use of the body in worship. It is important to remember that the actions of the liturgy are ritual actions and to see the prescribed gestures of the liturgy as a kind of sacred choreography.

"This includes a range of gestures: genuflection, the sign of the Cross, bowing (during the Creed and before Holy Communion), kneeling, the use of the hands by the celebrant (to greet the people, to pray, to bless the gifts and the people). It is important that all of these are done simply, carefully and well, with neither over-statement nor under-statement.

"Theatricality can be a problem with liturgical movement or dance, especially at school liturgies. It can become a kind of concert, which is why at times people applaud at the end. That is clearly not what the liturgy requires. Liturgical movement - whether done before or during the liturgy - needs to serve prayer."

Beauty

"Pope Benedict has stressed the point that beauty has a unique power to speak of the mysteries of the faith, and to speak to those who may not share our faith. That is why the Catholic Church has always been concerned with beauty in worship - not for the sake of a vapid aestheticism but for the sake of the Gospel. Imperfect created beauty makes visible the perfect uncreated beauty of God which is revealed supremely in Christ crucified and risen.

"Therefore, the buildings in which we worship should be beautiful, which is not to say highly elaborate or impossibly expensive.

"Some of the older churches in the Archdiocese are beautiful and need only to be respected for what they are. Many of the newer churches are less evocative, and it is worth asking perhaps how they might be made more beautiful without spending a fortune.

"Not only our churches but also the vestments and vessels used in the liturgy need to be of first-class quality. I would ask that parishes have an audit of the vestments and vessels currently in use to see whether they are worthy of the sacred mysteries. I would also offer a reminder that chalices and patens should not be of glass or pottery but of metal. "Vestments and vessels of quality are of course an item on a parish budget, but they should be an item close to the top of the list. To claim that a parish could not afford anything better is to raise questions about priorities."

Creativity

"At times, there is the impression that creativity means that we have a freedom to change and adapt the liturgy as we see fit. But this is not the Church's understanding. Creativity in Catholic worship means that we do as well as possible what the Church sets down in the liturgical books.


"People coming to Mass have a right to a celebration of the liturgy according to the norms set down by the Church; anything else can be unsettling and distracting. Without changing anything, we are to bring as much prayer, intelligence, imagination and sensitivity as we can to the act of worship."

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This time it's personal for 'toxic culture' campaigner

By Naomi Fallon

She has been accused of trying to encourage a Taliban-style of censorship, but that has not silenced Melinda Tankard-Reist's crusade to improve the "toxic culture" women and girls are living in today.

As director of Women's Forum Australia, a national independent women's think tank, Ms Tankard-Reist edited the organisation's magazine-style research paper *Faking It: The Female Image in Young Women's Magazines*, which was launched in Canberra last November and sold 5000 copies in three months.

"WFA believes that girls shouldn't be homogenised to look, talk and act the same," she said. "They should be encouraged to think for themselves and explore meaning and values and make a mark in the world that goes beyond the air-headed cult of celebrity and fashion."

"We're encouraging women to be courageous. WFA is building a new women's movement in this country. We're calling for a new strategy of girl and women advocacy."

The Canberra-based writer and researcher has had a "natural instinctive interest" in issues affecting women since her teenage years, although since having four children her passion has become much more personal.

Last month at Campbell parish's St Thomas More's Forum, Ms Tankard-Reist discussed the challenge of restoring dignity, worth and value to women and girls. She highlighted body image as the number one issue affecting young girls.

"I hope you are as disturbed by these figures as I am. This isn't abstract theory for me or academic research. I take it personally that this



Melinda Tankard-Reist speaking at the St Thomas More's Forum.

culture is targeting my three daughters who are aged 16, 12 and six."

In an age where "pornography has become the sex handbook" and "women no longer expect love and romance", Ms Tankard-Reist questions how far feminism has come.

"In spite all of the great opportunities on offer, girls are struggling and in an age of 'girl power', many are feeling powerless.

"They're facing unprecedented social pressure - their emotional and psychological wellbeing are at risk in ways never before imagined."

Ms Tankard-Reist said WFA had been compared to the Taliban in its efforts to censor advertising it deemed inappropriate, such as sexualised images displayed on bill-

boards, magazine covers and in "soft porn" music film clips shown on television on Saturday mornings.

"Free speech should end where my child is going to be harmed. I think we could do with a bit more censorship actually. This sexual libertinism has taken over everything and the rest of us don't have a voice."

Having had a sheltered childhood in country Victoria where "you had a bath once a week whether you needed it or not", Ms Tankard-Reist said children today are growing up too fast, with too much spending power - and advertisers know this.

"I grew up in the outdoors riding a horse or a motorbike. It does-

n't mean body image wasn't an issue then, but there were nowhere near the extremes there are now.

"Bratz Dolls look like they should come with their own pimp. What kind of message are we sending?"

"In my view, little girls are being taught how to turn tricks. Advertisers are targeting children as the consumers of tomorrow - in fact as the consumers of today."

Those who share WFA's concerns needed to complain if they want things to change.

"Don't buy the stuff, and let the company know you're not doing it and hopefully soon they'll get the message."

A well-known pro-life campaigner, in 2003 Ms Tankard-Reist co-founded Karinya House, a non-profit organisation in Canberra which provides care and support for pregnant women.

"We saw a need for practical information affirming an alternative to abortion. I still strongly support the organisation; it has helped so many women. I was on the board until 2005 but I found I couldn't do that as well as WFA."

Ms Tankard-Reist has authored two books on the topic, *Giving Sorrow Words: Women's Stories of Grief After Abortion* and *Defiant Birth: Women Who Resist Medical Eugenics*.

She is writing a third book about the effects of popular culture on young girls, which she hopes to have finished early next year. "It's a book by girls, for girls."



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A young voice shows no signs of tiring

By Catholic Voice editor Geoff Orchison
Respond to the poor, says Archbishop; the main front page headline tells us. It refers to a story of Canberrans with big mortgages and little disposable income. Elsewhere on the same page we are told of Christians gathering around Parliament House to pray for the nation and ask forgiveness from Aboriginal people for past injustices.

The date: June 1988. The publication: the very first issue of Catholic Voice, 20 years ago this month. So much has changed, or has it?

That first edition was the fulfillment of a vision by then Archbishop Francis Carroll, who said in the first of many Francis Our Bishop columns: "While keeping us in touch with the wider Church, I have great hopes that Catholic Voice will deepen and strengthen the identity and unity of the Archdiocese."

Two decades later that continues to be the goal of Catholic Voice, to bring the Good News to ordinary people in ordinary language.

Over the years, Catholic Voice has led the way in many areas among free diocesan newspapers as more sprang up and prospered across Australia. Today, like so many of its counterparts, it is informative, colourful, lively, up-to-date, reflecting a local church that has much to say and do.

As this milestone comes around, Catholic Voice's role is changing in subtle but landmark ways. No longer do the people of the Archdiocese, Mass-goers, families and their children at Catholic schools, youth and young adults, residents of aged care communities, receive their news once a month. Catholic Voice has become part of a three-pronged communication via not only the newspaper, but a state-of-the-art Archdiocesan website and a monthly electronic newsletter sent free to those wanting to subscribe. That, as well as dealing with media liaison for the Archdiocese and supporting various Archdiocesan agencies in their promotional needs, is the role of the Catholic Communications agency today.

Two decades ago newspapers, mainly in black and white, rolled off presses and were delivered, often by volunteers, to the furthest reaches of our enormous Archdiocese.

Today, 21,000 copies, albeit looking very different, are transported out of the gates of The Canberra Times production area each month. Thousands go to parishes, thousands to Catholic schools where every primary school family still receives a copy in the school bag.

But, the news Catholic Voice carries, and much more besides, is also made available electronically to readers as close as your suburb or town, and as far away as the United States, Europe and Africa.

Those who access the Archdiocese's website at www.cg.catholic.org.au can read a selection of the latest Catholic Voice news stories or, if they choose, download their very own copy of each page of the newspaper.

Breaking news, other stories and coming events that can't wait for the next month's paper, may be found in the regularly updated news section of the website. They are also carried in an electronic news bulletin sent via e-mail to a wide list of subscribers on or close to the 18th of each month. If you have not yet subscribed, you may do so free by going to the home page of the Archdiocese's website and following the links.

During the recent journey of the World Youth Day cross and icon through the Archdiocese, the website was updated daily with stories and photographs of the historic event. Four special e-bulletins were sent to subscribers over the fortnight of the journey. During that time, visitor numbers to the Archdiocese's website more than doubled, offering proof, if we needed it, that fast electronic news delivery is effective in Church communications just as it is in the community at large. New audio and video developments are on the way to offer even more ways for people to stay in touch.

On its 20th birthday Catholic Voice shows no signs of tiring; each month it receives or generates far more material than it can use, it continues to be read and used widely by the people of the Archdiocese, advertising revenue on which it survives is stronger than at any time in its existence.

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Did you see it in the Voice?

By Moira Najdecki,
Director of Catholic
Education

The Catholic Voice has been a constant in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for two decades. It has been a great vehicle for bringing an understanding of the length, breadth and diversity of the Archdiocese to school staff and students and, of course, for telling the myriad stories of diocesan schools to its readers.

Students have been able to use the Voice as part of their resource base: the regular articles from

Archbishop Francis Carroll and for the past two years, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, are theological lessons in brief; the opportunity to contribute views and articles has been seized by many an English teacher as a class exercise in journalism; Fr Richard Leonard's film



reviews have provided the opportunity for lively debate; pictures, stories, biographies and autobiographies have furnished material for units such as the Catholic Church in

Australia, my local area, social justice etc.

The Voice has been a wonderful promoter of our schools. Geoff Orchison has

been generous in his coverage of assemblies, school openings, liturgies, graduations and school celebrations.

Each April most of the schools throughout the Archdiocese take the opportunity to showcase their particular strengths and attributes.

This pre-enrolment period advertising has become an annual event and the quality of the photographs and editorials has steadily improved as schools have taken pride in telling their stories to the wider Catholic community.

Twenty years of photographs, letters to the editor, articles, obituaries, vignettes of a town, a school or a parish, are testament to a vibrant and thoughtful Catholic community.

"Did you see in the Voice..." is a common question, one that is sometimes delivered in a tone of one offering great news, at others in a murmur of dissent.

Either way, the Voice is read eagerly each month. Congratulations to Geoff Orchison on a fine paper and on a very fine contribution over the past 20 years.

Irishman who gave all to adopted land

Fr John Joseph
O'Connor

Fr O'Connor landed in Sydney from his native Ireland in January 1953, a young man of 26 with memories and a huge suitcase. He grew to love his adopted land and, in the words, of Fr Paul Bateman in the homily at his funeral Mass, "we sensed the sacrifice he made even to forgoing his final rest in a Kilmorna grave".

More than 650 past and current parishioners, family and friends attended the Vigil and Requiem Mass at St Jude's Church, Holder, which three decades earlier he had helped to build. The principal celebrant was Archbishop Mark Coleridge, assisted by Archbishop Francis Carroll, a former classmate Bishop David Cremin, and more than 40 priests and deacons.

John Joseph O'Connor was born to John O'Connor and Margaret Dillon on 23 May, 1927, at Rathoran, Kilmorna, County Kerry. The youngest of 10 children, he was ordained at All Hallows College, Dublin, on 22 June, 1952.

He arrived in Goulburn on 21 January, 1953, and within days was sent to Gundagai as assistant priest. Over the years he also served at Boorowa, Queanbeyan, HMAS Harman, Bungendore, Cootamundra, Jugiong, Laggan, Narrabundah and Bombala before his first appointment as parish priest to Koorawatha. In February, 1972, he was asked by Archbishop Cahill to found the new Canberra parish of Holder.

Mr Kevin Croker, who gave a reflection at the Mass, said Fr O'Connor told of the ladies of Koorawatha parish sending him off to his new parish with the car loaded with practical items such as brooms, a mop, bucket and cooking utensils.

Fr Bateman said Fr O'Connor



started at Holder with nothing, but "he won the ready support of his new parish family in building the fine church dedicated to St Jude. He was held in high esteem by all and was loved by all."

It was only failing health that caused him to lay aside the pastoral care of his people at the age of

68, after more than 42 years of labours in the diocese. In retirement, he remained in constant touch with many and often filled a gap in other parishes, as well as caring for Mother Teresa's Sisters at Queanbeyan.

Fr Bateman described him as a fine priest, a speaker who was clear and to the point, a man of vast knowledge in many spheres, a grand host, excellent cook and connoisseur of fine wines. He had a quick and ready sense of humour. A keen fisherman, he loved to be among the salmon in his times in Ireland in the stream below his sister's house.

Mr Croker said Fr O'Connor "loved people and was a warm and welcoming host. The men remember the days of grilled cabanossi on the barbeque after art union pay-in nights. He was a great supporter of the ladies of the parish in the days of St Jude's Ladies Group and later the CWL. He was generous with his time and was always willing to be part of any social activity organised by the parish or school.

"Fr O'Connor had a marvellous rapport and love of the children of St Jude's School; knew all their names, their birthdates and where they fitted into the family structure. In later years he would marry the children he had baptised and in turn baptise their children."

Fr O'Connor is buried with his brother the late Fr Morgan O'Connor, a former Yarralumla parish priest, at Woden cemetery.

Music, people lifelong passion

Sr M Mercedes
Houghton RSJ

Music was a passion throughout the life of Sr M Mercedes, who died peacefully in her sleep at St Joseph's Convent, North Goulburn, on 4 May. She was 94.

Sr M Mercedes was born at Mittagong on 8 September, 1913, the only child of Robert William and Adel Blanche (nee Reid). She entered the Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph (Goulburn) on 11 October, 1929, made her first profession of vows occurred on 11 January, 1933, and final profession on 13 January, 1938.

She was a lady of grace, energy and talent who enhanced life wherever he went. In June 2003, she was awarded an OAM for her contribution to music. Sr Mercedes was a music teacher of excellence and gave her last lesson the afternoon before she died.

Sr M Mercedes had lived at St Joseph's Convent, North Goulburn since 1978. Before then she lived and taught music in many other places,




including Marulan, Adelong, Culcairn, Tumbarumba, Coolamon, Temora, Leeton, Taralga, Yenda, O'Connor and Ungarie.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sr M Mercedes was celebrated in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Goulburn. Chief celebrant was Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy, assisted by Fr Varghese Vavolil, Waramanga parish priest Fr Kevin Brannelly, Fr Henry Byrne, Temora parish priest Fr Phil Harding, Fr Peter Ryan CSsR and Fr W Plunkett (Wagga Wagga).

The liturgy of the funeral Mass, attended by a large crowd, was enhanced by the musical talents of her former students. Many people from the places in which she lived, as well as colleagues, music students and friends who were special to her attended. Sr M Mercedes will be remembered for her love of life and mission, her dedication to her music students, her faith, her love of the garden and of roses, and her great spirit of hospitality.

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Josh is on the ball



The Archdiocesan primary school soccer team put on a brave fight against four teams from Parramatta, Sydney, Wagga Wagga and Wollongong in the MacKillop soccer trials held in Canberra.

One member of the team, Jesse Taunton, made it on the short list for the MacKillop representative team, which will play in the NSW all schools trials in Sydney.

Team members were Conner McGregor, Bailey Coombes, Zachary Kimber and Mitchell Cameron, from

Young, Perry Wignell and Jesse Taunton, from Batemans Bay, James Cusack, from Murrumburrah, Josh Sixt, from Cooma, Darrian McGarry Watson, from Queanbeyan, Josh Hickman, from Eden, Luke O'Brien, from Crookwell, and Jack Caldwell, from Goulburn. Mr Aime Meura was coach.

ABOVE: Midfielder Josh Hickman (middle) sidesteps his Parramatta opposition to set up the Archdiocese team's only goal of the day for team mate Josh Sixt.

Two special performers



Two St Francis Xavier College students, Aiden Vergano, of Year 9, and Jessie Younie, of Year 8, competed in the Special Olympics junior national games in Canberra.

Aidan was selected to read the athletes' oath at the opening ceremony. He won gold medals in the 200m sprint and the softball throw. He received silver in the 100m sprint and the long jump and bronze in the open division soccer. Jessie achieved gold in the softball throw, silver in the long jump and bronze in both soccer and the 200m sprint.

LEFT: Jessie Younie and Aiden Vergano with the torch.

Record generosity

Student leaders at MacKillop Catholic College presented a cheque to Caritas Australia, after the school's Project Compassion campaign raised more than \$10,000. The amount was a new MacKillop record, surpassing the mark set last year. Students raised money during Lent, through daily donations and special fundraisers, such as cake stalls, raffles, coin lines, and the popular Crazy Hair Day. Principal Mr Michael Lee praised students at the senior campus in Isabella Plains, for the example they set younger students by raising over half the total amount through daily donations alone.



College Captains Erica Wynn and Cameron Varley present the cheque to Rev Joe Blackwell, of Caritas Australia

Helping young to walk with Jesus

There are many positive signs as the Special Religious Education program, Walking with Jesus, Pathways of Discipleship, is implemented in the Archdiocese.

The new program has become the authorised religious education program across the Archdiocese for Catholic students attending Catholic SRE classes in NSW and parish schools of religion in the ACT.

During first term, 23 new volunteers were enrolled with the CCD office, and began training at local schools as assistants to catechists and SRE teachers.

Parish SRE teams are recruiting people prepared to give a few hours a week to teaching religious education to Catholic students in their parishes.

The CCD Ministry in the Archdiocese has worked in collaboration with Broken Bay Diocese for the past four years. Archdiocesan CCD coordinator Ms Sabina Van Rooy, who has been the Archdiocesan representative on the CCD curriculum consultative committee in Broken Bay, will help those involved in the CCD ministry as the program is implemented over three years. The programs were launched at the CCD jubilee Masses at the end of 2007.



This year students in Stages Two and Three - Years Three to Six - are receiving their lessons from the new program. A number of SRE teachers and catechists are trialling the lessons for Early Stage One - Kindergarten and Stage One - Years One and Two. Next year, students in Early Stage One and Stage One will

begin using the program. Members from the Archdiocesan CCD management committee were involved in writing lessons for the kindergarten program last year.

CCD formation and training in-service sessions are held each term in 10 regional centres. For those teaching joint denominational SRE classes in local state schools, CCD is providing formation and training in-service sessions in Nimmitabel and Young. At these centres SRE teachers from other Christian denominations are invited to attend and the numbers this year have increased.

Inquiries should be directed to Ms Van Rooy, telephone 6234 5402, e-mail sabina.vanrooy@ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au.

ABOVE: Anne O'Brien and Spider Ward, SRE teachers from Merimbula Public School, discuss the program with Archdiocesan CCD coordinator Ms Sabina Van Rooy (right).

Mercys elect leaders

The newly elected leadership team of the Goulburn Sisters of Mercy has begun its five-year term of office with a ritual handover ceremony at the Rheinberger Centre.

They are (from left) Sisters Carina Morton, Marie Duffy (Congregation Leader), Shirley Garland and Helen Kearins. The election was the culmination of formal sessions of the congregation chapter held last November.



New Marymead CEO

Marymead has a new chief executive officer, Ms Hilary Martin, who will take up the position next month. She has had a diverse range of work experience, from lecturing at James Cook University to the provision of human services, most recently as group manager of social services with Spiritus in Queensland.

Spiritus is one of Queensland's largest agencies, formed three years ago by combining Anglicare, St Luke's Nursing Service and Anglican Care of the Aged.

Her responsibilities covered a range of services, including child protection, disability, mental health, family support and counselling, homelessness programs, child care centres, job search, programs for refugees and migrants, health and some aged care services throughout Queensland.

FACTS ON FUNERALS

What sort of Funeral? The choice is yours...

Having decided between burial and cremation the next thing to establish is whether there are to be one or two services. This weeks "Facts" focuses on the dual service.

Traditionally funerals commenced in a church or home where the major portion of the service (eulogies, prayers, readings, liturgy etc.) would be held. After a procession to the cemetery or crematorium, a brief committal service would take place. Despite being welcome at the committal when a dual service is held, fewer mourners attend, having paid their respects at the main service.

A variation to the traditional funeral is a service at a venue other than a church - usually the funeral director's chapel. The service is not restricted to these locations. Services can also be held at the family home or garden, the beach, a park, a school or community hall.

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Spread the news: create a wiki

Back in March 2002, I wrote an article on online encyclopedias. These encyclopedias were online versions of well-known book encyclopedias such as World Book, Encarta and Britannica.

The information for these encyclopedias was researched by academic scholars and published first in book form and then online. The information was updated with new editions every couple of years as information was discovered. The information in these encyclopedias was factual and not changeable until a new edition was published.

With the advent of the Internet and the World Wide Web, the volume of information available to the world has increased substantially and continues to change and be added to daily. Book versions of encyclopedias are becoming out of date much more quickly as a result.

Another side effect of this access to information, is that people wanted to be able to add to encyclopedias and to websites facts that they had discovered either through research or through personal or professional discovery.

A new form of encyclopedia was produced called a wiki. Wikis are basically a small or large online database. According to the Wikipedia (<http://en.wikipedia.org>), which is one of the largest and well-known wikis on the Internet, a wiki is "a collection of web pages designed to enable anyone who accesses it to contribute or modify content, using a simplified markup language".

This means anyone with access to a wiki can add or change any of the content for a particular topic. Usually you have to become a member of the wiki to do this, so that people know the source of the information added or changed.

There are many different types of wikis available on the Internet from factual wikis such as WikiEducator (www.wikieducator.org/Main_Page) to fan-based wikis such as Wookieepedia (http://starwars.wikia.com/wiki/Main_Page) the Star Wars wiki. More wikis are being created each day.

The information contained within topics can change from day-to-

Living with the net



Paul Jenkins

day if people disagree with the accuracy or it stays the same if people do agree with it. As a result, the information contained in wikis is subject to interpretation and not always accurate. Users need to be careful to check the facts of a particular wiki with other sources of information, such as books, magazines and other webpages to ensure that the information is accurate.

Original information that has been changed in a wiki does not disappear but is stored electronically, so that it can be restored if the new information is inaccurate.

Various websites now offer users the opportunity to create their own wikis for a variety of purposes. One such site called PB Wikis (<http://pbwiki.com/>) allows users to create wikis for business and educational purposes. Teachers across the world are effectively using wikis to expand and develop their students' research skills using the Internet.

Businesses use wikis to create a database of information about their company and information that employees may need regular access to from work or at home. Employees can then add to or change the information within the wiki to benefit the company.

Catholic organisations and websites are creating and using wikis to spread the Catholic faith to the world. One such wiki is the Catholic Wiki, which is part of Catechetics Online (www.catecheticsonline.com/wiki/), which is mainly concerned with religious education.

The Catholic Wiki contains information on the following topics: apologetics, Bible, catechetics, evangelisation, scripture and theology. As with all wikis, users are free to add information to this site.

Remember, wikis are useful sources of information, but it is important to use other sources to check for accuracy.

Stay in your 'cell' and let it teach you

Monks have secrets worth knowing, though sometimes the value of a certain secret isn't immediately evident.

One such secret concerns the monk's cell and the importance that classical spiritual writers attached to a monk staying inside his cell. For instance: Abba Moses, one of the great Desert fathers, would counsel his monks: "Go, sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything."

Other Desert fathers coined lines like: "Go, eat, drink, sleep, do no work, only do not leave your cell." Or, "Don't pray at all, just stay in your cell." Thomas a Kempis, in The Imitation of Christ, famously wrote: "Every time you leave your cell, you come back less a man."

Advice like this will probably strike us as unbalanced, unhealthy monastic, unhealthy ascetical, unhealthy other-worldly, or as simply unhealthy. At very least, it will strike us as having little or nothing to do with our own normal, busy, involved, red-blooded lives. What can advice like that possibly offer us? Aren't we supposed to be in community with others?

Properly understood, the advice to stay in our cell and let it teach us everything offers some of the spiritual wisdom of the ages, of the masters. Staying inside our cell is one of the keys within the spiritual and human journey. But that needs to be understood in context.

This advice is being given to monks, to professional contemplatives, to persons living inside a monastic enclosure, to persons whose very vocation it is to live in solitude, to persons whose primary duty of state it is to pray in silence.

In such a context, the word "cell" becomes a code-word that encapsulates the entire vocation and duties of state of a monk. Thus when Abba Moses says, "Go, sit in your cell, and your cell will teach you everything" he is, in effect, counseling due diligence and fidelity. Do what you came here to do! To remain in one's cell is synonymous with fidelity.

And that's sound spiritual advice for everyone, not just monks. Our "cell" is another word for our primary set of responsibilities, for our duties of state, for due diligence and fidelity inside of our vocations, relationships, marriages, families, churches, and communities.

To "leave one's cell" is to neglect our responsibilities or to be unfaithful. To let "our cell teach us everything" is to have faith that if we remain faithful inside of our moral values and our proper commitments then virtue and fidelity will themselves

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teach us what we need to know to come to maturity and sanctity.

Understood in that way, Thomas a Kempis' warning that every time we leave our cell we come back less as persons becomes a practical warning: "Every time we flirt with infidelity and every time we neglect our responsibilities, we are less for that."

Akin, I think, to what the Gospels mean when they say that immediately after Peter betrayed Jesus "he went outside". In monastic terms, he left his cell.

Inside Christian spirituality and inside the spiritualities of all the great world religions there is the common set of principles around this theme: Be attentive to your legitimate responsibilities, to your duties of state. Do cheerfully and faithfully what duty asks of you and that will teach you what you need to know to come to God.

Fidelity to the demands of your life can be a deep form of prayer. Fidelity demands that you sweat blood sometimes, don't leave your commitments just because they are difficult or the grass seems greener on the other side. And especially there is the principle: "Don't be unfaithful. Fidelity to what God has called you to is ultimate virtue. The one who perseveres to the end will be saved."

Our "monk's cell" then is our marriage, our home, our nexus of relationships, our work, our private set of burdens and tensions, our truth, our virtue, and our personal integrity. The day's duties are "your cell". The spiritual task is to remain inside of that, to let them teach you, to let them be a form of prayer, to not flirt with what's outside of them, and to make fidelity to them your vocation. Stay inside your cell!

After Martin Luther King's funeral as the television cameras were pulling away from the cemetery, one of the news crews spotted on an old man, standing by himself at the edges of the crowd, crying and praying. Live television loves real tears and so a microphone and camera were soon thrust inside this man's private grief: "Why are you sad? What did Martin Luther King mean to you?" they asked him.

His answer: "The man we are burying today was a great man because he was faithful, he believed in us even when we stopped believing in ourselves, and he stayed with us even when we weren't worth staying with!"

Had he been a Desert Father or Thomas a Kempis, he might have simply said: "He was a great man - he stayed inside his cell."

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This month Naomi Fallon from Catholic Voice visited Year 1 Rice at St Clare of Assisi Primary School in Conder. This class had been learning all about fairytales and their teacher Mrs Rice taught them how to make soap, which they gave to their mums on Mothers Day.

About fairytales and wonderful mums



Fairytale pictures from 1 Rice (clockwise from top left): Kaylee Warren drew a unicorn "because I love to read about it"; Samuel Owens picked Shrek as his subject; Liam Dredge drew a prince "because they save princesses"; and Francesca Watts drew a princess "because I like reading about them".



TOP photograph: Teacher Mrs Megan Rice and her year one students at St Clare of Assisi School, Conder.

MIDDLE LEFT: Keely Harrison and Liam Dredge take a break.

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ABOVE LEFT: Matthew Galvin and Oliver Austin working so hard.

ABOVE RIGHT: Tim Kinnane, Megan Juides and Mitchell Reedy show the soap they made for their mothers.

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Something to learn on every page

Jesus of Nazareth by Joseph Ratzinger Pope Benedict XVI. Doubleday, 2007, 374 pages, rrp.\$39.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Christology is that study of the person, nature and role of Jesus Christ. Whole libraries have been devoted to this branch of theology.

There is also a range of popular depictions of Christ which have strayed, over the centuries, from the true identity of Jesus as discovered in the Gospels.

This is of concern to Pope Benedict. Hence his latest book Jesus of Nazareth.

The Pope acknowledges that his study of Jesus is incomplete.

At 81 years of age he hopes to produce a second volume. He regards this book as the first ten chapters of a larger work.

In it Benedict reveals himself as a great teacher and a brilliant theologian. He has chosen to cover the period from the Baptism in the Jordan to Peter's con-

fession of faith and the Transfiguration.

The Pope sees an urgent priority in presenting the figure and message of Jesus in his public ministry as a means to foster the growth of a living relationship with Christ.

Three of the ten chapters had particular appeal for me.

Chapter Five is a fine reflection on the prayer of Jesus, the Our Father.

Chapter Seven covers the three major parables from the Gospel of Luke. These are the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) the parable of The Two Brothers (the Prodigal Son and The Son Who Remained At Home) and the Good Father (Luke 15: 11-22) and the Rich Man and Lazarus.(Luke 16: 19-31).

When the Pope outlines the principal images of John's Gospel - Water, Vine and Wine, Bread and the Shepherd - the complexity of these themes are explored for all their multi-layered potency.

The Pope's writing is steeped in his knowledge of salvation history in the

Old Testament.

All throughout he provides interesting little insights. For instance, I had never before considered that the name Barabbas means Son of the Father and that he was not only a robber but an insurgent.

Hence he was seen as a political messiah. This well might be the reason for the cry "Not this man but Barabbas!" (Jn. 18: 40).

This is a serious book worthy of close attention. Adrian Walker's translation from the original German ensures that the prose flows easily.

There is a comprehensive glossary of terms supplied by the publisher and a bibliography prepared by Benedict himself.

Because of its focus on well-known scriptural passages students will find meat for their essays and preachers will find substance for their homilies.

The rest of us will learn something at the turn of every page. Roll on Volume 2.



Authors of the handbook (from left) Mr William d'Apice, Fr Brian Lucas, who is general secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in Canberra, and Fr Peter Slack.

Handbook a hit around world

The first reference book designed to inform and help religious, lay, professional and civil bodies to understand the complex institution of the Catholic Church in the modern world has been launched.

President of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Archbishop Philip Wilson launched The Church Administration Handbook at the offices of Makison d'Apice, Sydney lawyers for a large number of Catholic agencies

Archbishop Wilson said administrators of the Church would be pleased with a single volume reference book. He congratulated the authors and the contributors on their hard work and bringing together the methodology of civil and Canon law.

Authors Fr Brian Lucas and Fr Peter Slack, who are both canon lawyers, and Mr William d'Apice, partner of Makison d'Apice, spoke of the need for the pastoral people of the Church to keep pace with the demands of civil law. The idea for the book came from their combined experience of being continually asked for help in matters of administration.

Publisher St Pauls Publications has found an international market for the book with sales in Europe, Asia and North America.

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The saints on our doorstep

Saints of Asia: 1500 to the Present by Vincent J. O'Malley. Our Sunday Visitor, 2007, 221pp, rrp \$24.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

Many of us know details of and have devotion to well-known saints from Europe. Yet there are numerous Asian saints and martyrs about whom we in Australia know little.

Saints of Asia catalogues saints and candidates for sainthood of the Modern Era, that is from AD1500, who were either born in Asia or who ministered exten-

sively in Asia. This criteria includes Francis Xavier and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta. Peter Chanel who was martyred in Oceania and Damien of Molokai, who ministered to lepers, are both there. There is also an entry for our Blessed Mary MacKillop.

The Philippines, a

largely Catholic country, has comparatively few martyrs. China, Vietnam, Japan and Korea have large numbers. Numerically India has the highest number of saints and blesseds listed. It is humbling to read these biographies and to learn of the heroism and endurance of their subjects.

Young people on path of holiness

Young Faces of Holiness. Modern Saints in Photos and Words. Ann Ball Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division, 2004, pb 236pp, rrp \$14.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

Have you ever met a saint? Can a saint begin life as tempestuous and tyrannical, or be a boy scout, play with dolls, be a good athlete or play the guitar?

Ann Ball has compiled a collection of over two dozen potential official saints (some have already been declared "saint" or "blessed") and seven national groups of martyrs, aged from four to 20 years.

Those chosen lived mainly within the past two centuries. They were from eastern and western Europe, Canada and the US, Ireland, Lebanon, and South America. The martyrs came from China, Thailand, Vietnam and Korea, Uganda, Spain and Mexico.

These "saints" are boys and girls, young women and men, poor and rich, educated and illiterate. For the most part, they came from families whose par-


ents were committed and pious Catholics.

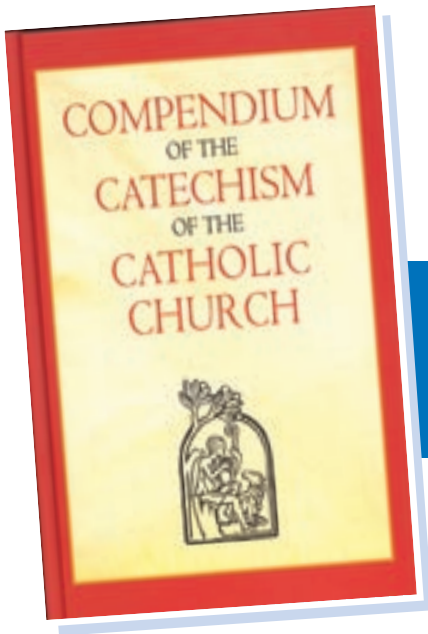
The young people were cheerful and particularly aware of their God and Mary, accepting of their illness, disease, pain and disfigurement and certain of their values when facing rape or assault. Some bodies were incorrupt when they were moved after more than a year.

Vatican II declared: "Children also have their own apostolic work to do. In their own way, they can be true living witnesses to Christ among their contemporaries." Ball was at pains to point out that a child needs to have the holiness of a child, not that of an adult.

The accounts of the lives are between one and 10 pages long, and contain one or more photos. Some of the older children kept spiritual notebooks, but much of the book comes from interviews of parents and, more particularly, of priests and religious who knew the young person.

The text would be suitable for readers from upper primary onwards.





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A slow burn that finally catches fire

Based on the book of the same name by Elinor Lipman, *Then She Found Me* introduces us to April Epner (Hunt), who is 39 years old.

Her biological clock is not so much ticking as sounding an alarm; her charming but immature husband, Ben (Matthew Broderick), decides their recent marriage is a mistake; and her ailing adoptive mother, whom April has been nursing through her illness, dies.

As if this weren't enough to deal with, a brassy, overbearing local talk-show host named Bernice Graves (Bette Midler) shows up out of the blue, announcing herself as April's biological mother. And she has incredible news: April is the result of a one-night stand Bernice had with Steve McQueen nearly 40 years ago.

Devastated on the one hand and bewildered on the other, April finds solace from her rapidly unraveling life in a growing relationship with Frank (Colin Firth), a handsome, warm and suddenly single dad whose wife recently abandoned him and their children. As this new relationship blossoms, April's general state of confusion gets considerably worse when she finds out that she is pregnant.

Helen Hunt is a distinguished actor, having won four Emmys, four Golden



April Epner (Helen Hunt) gets an intimate introduction to Frank Harte's (Colin Firth) family, in a scene from her directorial debut "Then She Found Me."

Globes, two Screen Actors Guild awards and an Oscar for *As Good As It Gets*. *Then She Found Me* marks her directorial debut. In fact this film seems to have been something of a personal quest with Hunt directing, screenwriting, producing and starring in it. This is, clearly, a story she wanted to tell. Her star power no doubt helped assemble the fine ensemble, but, at least initially, the audience might wonder why they bothered.

This is a slow-burn film. After a sluggish start, these highly neurotic characters grow on you, by stealth. It may come as a surprise to find just how affecting this film ends up being. The writing is

Then She Found Me

Starring Helen Hunt, Colin Firth, Bette Midler and Matthew Broderick. Directed by Helen Hunt. 101 mins. M (moderate sexual references and coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Richard Leonard SJ*.

tight, the humour sharp and the acting is universally good, even from the over-the-top Ms Midler who plays an over-the-top long lost mother.

An unusual romantic comedy, *Then She Found Me* abjures a polished look for a flat mat, reflecting April's worldview and her low self esteem. Hunt's camera is not kind to her own character, but I wondered if April needed to look so dowdy.

The script is unusually complex too, touching on issues of fidelity in marriage, faith, prayer, the biological clock and a baby as a must-have commodity.

It is disappointing to note that the language is frequent and rough, and some viewers will find the way the Lord's name is abused particularly offensive. And this lack of discipline even extends to casting Salmon Rushdie as April's obstetrician. This jars and distracts from the central story.

Then She Found Me is a modest film which keeps the focus on deeply flawed characters trying to find the secret to happiness. By the film's end it presents answers that most Christians know are popular but in the long term quite inadequate.

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

A Marvel-lous blockbuster

The Marvel Comics company must be more than marvelling at how successful their movie franchise has been over the last ten years or so: *X Men* trilogy, *Spiderman* trilogy, *Daredevil*, *Ghost Rider*, more *Batman* films, *Wolverine* coming up soon and plans for a number of the popular comic books to be brought to big screen life.

And here is *Iron Man* to make a strong contribution to the success.

One of the good things about *Iron Man* is that he was not genetically modified by any bites. He doesn't have any unearthly powers.

Rather, like Bruce Wayne who becomes *Batman*, Tony Stark is wealthy (that takes care of his labs and technical and technological developments), highly intelligent (that takes care of his inventions being more than we can anticipate), patriotic (he is in the arms production and distribution business) and, generally a hail-fellow-well-met.

However, he is more than something of a playboy (not like the austere Bruce Wayne). Since the film has been updated from Vietnam to the present, the focus is on war in Afghanistan. Out there to arrogantly and vainly present his latest missiles, he is captured, tortured and sees for

Iron Man

Starring Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeff Bridges. Directed by Jon Favreau. 126 mins. M (moderate action violence). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.



Robert Downey Jr, superhero.

himself what damage his arms do. In 2008, the film takes a turn for more peace-oriented issues.

Stark is a changed man and, despite Wall St stock losses, his interest is in developing his iron man flying suit for positive purposes.

Gwyneth Paltrow is his noble and faithful assistant, not exactly a Lois Lane but rather the attractive equivalent of

Bruce Wayne's butler and secretary.

When we hear Jeff Bridges' voice and look at the screen, many of us do a double take - just who is this bald and grey-bearded man? Yes, it is Jeff Bridges, all set up to be the villain of the show (in something of a parody of Dick Cheney and his vice-presidential power behind the throne and the companies he has been associated with having huge contracts in post-invasion Iraq).

Which leaves us to comment on Robert Downey Jr being a superhero. He is not exactly the actor who comes to mind to portray a superhero (and neither was Michael Keaton, a comedian who made a rather grim *Batman*).

Downey obviously relishes the chance to be the man-about-town turned zealous patriot and do-gooder. He gets the opportunity to do a lot of stunts as most of the action in the latter part has him testing his suit. Some wit in the screenplay and performances from the cast who are presenting it all quite seriously means that this is one of Marvel's entertaining blockbusters.

* Fr Peter Malone MSC directs the film desk of SIGNIS: the World Association of Catholic Communicators, and is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.



Videos & DVDs

Insights given into Church tradition

DVDs

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Amazing Gift. (90 mins, ages 13- adult).

This CAFÉ program provides instruction on the parts of the Mass. Fr Stan Fortuna, a Franciscan Friar from New York, explains the elements of the Eucharist. Fr Fortuna is an absolute delight to listen to as he explains the parts of the Mass in an engaging and inspirational way.

As it is in Heaven. (132 mins, English subtitles, M, ages 16-adult).

This inspiring motion picture, set in Sweden, provides hope and faith in the future. A successful, but burnt-out, conductor interrupts his career and returns to his hometown in Sweden to seek solace. The church choir discovers he is in town and seeks his advice. He is gradually drawn into their lives and finds friendship, love and new hope for the future.

Buzby and the Grumble Bees. (Max Lucado's Hermie & Friends Series, 60 mins, ages 4-7).

In this quality computer animation film, Buzby the bee shows his misbehaving niece and nephew how unpleasant life would be if everyone misbehaved. The film encourages children to practice good manners.

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- Dennis Granlund (librarian)

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SEXUALISATION OF GIRLS - Talk by Melinda Tankard-Reist, St. Benedict's Parish Centre, Narrabundah. 7.30pm, Wednesday, 2 July. Inquiries: Telephone 6286 5679.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - 4-6 July, weekend for married couples, Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong, NSW. Bookings: Telephone 9489 4523 or 4283 3435.

WYD ADORATION VIGIL - Pray for World Youth Day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, first Saturday of month, St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Exposition following the 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, then adoration all night to 6am Sunday. Inquiries: Susanna Taylor, telephone 0419 902 293 or www.wydicanberra.org.

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Carnival atmosphere for big soccer day

St Jude's Primary School, Holder, hosted the Archdiocesan primary schools soccer carnival with a difference by combining it with the school's fete.

About 1200 students from 25 schools competed in the 10th annual soccer carnival.

A jumping castle and merry-go-round kept children entertained, while four barbeques and coffee machines kept everyone well fed. Several local businesses helped out and donated prizes for the raffle and silent auction.

"We have 250 families at the school and 225 parents were there helping," one of the carnival convenors Ms Jo Ratcliffe said. "We couldn't have been happier with the support we received. We hoped to raise in excess of \$20,000 which will go towards future IT and environmental improvements for the school."

Winners from the combined year five and six division for pool 1 were: St Monica's Thunder, runners up St Anthony's Terriers; pool 2: Holy Spirit United, runners up St Joseph Stars; pool 3: St Thomas More's Green, runners up St John the Apostle Yellow; pool 4: St Mary's Moruya Sharks, runners up St Francis Tigers; pool 5:



Good Shepherd Good Guys, runners up St Patrick's Cooma Bull dogs; pool 6: Sacred Heart Legends, runners up St Monica's Strikers; pool 7: St Matthew's Marvels and runners up Rosary Royals.

Winners from the combined year three and four division for

pool 1 were: Holy Spirit Rangers, runners up St Clare's Mini Gangsters; pool 2: St Joseph Jets, runners up Sts Peter and Paul Goulburn Maroon; pool 3: St Bede's Socceros, runners up Good Shepherd Sharp Shepherds; pool 4: Sacred Heart White, runners up Holy Spirit Hero's; pool 5: Sacred Heart Red, runners up St Monica's Dolphins; pool 6: Holy Family Gowrie Thunder, runners up St John the Apostle Red; pool 7: St Patrick's Cooma Tigers, runners up Moruya Dolphins; pool 8: Sts Peter and Paul Goulburn Blue, runners up St Monica's All Stars; pool 9: Holy Spirit Hot Shots and runners up St Michael's Hot Shots.

Medals for swim pair

Two St Clare's College swimmers took medals at the Special Olympics junior national games in Canberra. Year 7 student Kayla Davy-Kennett (left) won a silver medal in the 25m freestyle and Caitlin McMahon from year 8 won gold in the 25m backstroke and silver in the 25m freestyle. More than 400 athletes and coaches took part in swimming, athletics, tennis, gymnastics, basketball and soccer.



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Natural disasters challenge and confront us with situations of injustice and extreme need. Recently, cyclone Nargis resulted in widespread devastation and loss of life in Burma.

In Myanmar/Burma many schools, churches, convents and seminaries are in need of rebuilding and equipping. Hundreds of people are homeless or missing. Such help must be long term and ongoing.

It hit an area where Catholic Mission has been building relationships with the local Church and people over an extended period of time and supporting numerous projects and mission efforts.

Support given to our annual appeals and through our regular donors, enable Catholic Mission to establish partnerships and engage quickly in communication with the local Church, their people's efforts and to establish avenues for assistance and advocacy.

Often these communities have limited capacity to generate funds or initiate change on their own. Our prayers and generosity are needed to address the effects of cyclone Nargis and to repair damaged projects.

Should you wish to know more about Catholic Mission or want to join our supporters, call us on 6163 4321.

God bless,
Deacon Joe Blackwell

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Torch-bearer Jake makes dad proud

He may not be a sports fanatic, but 14-year-old Jake Warcaba felt especially honoured to carry the Olympic torch up the stairs of the Australian War Memorial.

Nominated by Legacy, Jake held the flame in memory of his father, Warrant Officer Roman Warcaba who served in the Royal Australian Navy and died in June last year after a 13-month illness.

The year 8 Marist College student was the youngest among the 80 torchbearers to carry the Olympic Torch in Canberra's leg of the relay. "It was awesome," he said. "I can't explain how great it felt to be one of the 80 chosen."

Jake just scraped through to represent Australia, having only turned the minimum age of 14 the week before.

Jake's mother Mrs Donna Warcaba was emotional at the memory of Jake climbing the stairs of the Australian War Memorial with the Olympic torch in his hand. "He had the biggest smile and he held the torch in one hand and waved at everyone with the other," she said. "It was a great moment."

Jake's biggest worry about the stair climb was his brand new shoes, which he realised at the last minute had not had a test run. "I'd only got them the day before the relay."

A reception at Parliament House gave Jake and his family the chance to rub shoulders with the likes of Lee Kernigan, Ian Thorpe and Matt Welsh.

At first Jake did not think the torch relay was "such a big deal, but then I started to realise how important it was. My dad would be pretty proud of me."

A special year for Marian pilgrims

Hundreds of pilgrims made their way to St Clement's Redemptorist Monastery, Galong, for the annual Marian procession.

This year's pilgrimage was special as it marked the 150th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at the Lourdes grotto and the event was also part of the Archdiocese's preparation for World Youth Day.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who was attending the Galong pilgrimage for the first time, welcomed the gathering.

In the occasional address, Fr William Creede CSsR said people had come to Galong to find "a little corner of heaven", and he encouraged them to "bring it home into your hearts and your faith". He told them Mary would remember how they had made the pilgrimage up the hill to the grotto.



TOP: The procession makes its way up to the grotto led by Redemptorist superior Fr Pat Corbett. ABOVE: Beckie Evers, of Young youth group, crowns the statue of Our Lady, helped by her sister Tess. LEFT: Five members of the Curtis family from Wanniasa, John, Michael, Benedict, Peter and Joseph, along with Joy Oriel, carried banners, which they spent many hours making.

We are all 'united by our faith'

Two weeks spent in a poor region of Bougainville in Papua New Guinea saw five archdiocesan locals return richer for their experiences.

As part of the Pilgrim Partners Program, Catholic Mission director Deacon Joe Blackwell accompanied Jessica Dunk from Bungendore, Clare Barbaro from Pearce and Matthew Cassidy and Lillian Hull from Wanniasa to meet locals who will come to the Archdiocese during Days in the Diocese.

About 50 young people from Bougainville will be hosted by the Archdiocese during Days in the Diocese.

Deacon Blackwell said the aim of the trip was to build relationships and understanding with those pilgrims ahead of World Youth Day. "It was an eye-opening experience and opportunity to meet, inform and make welcome those spending their Days in the Diocese with us," he said.

Mr Cassidy said his experience in Bougainville was life changing. "Although our lifestyles and cultures are very different, our small group was welcomed with open arms by the parishioners of Bougainville," he said. "This showed that no matter the differences, we are all united by our faith."

While in Bougainville, Deacon Blackwell said his group was welcomed traditionally with water poured on their feet as they entered each village. They drank coconut milk and experienced bamboo band music, singing and dancing. "Overall, the people's warm welcome and provision for us amidst their daily activities touched our lives for they openly shared what they had," he said.

Deacon Blackwell said the group felt challenged to adapt to the everyday rush of life in Australia after spending two weeks in the vastly different atmosphere of Bougainville. "We returned richer for the people we had met, the experiences and what we had learnt from their community-oriented way of life, their generosity in friendship and joy for life itself."

ABOVE RIGHT: Jessica Dunk, Lillian Hull and Deacon Joe Blackwell, with new friends.

RIGHT: Matt Cassidy dancing with some Bougainville locals.



A blessed inspiration to young people

The remains of one of the 10 inspirational patrons of World Youth Day, Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, will be accompanied to Australia from Italy by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Blessed Pier Giorgio, described by some as a saint for the youth of the third millennium, was born in Turin and died aged 24 after a short life of profound spirituality and dedication to works of charity.

His love of sport, particularly mountain climbing, friends and the poor makes him an ideal role model for young people. After his death hundreds of families are said to have testified to his commitment to them.

On behalf of the bishops of Australia, Archbishop Coleridge will travel to Turin in mid June where he will celebrate a farewell Mass for Blessed Pier Giorgio and accompany the body to Australia where it will lie in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, during World Youth Day.

Members of Blessed Pier Giorgio's family will travel to Australia for World Youth Day.

At graduation, it is said he was given the choice by his father of money or a car. He chose the money and gave it to the poor, supporting an old woman evicted from home, a sick invalid and the three children of a widow.

In June 1925 he was afflicted by an acute attack of poliomyelitis, which doctors speculated he caught from the sick whom he tended. His illness was too advanced for treatment and he died on 4 July, 1925.

The poor and needy whom he had served lined the streets of Turin for his funeral. It was these people who petitioned the Archbishop of Turin to begin the cause for canonisation. The process was opened in 1932 and he was beatified on 20 May, 1990.