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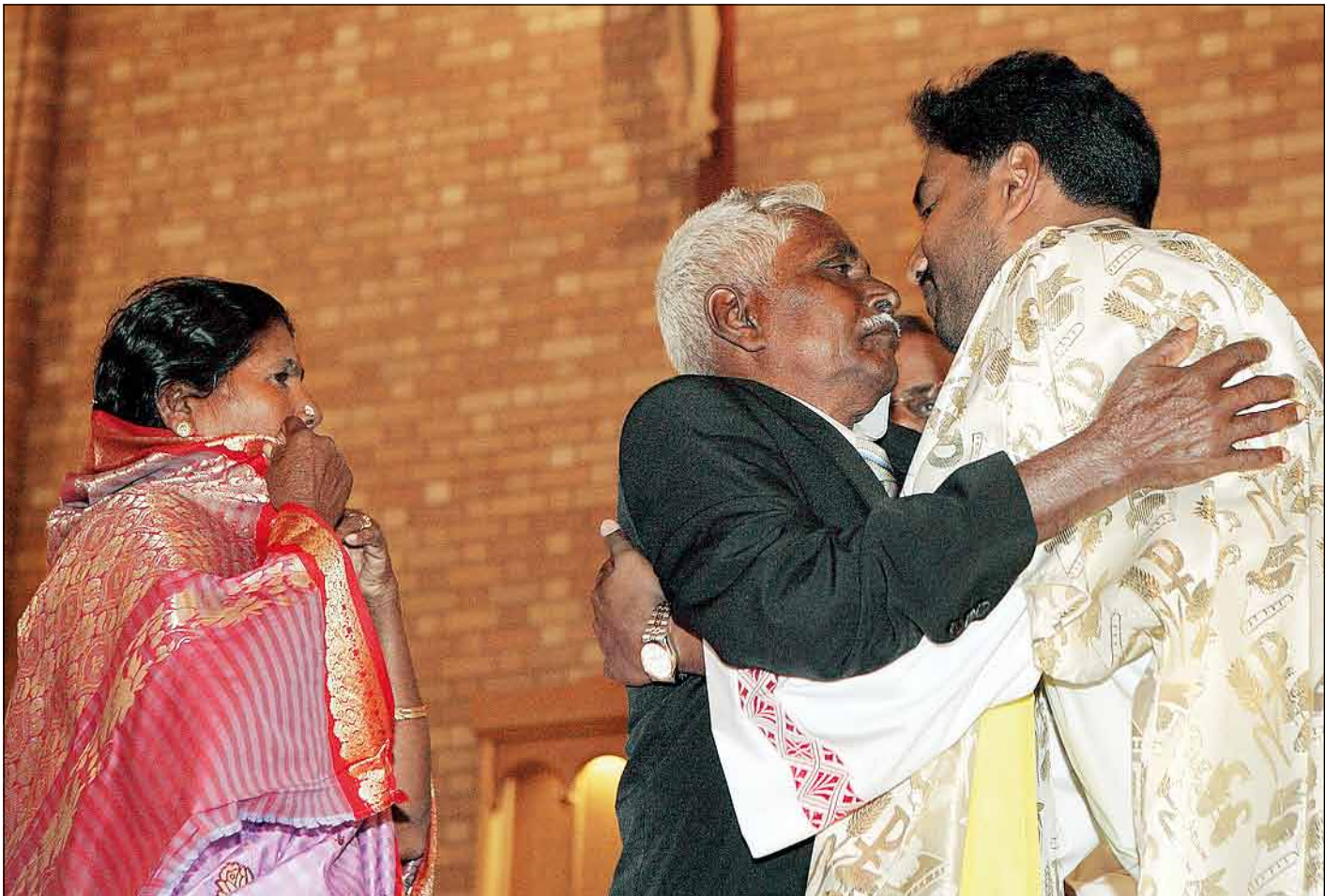
# Father to father - a priestly greeting

Indian-born Loorthusamy Irudeyasamy became the newest priest in the Archdiocese when he was ordained by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in a packed St Christopher's Cathedral.

After being invested with his stole and chasuble, Fr Samy is greeted by his father Irudeyasamy and mother Anthonyamal (pictured right).

Fr Samy was ordained for the Indian diocese of Ootacamund with a view to his future incorporation into the Archdiocese.

Among those in the Cathedral in addition to his parents were a large number of archdiocesan clergy, members of the Tamil Catholic community and parishioners from South Tuggeranong where he was serving before his ordination. He celebrated his first Mass at Holy Family Church, Gowrie, the next day. • **More pictures, story, back page.**



# ACU's star performance

Australian Catholic University has been ranked the second top university in Canberra.

This year's Good Universities Guide, a respected independent information source about tertiary education pathways, gave the university's Canberra campus its best ranking yet.

"The recent high ratings in the Good Universities Guide reflect the high standards at ACU and our commitment to education as a means to promote social inclusion," campus dean Associate Prof Patrick McArdle said. "We have aimed to improve staff quality, and access and equity over the years and it's beginning to pay off."

"While other universities have maintained their level of excellence, ACU National has increased its ranking and demonstrated true excellence and improvement in the field of higher education."

This year, the Canberra campus earned seven new stars in categories that include access by equity groups, cultural diversity and staff-student ratios. It also increased its performance in posi-

tive graduate outcomes and getting a job after graduation.

The most notable achievement was its five-star ranking in the categories of indigenous participation and proportion given credit for TAFE, placing the university higher than the Australian National University and the University of Canberra in both categories.

ACU National is now among the top 20 per cent of institutes enrolling students on the grounds of credit for TAFE studies.

Prof McArdle said it was "particularly pleasing" to be recognised for "the efforts we make in terms of access and equity, indigenous participation and pathways from the TAFE sector."

"Almost all of our degrees at ACU Canberra include a direct pathway from CIT which enable students to enter degree programs at an advanced level or with some measure of credit."

"We attract a number of students who may not have completed high school but who now have a more mature outlook on study and careers. In addition, the cam-

## Personal touch put Anthony on right path

Camp Quality area manager Mr Anthony Ganley credits much of his success to the education he received at ACU's Canberra campus.

Following a brief stint in the navy, at 25 Mr Ganley started studying a Bachelor of Education at ACU. "I chose ACU over other opportunities because they offered a Catholic program that allowed me to teach in Catholic schools," he said.

"I liked that it was a small campus and that people knew others by face and name - there was that very personal approach to your degree."

Following his tertiary education, Mr Ganley taught at St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah, and Holy Spirit Primary School, Gungahlin.

"I really liked teaching in Catholic primary schools - it was very family orientated with a good grasp on values and belief systems."

After seven years as a teacher, Mr Ganley turned his volunteer position at Camp Quality into a full time job.

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"I became a volunteer with Camp Quality when I was at university in 1996 and continued volunteering while I was teaching until a position became available in 2007."

"Over the years I've learnt that children are pretty special and if you can do something to make a difference - you do. Empathy, knowledge, understanding and compassion are all values I learnt at ACU and they have been very important to this role."

19 categories. These include cultural diversity, indigenous participation, entry flexibility, graduate starting salaries and gender balance, among others. The Canberra campus received a total of 54 stars this year out of a possible 95.



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# One extra candle ... I'm not quite so sure

I have this vague memory of when I was a little girl. It's a memory of the first time I went up to a counter and paid for something all by myself (well, with Mum's money).

Don't ask me what I bought, because my memory isn't that great, but the thing that I do remember is that feeling of independence and, even though I would have only been six at the time, the feeling of being a grown up.

Now that I am almost all grown up, the idea of being an adult has been on my mind. Of all the forthcoming changes I can think of, turning 18 seems to be

the largest part of the transition into adulthood.

Suddenly nothing is off-limits; drinking alcohol is legal, voting is permitted, you can enjoy your weekend at clubs and pubs, even buy a fish (yes, I was denied a goldfish because of my age this month).

It is often easy to forget that with change comes a price, an expectation that you will respect your new privileges and behave as the adult you have become. But is clubbing and drinking really meeting these expectations? Are they even seen as privileges? Have we all tried so hard to grow

up when we were younger that we don't see this as a big deal?

For most, it seems that becoming an adult is just an excuse for a decadent party fuelled by alcohol and a parent's money.

My 18th is fast approaching, and I've come to the realisation I'm one of those teenagers that always expects some sort of transformation when I turn a year older. Obviously not in a physical sense, but mentally, as if everyone will be able to tell that I'm slightly more mature. With this milestone in particular comes the added thought that independence will

come with transformation into a voting, clubbing, fish-buying adult.

I know that this isn't true, though. I'm sure most teenagers still depend on their parents to look after them without realising it. I know that if I were to live by myself right now, I'd have no idea what to do. I fear that as an adult, I will always rely on my parents a little more than I should. Perhaps I still need to find out how deep the water is before I can swim on my own.

Most years a birthday is exciting; you're happy to blow out one extra candle. For me at least, this year seems different. Maybe, just this once, I don't feel like growing up.

## emma's year



## what do you know?

**1. A then PM and parishioner had his own chair placed at the back of St Christopher's Cathedral. Who was he?**

**2. Mary MacKillop is on the verge of being proclaimed our first saint. Where was she born?**

**3. The Greek word diakonia, from which we get diaconate and deacon, seems to mean?**

**4. Our newest priest Fr Samy hails from the Indian Diocese of Ootacamund which has 85,000 850,000 or 18,500 Catholics?**

**5. How many Catholics are there in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn?**

**6. This young man (right) was on his way to becoming a teacher but he's best known for painting.**

Answers:

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## Art in country

Gunning parish is again preparing for its annual art show. The show is the one parish function of the year.

It provides an opportunity for all parishioners to be part of a community function. Some gather works of art, others hang paintings, provide country cooking and sell raffle tickets.

The show with works by local and interstate artists opens with supper and drinks at 7pm on Friday, 11 September. Cost is \$25 a person. It continues from 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday. Inquiries: Maureen Hewitt, telephone 4845 1308.

## Stained-glass window

In the article "Gift adds beauty to bay church" (CV, June), regarding a new stained glass window at St Bernard's church, Batehaven, it was stated that Blessed Aloysius Stepinac, who is depicted, was persecuted in Yugoslavia for "being linked to communists". Stepinac in fact worked to protect the Catholic Church in Croatia and save people from communist oppression. As a result he was jailed. He was made a cardinal in 1953, died in 1960 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1998. The error was made in copy provided.

## Friends are key to life's top question

A glass of wine every night and the company of good friends are the secrets to a long and healthy life, according to Kaleen parishioner Mrs Catherine Fitzpatrick (pictured right). This month she celebrated her 100th birthday with a party of about 40 people at St Michael's Church.

"I feel good," she said. Despite her age she has no serious health complaints. "I had a hip replacement when I was 98 and I still get some pain in my leg. But that's all."

Mrs Fitzpatrick grew up in Boulder City in Western Australia and moved to the mining town of Hines Hill after she married Eric, a farmer. "That's where the children, Annette and Catherine, grew up. It was a very small town.

"Eric was a marvellous man. He was six foot four and very good at sport. We had a really good life over there."

Following Eric's death, Catherine moved to Canberra in 1980 to be closer to family.

"At first I thought it was a bit cold. But later I went on to study Indonesian and Japanese at CIT."



Travelling was a popular pastime for Mrs Fitzpatrick, who has been to Europe, Japan, Indonesia, Hawaii and New Zealand.

"I've been to the Vatican a couple of times and that was something really special that I always wanted to do. I was always interested in Greek mythology and I was dying to go there so I did that as well.

Mrs Fitzpatrick said she still reads the paper every day and has a glass of wine and watches the Hot Seat every night. "Sometimes those first few questions are so easy." But her advice to those who want to grow to a ripe old age is "just have lots of good friends".

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# St Christopher's: a place for PMs, paupers, people all

For almost 80 years, St Christopher's has been a unique church in Australia, a place where all have been welcome, from prime ministers to paupers.

It is unlikely any other church can claim the distinction of having four prime ministers, Scullin, Lyons, Forde and Chifley, as parishioners.

Thirty-five years after Archbishop Cahill moved the Cathedral from Goulburn to Canberra, major refurbishments to St Christopher's have been completed and blessed.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge was main celebrant at Mass in the Cathedral which also marked the diamond jubilee of the Archdiocese.

Concelebrants included Archbishop Emeritus Francis Carroll, Vicar General Mgr John Woods, current Cathedral administrator Fr Francis Kolencherry, as well as former administrators and priests of the Cathedral parish.

During Mass, Archbishop Coleridge blessed the refurbishments, which include replacing the carpet with marble, renovating the Blessed Sacrament chapel, embellishing the Our Lady Help of Christians shrine, refurbishing parts of the sanctuary and creating the All Souls Chapel for quiet reflection at the back of the church.

"This Cathedral stands at the heart of the city and at the heart of the Archdiocese as a sign of the God who feeds every human hunger," Archbishop Coleridge said in his homily.

"To all who wonder where they may find food, soul-food, this church stands as a sign for all to see that the feast is made ready and that all are invited to eat and drink free of charge.

"For almost 80 years St Christopher's has stood here as that kind of sign of God's extravagance."

Archbishop Thomas Cahill took the decision to move the Cathedral from Goulburn to Canberra. St Christopher's was doubled in size and the larger church became the cathedral church of the Archdiocese.

Until then it had been the parish church of Canberra, built by the city's first parish priest, Mgr Patrick Haydon, who is commemorated in the new All Souls Chapel dedicated to his memory.

"The works of refurbishment we have done 35 years later to mark the 60th anniversary of the Archdiocese are intended to make the Cathedral a still more luminous sign of the extravagant God who feeds every human hunger in ways we may not expect but which we desire in the depth of our heart," Archbishop Coleridge said.

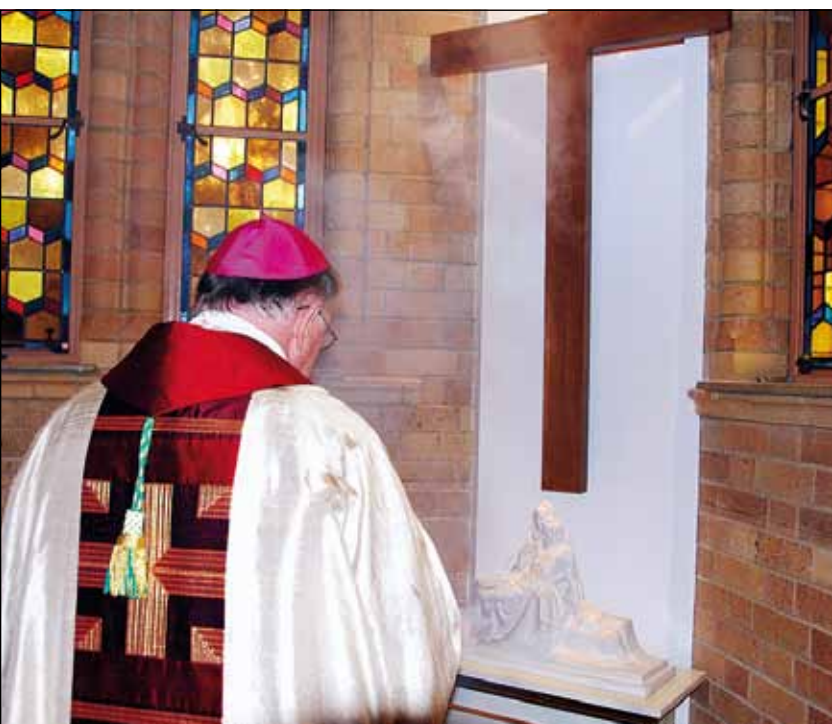
"In the Prayer of Blessing today we will say: Holy is the Church, Blessed is the Church, Exalted is the Church. That is all true, but not because of anything we ourselves have done. It's all God's work.

"He it is who through 60 years has sanctified, blessed and exalted the Church of Canberra and Goulburn in the midst of all our trials and tribulations, our sorrows and our sinfulness. Today we look to the past with an overflowing sense of gratitude for the grace that has gone before us and for those through whom that grace has come.

"But we also look to the future where grace will flow no less freely, where the hungry will be fed no less wonderfully than they were in the past, from prime ministers to paupers, all of them human beings in search of food."



Blessing Cathedral refurbishments in the main sanctuary (top), the Blessed Sacrament chapel (above) and the shrine to Our Lady Help of Christians (left)



Archbishop Mark Coleridge prays in the All Souls chapel, which is provided for quiet reflection at the back of the Cathedral.

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# 'Storm-troopers' with a distinctive ministry

Recently I ordained my first permanent deacon for the Archdiocese. After a long and winding road of preparation, Vince Barclay was ordained at Kambah on 31 July. Vince has been working at MacKillop College and will continue there beyond ordination as well as serving elsewhere as the need arises.

The occasion gave me an opportunity to articulate something of my vision of the permanent diaconate at a time when the Church is exploring more of what the diaconate means and how deacons might function more creatively in the life of the Church.

It is often said that the Second Vatican Council restored the diaconate, which is both true and untrue. It is true in that the diaconate was an established ministry in the early Church, though little enough is known of precisely how the deacons functioned. It is untrue, therefore, that the Council restored a clearly delineated function which had fallen into disuse.

In that sense, the Council instituted something new rather than restored something old. The word "deacon" is old, but we are left to grapple with the question of how the diaconate should function now. It's simple enough to speak of service, but that would apply to any Christian, certainly to any who are ordained. The Greek word diakonia, from which we get diaconate and deacon, seems to mean "coming through the dust", referring to a messenger coming along the dusty roads of the ancient world. But etymology doesn't take us far.

One thing is clear: deacons are not second-class priests. They are to have a distinctive ministry of their own within the triple hierarchy of the Church - bishop, priest (or presbyter) and deacon. One thing that is distinctive about the deacon is the bond he has with the bishop.

You might have noticed that the deacon or deacons closely accompany the



Vince Barclay kneels before Archbishop Mark Coleridge during his ordination to the diaconate. Deacons Roger O'Donnell (left) and John Lim sit on each side of the Archbishop.

bishop in the liturgy; they walk and sit beside him; they receive communion immediately after him, even before the concelebrating clergy. This liturgical bond is symbolic of a pastoral or apostolic bond: they are close to the bishop in the liturgy because they are close to the bishop in the mission.

My own understanding - which is still evolving - is that the deacons are a team of storm-troopers attached directly to the bishop in a way that the priests are not. For the most part, priests are the residential leaders of the local communities, that is, the parishes. The deacons are not that. In fact, I don't foresee that deacons would ever be residential leaders of local communities, since that would tend to make them second-class presbyters.

As the bishop's storm-troopers, the deacons can be sent whenever and where-

ever a need arises. They have a flexibility and a mobility that a presbyter doesn't usually have. They can enter social, cultural and professional worlds which the presbyter would find difficult to enter because of his tie to the local community.

Deacons also bring a range of experience to the ministry which is not always found in the presbyter. Not least of these experiences is the experience of marriage. Not all permanent deacons are married, but most are. This experience of marriage and family life is an enrichment not only of an individual deacon's ministry but an enrichment of the Church hierarchy as a whole.

Celibacy will remain the norm for bishops and priests of the Latin Church: that is certain. But it's also clear that the presence of married deacons in the hierarchy of the Church is a gift of the Holy

Spirit. The challenge for married deacons is to find a creative convergence between their vocation to marriage and their vocation to ordained ministry.

We now have five deacons in the Archdiocese - if you count Deacon John Lim who, for the time being at least, is generously serving in the Military Ordinariate. Our senior deacon is Roger O'Donnell who, among many other things, serves in Holy Spirit parish, Gungahlin.

Deacon Joe Blackwell runs the Catholic Mission Office in the Archdiocese and also serves in the parishes of Page and Goulburn. Deacon Paul Rummery is a tower of strength throughout the Coastal Deanery.

Patrick Whale is close to ordination in the parish of Boorowa; and Don Nguyen, Vince Burns and Roger Fitzgerald are at an earlier point of their preparation.

I should also say that we have their wives who in each case make a big contribution. When we ordain a deacon, we don't ordain his wife. But the decision to prepare for the diaconate and to be ordained is very much a decision for the couple, given its inevitable impact on the marriage and the family.

In all of this, the Spirit is saying something to the Church and the permanent deacons come to us as a gift from God. The task now is to work out more precisely what the Spirit is saying and how best we might use the gift for the good of the Church and the service of the world.



*Mark Coleridge*

## 'Living treasure' celebrates 60th

Fr Harold Baker (right), an MSC priest at Daramalan College, has celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination.

Fr Baker, who is lovingly referred to as one of Daramalan's living treasures, has been at the school since 1975 playing a huge part in the lives of the thousands of students and staff.

He entered the novitiate and he took his first vows in February 1943, in the middle of World War 2. He was ordained an MSC priest in July, 1949.

In 1975 he came to Daramalan College as deputy headmaster in charge of the senior school. He and then headmaster Fr Jim Littleton led the college through a period of great change, including the introduction of co-education in Years 11 and 12.

Fr Baker relinquished most of his official roles in 2000 and now lives in retirement at the college. He is still called on to join in the celebration of a school Mass or to share his tremendous depth of religious knowledge and experience.



### WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

Answers: 1. Ben Chifley. 2. Melbourne. 3. "Coming through the dust". 4. 85,000. 5. About 160,000. 6. Artist and Christian Brother Don Gallagher.

### ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

- 1 Sept:** Congregational leaders meeting
- 2 Sept::** CYSM conference
- 4 Sept:** Order of Malta Mass
- 5,6 Sept::** Confirmation, Evatt
- 9 Sept:** Confirmation, Page
- 10 Sept:** Confirmation, Kaleen; Serra Club jubilarian dinner
- 11 Sept:** MacKillop College feast day Mass
- 13 Sept:** Confirmation, Boorowa
- 15 Sept:** Clergy reflection day
- 18 Sept:** St Vincent de Paul Society festival Mass
- 19 Sept:** Merici 50th jubilee Mass
- 20 Sept:** Confirmation, Narrabundah
- 22-30 Sept:** Synod meetings, Rome

### AUXILIARY BISHOP PAT POWER

- 1Sept:** Meeting of Archdiocesan Professional Standards Advisory Committee
- 3 Sept:** ACT Churches Council
- 9 Sept:** Ecumenical conference, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture
- 9-10 Sept:** Confirmation, Goulburn
- 10 Sept:** WATAC dinner, NSW State Parliament
- 12-13 Sept:** Confirmation Pambula parish
- 17 Sept:** Floriade event
- 20 Sept:** Mass at Maconachie Centre.
- 22 Sept:** Mass for Josephites
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- 25 Sept:** Archdiocesan Finance Committee
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# Local dialogue shows 'peace is possible'

The commitment to dialogue and co-operation among Jewish, Christian and Muslim communities in Canberra showed others that peace was possible, Bishop Pat Power said.

He was speaking to about 150 people at a gathering at the Jewish community centre to pray for peace in the Middle East.

"Never mind that there seems to be huge obstacles to peace in the Middle East," he said. "People of my generation have seen in their lifetime the collapse of totalitarian regimes under Communism, the dismantlement of apartheid in South Africa and here in Australia last year that historic apology to our indigenous people."

Bishop Power said when people sought to enter genuine dialogue they needed to try "to get inside the skin of the other people involved".

"How often in a personal dispute or misunderstanding, I remain fixated on how all this affects me; my hurts, my fears, the threats to my well-being and my security.

"But what about the other person? He or she has a mind, a heart, a family with all those hopes for a future. I need to try seriously to see things from that person's point of view; to genuinely feel for that person."

He said humility also went a long way in relations with others. "Do we entertain the possibility that maybe we have got it wrong, that our way might not be the right way or the only way? We may need to ask for forgiveness. We might need to go half-way or beyond in order to be genuinely reconciled."

Bishop Power said he chose for the gathering Jesus' words from the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, "because I believe that their spirit can be found as well in the Jewish and Muslim scriptures.

"We will all be truly blessed when we acknowledge our poverty, when we embrace our sorrows and those of others, when with humble hearts we strive passionately for goodness and truth.

"We seek God's mercy for ourselves and for others; we do so with a pure heart, one which yearns for peace. At times, we will be attacked and maligned when we are brave enough to be counter-cultural, to take the risks that will break an impasse and give peace a chance, to cross divides which seem to be insuperable."

Representatives of the Jewish, Islamic and Christian communities signed a commitment to ongoing dialogue and co-operation, recognizing

## Towards just workplace

A group of 40 people from a variety of Catholic Church organizations gathered in Sydney to launch a booklet to guide employers in applying Catholic social teaching principles in the workplace. "A Just Workplace" was developed by the Catholic Commission for Employment Relations.

It aims to provide a fresh look at Catholic social teaching in the context of contemporary employment settings. It is a blend of practical guidance at workplace level with the established social principles of the Church.



Bishop Pat Power (far right) at the prayer gathering with director of the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture the Rev James Haire, Mr Bill Arnold, of the ACT Jewish community, Mr Ahmed Youssef, of the Canberra Islamic Centre, and Mrs Angela Devlin, of the archdiocesan Catholic Women's League.

the good relations enjoyed for many years in the ACT.

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A mass exodus of Christians from the Middle East is now taking place. For some it is a question of escaping bloody persecution. In the Holy Land for example, the proportion of Christians has plummeted from 20% to as little as 1.4% in the last 40 years.

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# Students, staff stay calm as fire sweeps school

It was business as usual at St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder, a day after fire destroyed two kindergarten classrooms causing damage estimated at up to \$500,000.

Both classes were taking part in a sport lesson on the school oval when the fire was noticed by a teacher at 12:55pm.

"By the time the fire brigade arrived a few minutes later, the fire had moved into the neighbouring kindergarten classroom," principal Mr Greg Walker said.

"A parent who is a trained fireman was one of the first people on the scene and he started smashing windows to let the oxygen out. We are just very thankful he was there."

Following an emergency evacuation to the sports oval, the whole school moved over to neighbouring Lanyon High School, where they spent the next hour.

"Lanyon principal Bill Thompson and his staff accom-

modated us in the hall and provided us with food and water, which we're so grateful for."

Mr Walker said the evacuation went smoothly thanks to the cooperation of staff and students.

"The staff were fantastic through the whole process and worked hand in hand with parents, who were also really good by standing back and letting staff do their job."

Most importantly Mr Walker no-one was injured in the blaze.

"Teachers have lost handbags and books that they have collected over the years, and students have lost their bags and hats and the sorts of items they take to and from school every day, but everything is covered by insurance."

"Local businesses have already offered to help financially and MacKillop College, St Frances of Assisi and Holy Family primary schools have sent over staff to help us out."

ACT Fire Brigade district officer Mr Tony Flaherty said the

investigation had concluded that the fire was accidental.

"It's just one of those things," he said.

Until the classrooms were rebuilt, Mr Walker said it would be business as usual for St Clare of Assisi.

"We've tried very hard to make sure children can return to normal as quickly as possible. We have one spare classroom which we're able to use and we have some learning space in the library."

Kindergarten student Cassiel Galvin was not concerned about the move and said she was looking forward to her brand new classroom. "It will be better because it will be silver and sparkly," she said.

Zac Smith was not feeling as confident as Cassiel, following the loss of a friend in the fire. "My optimus prime transformer was in my school bag," he said. "And it was very expensive, you know."



Devastation in one of the classrooms.



ACT Fire Brigade district officer Mr Tony Flaherty, Mr Tony Cassar for Catholic Church Insurances and Mr Greg Walker survey the damage.

## The science of having lots of fun

Lots of students love science at St Clare of Assisi Primary School, Conder, and it shows. So, to celebrate National Science Week, the school held a science fair.

Teachers Miss Janice O'Neill and Ms Susan Blinksell coordinated the event, which stemmed from a lunch time science club.



"Sometimes people don't want to do science and it gets pushed aside but there are lots of students who love it and don't get the chance to get involved," Miss O'Neill said. Year 6 student Liam Gilmartin

said he "can't wait to get to high school so I can use real chemicals"

ABOVE: Year 6 student Grace Peachey gives a demonstration to younger students.

## 'Indestructible' Mary left her mark

One hundred years after her death, a Mass was celebrated to commemorate the life of an "indestructible" woman, who "had a great effect on education in this Archdiocese".

On the eve of her feast day a ceremony was held in honour of Mary MacKillop at St Joseph's Church in O'Connor.



Students from the first school opened by the Josephites in Canberra, St Joseph's Primary School in O'Connor, Rachael Hardy, Elliot Langer and Isabelle Rees listen to former principal Sr Janet Glass and Sr Julie Connolly's tales of Mary MacKillop.

At Mass, Archbishop Mark Coleridge welcomed representatives of the Sisters of St Joseph and archdiocesan schools.

"This church burnt down on the feast day of Mary MacKillop two years ago and one of the only things that survived the fire was a picture of her," he said.

"There's something indestructible about her and her sisters.

"She had this profound sense of being a pilgrim on this earth on a journey towards heaven. But she left her mark big time."

"She shed blood, sweat and tears during a life that wasn't long by our standards, but she had a deep sense that she and her sisters were caught up in a mysterious plan of God."

Archbishop Coleridge said the canonisation of Mary MacKillop was expected to take place "not too far down the track".

After Mass, Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki presented St Joseph's principal Ms Jeanette Waterworth with a framed picture of Mary MacKillop.

"Mary was only 24 when she opened her first school," she said.

"Since then Mary and her sisters have had a great effect on education in this Archdiocese."

● On her feast day last month, thousands of people across Australia honoured the woman who is set to be the nation's first saint.

In Sydney, Cardinal George Pell said it was "almost completely certain that she will become our first publicly recognised Australian saint, and we hope Pope Benedict will make this declaration soon". He described her as "a great and good woman, who was determined that young Australians would come to know Christ and the Catholic tradition".

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## *Jubilee Celebratory Weekend*

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<b>Friday</b>	<b>11.30am</b>	Jubilee Assembly at the College
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Merici College 50th Jubilee Mass St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka
	<b>12.30-3pm</b>	Open Afternoon at the College Merici College
	<b>7.00pm</b>	50th Jubilee Ball (dinner dance) National Museum Australia Featuring: Big Boss Groove

Merici College, Canberra's first Catholic all-girls' school, is continuing its 50th Jubilee celebrations with a program of activities over two days on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th September.

Having launched the celebrations on Tuesday 19th May with in-school activities, Merici is holding public events that will embrace the wider community of ex students and staff – and in particular the religious orders who were fundamental to the schools establishment and success.

The College is celebrating its journey from Canberra Catholic Girls' High School in 1959, through Braddon Catholic Girls' High School, Catholic High School, Braddon when the boys were here, to its current incarnation as Merici College in 1983 and so to the present day.

The celebrations will include an assembly, at 11.30am on Friday 18 September at the College, that will see the launch of a celebratory book called *Golden Moments*: commemorating the 50th Jubilee of Merici College, which features the memories of every past head girl. Merici will also 'bury' a time capsule to be opened in 50 years time.

Saturday 19th September includes a mass at St Christopher's Cathedral at 10am to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark B Coleridge followed by refreshments and 'open house' at Merici College from 12.30–3pm.

The celebrations will culminate in a ball/dinner dance on Saturday night at the National Museum of Australia to commence at 7pm. Ex students are travelling from many parts of Australia to attend.

Uniquely, Merici College was established by six orders of nuns: the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, the Ursuline order, Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Order of the Presentation nuns and the Brigidine Sisters. These women were strong role models for the students in their day, who have benefited from their tutelage and optimism.

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# It's 'use it or lose it' says Archbishop

Support in today's challenging financial times has been urged by Archbishop Mark Coleridge for three particular archdiocesan services.

"Use it or we'll lose it" could well be the catchcry for the Catholic Bookshop, St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre at Galong and The Rheinberger Centre at Yarralumla, he said.

"These are challenging times in many ways.

"Such a moment requires that we make best use of our facilities and resources, even if the financial cost of this might exceed the absolute best price available elsewhere.

"Support of our own must be a priority."

Archbishop Coleridge said the bookshop with an excellent stock of books and religious

goods met a demand within and outside the Church and must be supported.

St Clement's, which had more than 60 serviced rooms and provided conference and retreat facilities with accommodation and meals, was "a wonderful place well worth considering for a range of uses".

Regarding The Rheinberger Centre, which had large and small meeting rooms, could arrange catering and was centrally located with easy parking, Archbishop Coleridge said he found it "difficult to understand why other venues are used".

The three services of the Archdiocese were under increasing pressure to survive unless they received widespread support from the archdiocesan community.

## New name, same service

The Archdiocese's social services agency CatholicCare follows the great tradition of Catholic Christians in embracing human weakness and turning it into strength, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

He was speaking at the launch of CatholicCare Canberra and Goulburn, which has changed its name from Centacare.

Archbishop Coleridge said the agency had never seen its role as looking after only Catholics, rather it reached out to everyone. "We engage the community as the Catholic Church in action," he said.

Deputy chief executive officer Ms Faye Green, who joined in 1985 and is the agency's longest serving staff member, said changes over the years had always been driven by the needs of the community and an ongoing aim to serve the disadvantaged.

Chief executive officer Mr Neil Harrigan believes the name change better reflects the identity of the organisation. "We believe the new name will more clearly reflect our Catholic identity while enabling us to continue to service the whole community regardless of circumstance or belief," he said.

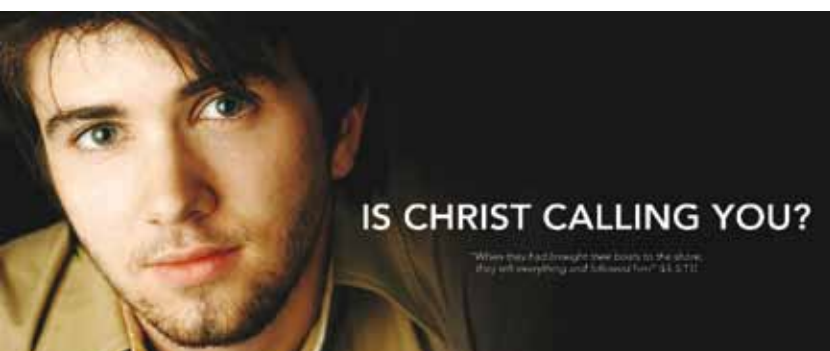
The agency began operations in the Archdiocese in 1957 primarily offering marriage guidance services. Since then it has broadened considerably deliv-

ering services to a wide range of people and with a particular emphasis on those most disadvantaged.

This includes the homeless, people with mental illness, disabled people, those with drug and alcohol problems, youth, aged, the unemployed and people in special circumstances such as those affected by drought in rural areas. In addition, the agency continues to offer counselling to groups with a particular emphasis on families and their relationship issues.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge cuts the celebratory cake watched by CatholicCare chief executive officer Mr Neil Harrigan and deputy Ms Faye Green.



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## We've come long way: elder



Australians had come such a long way, an Aboriginal elder told hundreds of young people gathered for a Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral to mark NAIDOC Week.

More than 650 people attended the Mass, which was preceded by a smoking ceremony on the cathedral steps.

In a welcome to country, Aboriginal elder and member of the Ngunnawal people, Auntie Janette Phillips said: "I look out here into the incredible faces of all of these young people and I know that the future of Australia is assured.

"I believe that in 100 years time when our ancestors of the future look back, they will say 'they got it right!'"

In his homily, Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power reminisced about the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations.

"In my personal life that is one of the most wonderful things I've ever witnessed," he said.

"I think all of us will regard that as something we will never forget."

Bishop Power said all Australians should make an effort to help "close the gap" between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

"This is something that cannot be tolerated in a just society.

"Jesus laid down his life for people who were struggling. If we are strong we should also support those who are struggling.

"Part of what we are doing here today is committing ourselves to the future and saying sorry for the past."

Catholic Education Office director Mrs Moira Najdecki welcomed representatives from more than 50 archdiocesan schools.

ABOVE: Students experience the smoking ceremony as they enter the Cathedral.

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# Pieter has a taste for the higher things of life...

For Pieter van Gent, getting to Mass used to involve a scramble to close shop at 5pm on a Saturday and set off in a hurry for the local church.

Today, life is a lot more leisurely for Mr Van Gent and wife Sheila who have retired to Yarralumla from country NSW.

Dutch-born Mr Van Gent came to Australia in 1960 and went on to become a pioneering icon of the nation's fledgling winemaking industry.

"Shop" was his own Pieter van Gent winery and vineyard in Mudgee, and it involved seemingly endless seven-day working weeks.

Nowadays he is more likely to be seen as an acolyte in the Cathedral parish, either in St Peter Chanel Church, Yarralumla, or in St Christopher's itself, as he was one Sunday last month when Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrated Mass on a special occasion.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Mudgee winery, which has survived floods, drought and the economic roller-coaster, and is now run by son Philip.



Things could have turned out very differently for the young Pieter who was born into a line of van Gents involved in distilling liqueurs and gins. Between the age of 12 and 17, he attended a Dominican minor seminary in Holland but being, as he describes himself, "a poor student who never learned how to study", he left, although even today he continues his involvement through the Dominican Laity.



LEFT: Pieter van Gent (far right) on acolyte duty at the Cathedral.

ABOVE: Making sure he doesn't lose his wine-tasting skills, at home with wife Sheila, sitting on century-old choir stalls that used to grace the tasting area of the family winery.

In 1958, he went to work for an exclusive wine importer and, after a family member suggested he seek out a future with the winemaking industry in Australia, he left Holland the following year at the age of 22.

He had written to the Australian wine giant Penfolds Wines before leaving. On arrival on his first day in the Scheyville migrant camp he took the train from Windsor to Tempe and found Penfolds.

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# Preparation key to lasting marriage

Better relationship preparation for young people could be the key to longer lasting marriages, according to the former Governor-General and 2009 National Marriage Day ambassador.

Major-General Michael Jeffery and his wife Marlena were announced as the 2009 ambassadors at the National Marriage Day breakfast at Parliament House.

About 500 people attended the breakfast, where more than 10,000 petitions were presented for tabling in Federal Parliament in support of a National Marriage Day.

Major-General Jeffery said the institution of marriage needed to be encouraged more publicly.

"Isn't it interesting that we train people to drive cars and build bridges but we don't train young people for the biggest challenge of all," he said.

"I'd like to see more relationship preparation for young people in schools."

After almost 43 years of marriage, Major-General Jeffery said he often wondered how he and his wife had managed.

"We had four children under five at one stage and it was a very busy time in our

life, but we always worked as a very close team and shared the load where possible.

"At night we always sat down to have our meal together at the table and we often told our children that we loved them.

"In the end that's what it's all about, when you're reflecting on the real achievements of life, it's about being confident that you've raised a caring and happy family."

Keynote speaker and British barrister Mr James Bogle said the "tide of family breakdown can be turned.

"Policies need to pay particular attention to the needs of our youngest citizens, those in the first three years of life where the nurture of their parents is of prime importance," he said.

"The time for experimenting with the health and welfare of our children, who are the nation's future, is over. The time to re-establish the best environment for their healthy development and growth is now here."

Mr Bogle said there was no substitute for family.

"If we are really serious about child protection and care and the best interests of children, we will make this an immediate policy priority."



Master of ceremonies Major General Peter Phillips with Marriage Day ambassadors Major-General Michael Jeffery and wife Marlena.

Australian Family Association vice president Mrs Mary-Louise Fowler said an annual day was needed to celebrate marriage.

"The Australian Family Association and others in the marriage and family movement have worked for many years to promote the social benefits of marriage," she said.

"Despite its efforts and volumes of research demonstrating the positive contribution that intact, stable marriages make

to the well-being of children and society, a lot more needs to be done on the policy front to really foster the formation of stable, married couple families.

"Marriage, unlike any other relationship, is the great builder of social capital. Marriage is the key.

"Australia needs to invest in it now if it is to deliver the best opportunities for its children in the future."

## Vocations ministers upbeat

There were plenty of youthful faces, and no sense of gloom among 108 delegates who travelled from all states and territories as well as New Zealand to the Catholic Vocations Ministry Australia conference in Perth.

Among the delegates was archdiocesan vocations director Fr Emil Milat.

Keynote speaker, writer and social activist Alice Nelson, who has published her first novel *The Last*

Sky, invited delegates to visit often the imagination, through literature, art and all kinds of storytelling. She said that the public imagination was "the capacity to know that the stranger is like you - someone's son, someone's daughter." The failure of the public imagination led to racism and injustice.

A variety of workshops gave participants the opportunity to learn and exchange skills and gather in interest groups.

## Something for all to learn

Students learnt about the "good old days" and grandparents were introduced to interactive white boards and computers during Grandparents Day at St John Vianney's Primary School in Waramanga.

Grandparents Day activities were combined with celebrations for St John Vianney's feast day and Healthy Bones Week.

Principal Ms Vicky van der Sanden said the day was an opportunity for students to "give thanks for the love, wisdom and support that grandparents offer".

"I think it's important to have Grandparents Day to enhance the special relationship between older and younger generations," she said.

"The children gain such a lot because they love to share their classrooms and their work with their grandparents. The grandparents' interest helps them to take pride in what they do."



Following a liturgy in the morning, grandparents were invited to take part in classroom activities with their grandchildren.

Grandparent Carol Peters said: "My children didn't have this opportunity. It's great to see how different things are today." Diana Dack told her granddaughter McKinley Darby, "computers weren't even invented when I was at school."

ABOVE: Ruby Peters was very lucky to have both of her grandmothers, Kathy Moore and Carol Peters, come to visit.



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# New permanent deacon



Canberra father of four Vince Barclay is the Archdiocese's newest permanent deacon. He was ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in St Thomas the Apostle Church, Kambah. One of the concelebrants was Deacon Barclay's uncle Oberon parish priest Fr Adrian Horgan.

A Kambah parishioner for 18 years, Deacon Barclay is a religious education teacher at MacKillop College. He is married to Caroline and they have four children Andrew, Grace, Bethany and Gemma.

In addition to teaching, he will preach at Mass, administer the sacraments and work in parish-based ministries. "I have a strong desire to teach the faith, to evangelise, to demonstrate the depth and beauty of the faith through my life, to instil in others a love for scripture and the sacraments, and to teach others how to pray," he said.

ABOVE: Deacon Vince Barclay is vested by wife Caroline watched by daughter Grace and son Andrew. Deacon Joe Blackwell is in the background.

## PM rewards Luke for aged care

Former St Francis Xavier college student Luke Searle has had his work in aged care acknowledged by the Prime Minister.

Mr Searle was selected as one of 17 young Australians to receive the Prime Minister's award for skills excellence in school, an accolade given to the highest achieving student in each state and territory for school-based vocational education and training.

Mr Searle, 19, said he was "quite shocked" to receive the award.

"I chose to do aged care because I like to help others and I feel like I'm doing something good by helping elderly people," he said.

"I find it a really rewarding job."

Following completion of a certificate III in aged care, Mr Searle gained full-time work with his Australian school-based apprenticeship employer, Goodwin Aged Care.

"I am working as an activities officer where I organise anything from bus outings to watching movies and playing board games with the residents. It's really good because I get to spend quality time with them."

St Francis Xavier College principal Mr Angus Tulley said he was "thrilled" to hear about the success of his former student.

"The award recognises Luke's exceptional talents and his tremendous courage in his work in a non-traditional vocational area," he said.



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This month Catholic Voice visited a kindergarten class at Good Shepherd Primary School in Amaroo during their tennis lesson. When kindergarten isn't playing tennis, teacher Mrs Kate Whackett said they had been learning about families and where they live. "We try to teach them their area, suburb and country," she said. "We have also had a strong focus on reading, writing and counting." ABOVE LEFT: Mrs Whackett's kindergarten class.

ABOVE RIGHT: Kendall Simmons, Joshua Ozanne and Peter Guymer line up for their turn.



This month's beautiful pictures: TOP RIGHT: "I saw a shark," says Michael Danielle. TOP MIDDLE: A magnificent bird by Kendall Simmons. ABOVE: "I saw a rainbow," says Chloe Whybrow. ABOVE RIGHT: Georgie Genero's giraffe?

Tennis players ... Claire Brooker (far right) and Michael Daniele, Andrej Despotoski and Antonia Haridemos (right).



ABOVE: Callum Bartlett and Chloe Whybrow try to catch the ball in a hat.



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I have just completed three years as Archbishop and in that time I have come to see many things. One of the things I've come to see is that without the so-called "retired" priests we would be in deep trouble. The priests who have lay down the burden of responsibility as Parish Priests continue to be a vital part of the life of the Archdiocese. They have borne the burden in parishes for many years, and you might say that they are entitled now to sit back and take a rest. But the priesthood is not like that. The very fact that priests retire has perhaps encouraged the sense that the priesthood is a job like many others. But the priesthood is not just a job. It's a job and a marriage rolled into one, with an extra bit thrown in – by which I mean the ceaseless engagement with the unseen supernatural without which the priesthood becomes one-dimensional and in the end soul-destroying. You can't retire from a marriage; you can't retire from a family. Even if you retire from a job, the deeper engagements remain. That's why the "retired" priests are at the heart of what we are as the Church. It's also why we need to support them through the Clergy Retirement Foundation. That's why I strongly commend to your generosity to this year's Father's Day Appeal. Giving generously to the Appeal is not only a way of saying thanks to the "retired" priests for all that they have done and are doing, but also a way of recognising and celebrating the gift of the Catholic priesthood, especially in this Year for Priests.



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assists parish priest Fr Tony Frey at a Mass for the sick. This is not an unfamiliar role for Father as he was performing the same ministry at Southern Cross Village in Young before moving to Canberra late last year.

Sr Colleen Clear sj is the pastoral associate at Southern Cross Goulburn and Garran villages, and often comments on how fortunate the residents are to

have Father Geoff available to them to celebrate Mass. On Sundays, Father is ably assisted by the brothers from the Missionaries of God's Love.

Many other retired priests are quietly involved in similar ministries throughout the Archdiocese quite apart from those filling in for parish priests who might be un-well or taking a holiday break.

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Through the Project 1000 appeal, Karinya is endeavoring to gather together a network of sponsors who are prepared to give \$200 each year, or whatever they are able, to support women in



need during and after their pregnancy.

As with all charities, Karinya has experienced the effect of the global economic recession in the past financial year with a 21 per cent downturn in donations to Project 1000.

With demand for Karinya's services continuing to increase from year to year, reaching the goal of 1000 supporters is vital if Karinya is to continue to provide essential services to women, children and families experiencing hardship.

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

For further information or to make a contribution to Project 1000 telephone Karinya House 6259 8998 or visit [www.karinyahouse.asn.au](http://www.karinyahouse.asn.au)

## Adria Village Stirling

*Nestled in the Weston Creek suburb of Stirling, surrounded by a lush tree scape, Adria Retirement Village is one of Canberra's best kept secrets.*

Adria village was established as the Croatian Village by the Croatian Community of Canberra and Queanbeyan. Its official opening in 1994 was the result of years of voluntary work done by members from the local Croatian community both in the administration and building of the Village. On the 24th August 2007 the Croatian Village formally underwent an official name change to Adria Village Limited.

The purpose of the building of Adria Village was to ameliorate the economic and social conditions of needy persons in the community and to provide the elderly with quality accommodation and care.

Today Adria Village aims to provide quality care to aged persons of Croatian, Australian and other ethnic background.

In keeping with the philosophy of Ageing in place, Adria Village provides Low Care, High Care, Dementia Specific Care and Respite Care in its 42 Bed Hostel. The Hostel facilities include a Residents Lounge room, billiard room, Activities Room, Chapel, commercial kitchen and laundry. The Village provides a Community bus which is used to take Residents on weekly outings and shopping trips.

The Hostel provides a warm and loving home like environment for its Residents. It is our goal to enable our Residents to live with dignity and independence.

Adria Village also has 36 Independent Living Villas providing a care free lifestyle for the over 60's. With their own separate Village Community Room, Villa residents are assured of plenty of social interaction.

Villa Residents are secure in the knowledge that a 24 hour emergency on call system is in place at Adria Village and should their health needs change, priority into the Village Hostel.

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Across the ACT, we operate hospitals, palliative care, aged care and community services. Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to providing high quality health and support services for all, drawing on the core values that are the foundation of our tradition of care.

One of our key achievements has been our partnership with the ACT Palliative Care Society which has seen Clare Holland House become one of Australia's leading public facilities for the sick and the dying. We care for all, including their families, with compassion and respect for their humanity - regardless of race, colour or religious beliefs.

Our work is carried out true to the inclusive mission and values of the Venerable Mary Potter, who dedicated her life to serving the sick, the dying and all those in need, when she founded the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, in the slums of Nottingham, England in 1877.

And regardless of any change in the buildings we own or the way we are structured, Mary Potter's mission and the work of the Little Company of Mary Sisters, and those who continue their work, will go on in Canberra and the ACT for many years to come as Calvary Health Care continues to care for the community.

Please visit our website [www.calvary-act.com.au](http://www.calvary-act.com.au) and follow the links to learn more about the services we provide to the people of the ACT and throughout Australia.



# Celebrating 15 years of service

Catholic Healthcare, one of the largest providers of Catholic health, aged and community services, turned 15 years old in July.

Established by the bishops of NSW and the ACT in 1994, Catholic Healthcare's mission is to promote life in all its fullness by providing diverse health, aged and community services, inspired by the Catholic tradition.

Built on foundations of faithfulness, service, justice, community and stewardship,

Catholic Healthcare delivers excellence in health and aged care and seeks to strengthen lives and build inclusive communities through its community services.

Practically, this means Catholic Healthcare operates 39 residential aged care services and eight independent living unit complexes in New South Wales and South-East Queensland.

Through its social services arm it provides state-wide innovative programs for many thousands of frail, elderly, marginalised and disabled persons which can be delivered into a person's

## Responding each day to Jesus' call to care for each other

home, through day centres or even provided on the streets.

Through three hospitals, at Windsor, Bathurst and Dubbo, New South Wales, Catholic Healthcare provides a complement of quality acute and sub-acute healthcare services.

Its 3000 employees work in both cities and the country and each day respond to Jesus' call to care for each other.

Two residential aged care services were originally owned and operated by

the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Maranatha Lodge at Batehaven and Blakeney Lodge at Tumut were transferred to Catholic Healthcare by the Archdiocese in 2006.

Catholic Healthcare is proud to be able to build on the strong foundations laid by the Archdiocese and to continue to foster excellent Catholic aged care at these particular two services within the Archdiocese.



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# Long history of being there for vulnerable families

Marymead is Canberra's own, community based, not-for-profit organisation with a 42-year history of supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged children and families.

Marymead has grown up as an integral part of the Canberra community.

Established in 1967, Marymead has evolved from a residential care home in the '60s and '70s to today's organisation, providing a wide range of programs and services primarily focusing on caring for children and strengthening families within the community.

Marymead's main focus is children and young people. Its programs and services include the following...

- Child and Family Counselling
- Disability Support
- Family Support Programs
- Foster Care and Respite Care
- Indigenous Children's Program
- Kid's Companions
- Mental Health Family Support
- Parent Education Groups
- Residential Care
- Supervised Contact and Changeover

Characteristics of the families with which Marymead works can include:

- single parent families
- the unemployed
- families that have a family member who has some form of intellectual or other disability
- families that have a family member who has substance use issues
- families that have significant breakdown, conflict and violence, exacerbated by poor and temporary housing, unemployment, poor life experiences, education and limited options

Marymead provides support to children and young people by:

- Providing care and assisting in healing
- Working with families to enhance their wellbeing
- Advocating for the resources, policies and programs to which they are entitled.
- Applying their knowledge and evolving to meet new challenges.

Marymead currently works with around 1000 vulnerable Canberra children and families each year.

While Marymead does receive Government funding for some of its programs, it must rely on sup-

port from within the local community.

There are many ways people can be involved to help Marymead make a real difference to a child's life.

These include...

- Making a tax deductible donation
- By raising funds in the community or workplace on behalf of Marymead
- Becoming a foster carer or respite carer
- Donating through the Workplace Giving Program
- By joining the Marymead Auxiliary - organise and attend fundraising events
- By leaving a bequest in a will
- By becoming a corporate sponsor

For more information about Marymead's programs or services visit [www.marymead.org.au](http://www.marymead.org.au)

Alternatively, people may contact Marymead's marketing and community relations manager Jeff Griffiths, telephone 6162 5824 or email [jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au](mailto:jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au)

Marymead is auspiced by the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.



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### Our Vision

*The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.*

**At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are ordinary people helping ordinary people suffering hardship.**

Throughout Australia the St Vincent de Paul Society receives over 5000 calls every day from people in crisis seeking emergency assistance. We are able to directly help the people in your community. Our services include:

- Blue Door – drop in centre
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- Compeer Program supporting people with mental illness
- Home visitation
- Clemente Program – tertiary educational program
- Homeless persons accommodation, support and outreach programs
- Disaster recovery
- Night patrol van providing food and friendship
- Drug alcohol and gambling counselling
- Prison visitation
- Emergency support call centre
- Youth Carers camps and excursions
- Emergency provision of essentials
- Vinnies Youth camps and excursions

***We are ordinary people contributing to a better life for all – and we do it simply because we believe people matter – we believe that we not only have much to share but also much to learn.***

To learn more about the St Vincent de Paul Society or to donate contact 13 18 12 or visit our website [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)

### Vinnies Youth

There are thousands of young people who every day share their time, care for humanity and energy to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged people around Australia.

In the Canberra Goulburn Central Council area:

- Vinnies Youth is a group of dedicated young volunteers, aged 16-35, who might be at high school, university or even employed whose special mission is to help disadvantaged children.
- We organize holiday camps and other activities for children aged 6-12 from low income families or families suffering some level of disadvantage.
- Our holiday camps also cater for children aged 9-15, who are caring for a family member – often a parent who is ill or disabled at home. These kids need of a 'break' and time to let their hair down and have some fun.
- Our camps offer children a fun holiday in a supportive and safe environment.
- During the day children go hiking, on picnics, swimming, to the movies or just get to relax and have fun with their friends and the Vinnies Youth team.

**If you would like to get involved please contact our youth co-ordinator on [youth@stvincanb.com.au](mailto:youth@stvincanb.com.au) or (02) 6121 2955.**





# Senior citizens are the winners

The past 12 months for Southern Cross Care has been full on. As well as providing high quality care and support for more than 450 valued and valuable senior citizens in Canberra, Galong, Harden, Young, Temora, Cootamundra, Cootamundra and Bombala, Southern Cross is undertaking a massive re-building program.

- At **CAMPBELL** a new residential aged care facility comprising 40 ensuited apartments has been completed and occupied.

- At **YOUNG** stage 1 of the redevelopment program for the residential aged care facility comprising 40 ensuited apartments has just been finished with stage 2 which will provide another 40 apartments already under way.

- At **COOTAMUNDRA** stage 1 of the residential aged care facility re-development comprising 25 ensuited apartments has just been completed with stage 2 (16 apartments) ready to go.

Further works are planned:-

- At **HARDEN** Council approval has been given for the construction of a residential aged care facility comprising 50 ensuited apartments.

- At **YOUNG** Council has approved the building of 43 x 1, 2 and 3 bedroom independent living units. Site works have commenced and the builder is ready to proceed. Unfortunately, the impact of the financial crisis has meant that a number of the 36 people who were ready to move into the village have had to defer their interest until the property market picks up. Consequently, the development will be undertaken in smaller stages responding to people when and as their circumstances change.

- At **BOMBALA**, having completed stage 1 comprising 20 ensuited residential care apartments, stage 2 is in its final planning stage.

Following the completion of all the projects, senior citizens of the Archdiocese will have available to them state of the art accommodation and facilities which ensure their privacy, security, welfare and wellbeing.

Southern Cross Care is committed to providing support to *'the next person who knocks on the door'* of our residential care facilities without regard to their financial circumstances. Contributions (accommodation bonds) if any are



determined on an individual basis of the applicants capacity to pay with the vast majority of any bond refunded when the resident leaves.

Southern Cross Care is very proud that within the majority of their Independent Living Villages (retirement villages) provision has been made to accommodate pensioner renters.

During the year the residents and staff at the care facilities again

celebrated the acknowledgement by the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency's awarding them another 3 year period of full Accreditation. The extensive independent assessment process of Accreditation validates Southern Cross Care's unswerving commitment to providing the best care possible to all people at all times.

In addition to providing quality care and support, Southern Cross

Care is committed to its program of Pastoral Care which enables us to have at each facility a significant number of well trained and supported, highly committed Pastoral Carers who make weekly visits in order to journey with our residents throughout their stay with us. The program is highly valued by our residents, their families and our care staff and we always welcome new volunteers into our training programs.

Anyone who is interested in gaining further information about or insight into our work should contact our Regional Manager on 6260 4257 or mobile 0400 800 802 or contact our Head Office on (02) 9632 3144.

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**Why not call Narelle Holt on (02) 6260 4257 or Godwin D'Amato on (02) 9632 3144.**

With villages/facilities at Bombala, Cootamundra, Temora, Galong, Young and in 4 locations in Canberra we surely will be able to help you.





# Enjoying community



Enjoying community life ... a Christmas gathering with the residents of St Vincent Villas and Aloysius Morgan Villas.

## Aloysius Morgan Retirement Villas

CatholicCare Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

These lovely villas are situated in Campbell and are managed by CatholicCare on a Loan Licence Agreement. There are 18 villas in this friendly little village situated close to the Catholic Church and to the Campbell shops. Each villa has a northerly orientation and lovely views of the wide open playing grounds and the Brindabellas. There are 9 x two-bedroom villas and 9 x three-bedroom villas with secured access to each villa from the garage, gas ducted heating, curtains to all windows. CatholicCare provides domestic assistance, social support and transport to eligible residents under our Seniors in Networked Communities Program.



## St Vincent Retirement Villas

The St Vincent Villas are located behind the Parish Church in Aranda. There are 15 villas, 11 x two-bedroom and 4 x three-bedroom. These villas are 2 years old and are designed to the Australian Accessible and Adaptable standards. Each villa has a northerly orientation, secured access from the garage, insulated to a minimum of EER 5, gas ducted heating, curtains to all windows and Red Cross 24hr call system. The site abuts walking trails and ovals and open spaces.

**For more information please contact:**

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# Want a laugh? Nothing can compare with this

Anyone looking for a good giggle or a life-long friend should consider volunteering for the new archdiocesan St Vincent de Paul program, Compeer.

After success in NSW, Victoria and South Australia, the program has been adopted as a St Vincent de Paul special work in South Canberra and Queanbeyan.

Program coordinator Ms Kerrie Richardson said Compeer aimed to break down the stigma associated with mental illness through friendship and social support.

"This program is a very important part of the recovery of people with a mental illness," she said.

Following a referral from a medical practitioner, Compeer matches a person with a mental illness to a caring and friendly volunteer.

"We ask volunteers to commit to one hour per week for a minimum of 12 months and they just do whatever they would do with their friend, like go for a coffee, go bowling or to a movie.

"A lot of the time people with a mental illness don't have a lot of friends. This helps give them that confidence to get back into the community. And everyone deserves a friend."

Despite a "lot of interest" in the local program, Ms Richardson said more volunteers were needed. "We've got people on a waiting list ready to be matched up; we just need some more volunteers."

South Australian Compeer participant Ms Christine Nikpalja has suffered depression and anxiety and was diagnosed with mild obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Following the death of her husband and the loss of her job,

Ms Nikpalja said she realised she "needed some serious help".

"I applied for 600 jobs in two years and that was pretty hard to deal with. I would sit staring into space for hours. I didn't care about housework or bills."

Ms Nikpalja said she found herself a "life-long friend" when she was matched with Valerie Matthews. "It had been a really long time since I'd had a good laugh. I wanted someone who knew how to have a good giggle and they picked the best person."

"It was obvious from the start that we were going to be really good friends. "My life is still far from perfect but I feel that with the support I'm getting, I can get through anything."

Anyone interested in volunteering may contact Ms Richardson, telephone 6162 2993.



Compeer friends Christine Nikpalja and Valerie Matthews have a giggle, as archdiocesan St Vincent de Paul President Mr Evan Brett and local Compeer coordinator Ms Kerrie Richardson look on.

## How did you get involved with Cursillo?

My first parish placement was in Evatt. There was a strong group of cursillistas there and they got me back involved. Within my first 12 months of ordination I was asked to be the spiritual advisor for a weekend. Since then I've been a spiritual director for seven weekends and three revisited.

## What difference has Cursillo made to you?

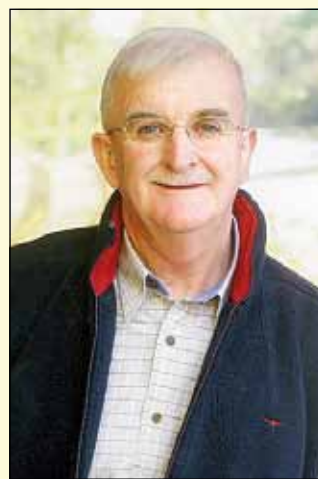
Part of the criteria for being on a Cursillo team is that you have to have done one. When I was first looking at possibly starting studies for ordination, I approached Fr Peter Miller. Part of my background was rural and Peter was off the land as well and he was newly ordained. He told me he thought at that point in time I needed to do a Cursillo, so in 1988 I did my first Cursillo. It was after that weekend I felt at ease to apply for sponsorship to start studying and I entered the priesthood at 40.

## How have you seen it make a difference to others?

In the final day of the course I think a lot of what comes out are the friendships and people's identity. Cursillo is a Christian movement that allows you to be yourself - there are no expectations and the word discussion is never used. If you have something to say, whatever it is, it's okay. Cursillo has allowed me to see anyone's calling into their vocation or ministry. Our journey is pretty well caught. Our faith is caught, it's not taught, but we need the teaching to be open to the catching.

# Why I do ...

**A column in which well known and not so well-known people in our Archdiocese tell us about themselves. This month we speak to Grenfell parish priest Fr Allen Crowe, priest for 15 years and Cursillo chaplain for 11 years.**



# what I do

community. What we need most are ongoing groups, after people have completed a Cursillo.

## What do you like about Cursillo?

I've never come away from a Cursillo weekend where I haven't felt revitalised and known why I am there. It's the whole witness that Cursillo gives in a heart sense. It's not heavy - there's no exam at the end of it all.

## What are your other interests?

I grew up in Young in rural New South Wales and farmed until my mid teens. I went on to do various jobs in the work force, but I always enjoyed photography. I worked for 15 years as a photographer in Young and I have retained it as a big hobby. I mostly like portraiture photography - just photos of people in general and recording their day-to-day lives.

## How has Cursillo changed over the years?

The Cursillo movement is a reasonably young movement in the Church's history - it began in the 1950s in Australia. I guess in my time there has been a dry spell with Cursillo. I dare say there could have been at times those who thought Cursillo should have directed people in another way.

## How do you think it will change in the future?

Like any movement, Cursillo will have a short span of enriched vitality. It has had a desert experience but now there is a great sense of renewal, of getting back to core qualities. I think it does have a future. It has gone back to the core foundations of Christian living - faith sharing, hospitality and allowing individuals to recognise their gifts and teach people how to use them to benefit their parish community.



# Scholar's golden years

## Dara rocks into finals



A member of a former Canberra family that boasts four priests has celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination. Fr Romuald Barry celebrated the jubilee with family and friends at the Good Samaritan convent in Red Hill.

Fr Barry was the youngest of six children to Jack and Mona Barry, of Griffith ACT. Mr Barry was assistant Commonwealth Statistician. Romuald attended St Christopher's School in Canberra and St Stanislaus College, Bathurst, where he is now chaplain. He was ordained by Cardinal Gilroy in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on 18 July, 1959.

Brothers Stan, John, Xavier and Romuald all became Vincentian priests. Daughter Carmel is a Daughter of Charity. Another son Gerald married and had four children.

Fr Barry's post-graduate studies included time at the Catholic University, Washington, Biblical Institute, Rome, and Ecole Biblique, Jerusalem.

He was at the forefront of opening up sacred scripture to thousands of seminarians, tertiary and mature-aged students, of Catholic and other churches for 40 years after Vatican II. He lectured in seminaries in New Zealand, Sydney, Adelaide, Melbourne and Ethiopia. Many people remember the study tours he led to the Holy Land, Syria and Egypt.

ABOVE: Fr Rom Barry (middle) with his brothers Xavier (left) and Stan.

Following their success in Canberra, Daramalan College's performance of Frankenstein has qualified for the finals of the NSW Rock Eisteddfod Challenge.

With awards for soundtrack, costumes, set design, skills, choreography, lighting and stage use, Daramalan placed runners-up in the ACT finals, behind Calwell High School.

Assistant principal of staff welfare and administration Mrs Angela Dunn has been involved with rock eisteddfod performances at the college for more than 10 years.

"I think it is a really great chance for students to have a professional dance and drama opportunity," she said.

## Final show

After 50 years and 19 exhibitions, Br Don Gallagher is hanging up his paint palette. His final exhibition of flower studies and still life will be opened at 7.30pm on Friday, 25 September, by former principal of St Edmund's College Dr Christopher Hayes. More than 60 of



his expressionist paintings will be on sale. The exhibition will be staged in the Don Gallagher Studio Gallery at St Edmund's College. The gallery is open from 11am until 5pm daily.



More than 70 students were involved in Frankenstein with the principal roles played by Year 12 students Alyson Bardos, Emma Randall and Brad Dariol.

"It actually turned out to be a pretty serious and heavy-duty look at life choices," she said. "There were

some parallels in terms of genetic engineering and what's actually right and wrong. It was all a bit deep and meaningful."

ABOVE: Samantha Wik, Elysha Rohde and Jayde Ruffles looking scary.

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The Coroner requires time to investigate the cause of death, particularly if criminal investigations are involved and forensic evidence is required.

Naturally they are sensitive to the fact that relatives would not want the funeral to be postponed for too long, and will do what they can to put things in the hands of the Funeral Director as soon as possible.

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Both knew that the deep secret of life is not to be paralyzed by death, but to let go, to move on, to go deeper. And both had a proper respect for life's deep rhythms.

I realize that his soul had its own journey and its own terms with life. This is not about me ... I am unspeakably grateful for having been part of its mystery.

We would respect each other infinitely more if we, like this woman, could actually accept that. False sentiment habitually tempts us in the other direction.

We cry a lot of tears because we make other peoples' lives about me. I may be someone's parent, spouse, friend, brother, sister, teacher, mentor, or guardian, but ultimately that other person's soul has its own individuality, freedom, daemons, and destiny. Others are not about me. Most tears we cry are for ourselves, not others.

It's enough! These are important words to own. For Thomas Merton, that realisation ("It's enough!") constitutes the elusive secret to happiness.

Here is how he describes what it meant to find peace in his own life. Writing in his journal one day, he shares that on this day he has found peace.

Why? Because today, he writes, it is enough to be, in an ordinary human mode, with one's hunger and sleep, one's cold and warmth, rising and going to bed. Putting on blankets and taking them off, making coffee and then drinking it. Defrosting the refrigerator, reading, meditating, working, praying. I live as my ancestors have lived on this earth, until eventually I die. Amen. There is no need to make an assertion of my life, especially about it as mine, though doubtless it is not somebody else's. I must learn gradually to forget program and artifice.

On that day in his life he was able to say: "It's enough!" And it was.

And it's that acceptance alone that can undercut the cancer of our dissatisfactions.

In her new book, *Waking Up to This Day*, Paula D'Arcy shares this story. A woman she knows lost a son in an accident. Some years later someone was commenting on how hard this must be for her, not to get to watch her son grow up and marry and not to ever get to hold her grandchildren.

Her response: "I don't think in those terms. The answer is that I don't know. I don't know what his life should have been. I realise today that his soul had its own journey and its own terms with life. This had nothing to do with me. But I got to participate for a while in the journey of that soul. For that I am unspeakably grateful."

This story reminded me of another a woman shared recently on a retreat. Her mother had been a woman of extraordinary faith and unwavering balance.

The mantra that she first lived herself and then repeated over and over to her children was that we are happy only when we are grateful for what we have because then, and only then, will what we have be enough for us. Her perennial counsel was: It's enough!

And she lived this out, to her dying words: Hospitalised with a disease that would not respond to medication, she developed a blood infection from which there was little hope of recovery. Her family kept vigil around her bedside for several weeks while her condition deteriorated. Finally, she herself took the initiative.

She called her family round her, told them that they had been with her in the hospital and away from their homes for too long, informed them that she had called the palliative care unit in the hospital and asked to be transferred there, and that she would die that same day.

She was moved to the palliative care unit and the nurse there told the family that she was about to give their mother a shot of pain medication that would put her into a deep sleep from which she would probably never regain consciousness.

As this was about to happen, her daughter, the one who shared this story, sat by her mother's bed, held her hand, clung to her like a drowning child, and said: "Oh Mom, a little more time. Just a little more time. Not quite yet. Stay with us for just a little more time." But her mom, with what strength she still had, replied: "Enough, it's enough." Those were her final words to her daughter and her family.

These are strong stories from strong women, each with enough wisdom and faith to undercut the false sentimentality which can so easily paralyze us in the face of loss.

Both knew that there is a time to let go and a way to let go that doesn't lessen love but increases it.

Both knew the deep truth of the resurrection, that faith asks us not to mummify what's dead but to entrust it back to the earth and to the God who gives life and new life.



# Caring for our Earth

The Catholic Education Office Library collection contains a number of resources, including DVDs, VHS videos and books that deal with religious aspects of the environment. Listings of resources may be found in the library's online catalogue.

## DVDs

**Mother Earth** (76mins, ages 8 to adult).

Singer songwriter Monica Brown produced this DVD/CD kit that contains songs, hymns, mantras, movies and prayer rituals in celebration of creation. It is an inspirational resource for all ages that supports an appreciation of the sacredness of creation.

**The Garden Planet** (23mins, ages 8 to 12).

This program is a presentation for children of Catholic Earthcare Australia, an advisory council for the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development, Ecology & Peace. It presents the call to ecological conversion.

**Nooma :Trees** (13mins, ages 14 to adult).

Nooma is a series of short films about God and our lives. Like parabables, they use the experiences of our lives to teach about the fullness of life through Jesus.

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- Dennis Granlund (librarian)

# Superb images of 'our' Mary

**She Who Believed: Australian Images of Mary by Marie T Farrell RSM. St. Paul's Publications 2009, 42pp, rrp \$29.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

One of the advantages of being a book reviewer is the opportunity to get a look at books hot off the press, as it were.

Not all these books are rewarding, of course, but some are a joy. *She Who Believed* falls into the latter category.

Marie Farrell RSM has put together a series of images of an "Australian Mary". She has a particular expertise in Marian theology having taught that subject at the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

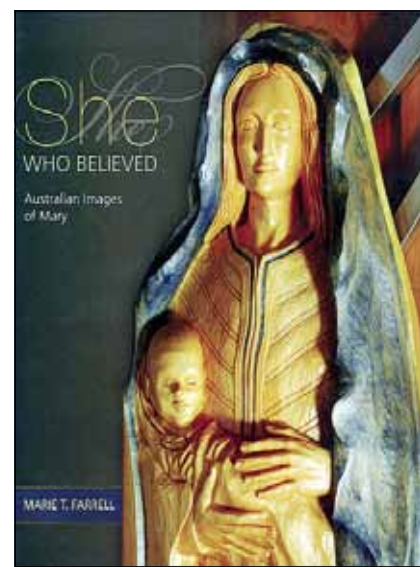
The author states that her choice was influenced by three

contexts, liturgical, indigenous and contemporary. Most of the art works are from northern regions of Australia, well-known locally but less so in general.

Each of the sculptures and paintings has an accompanying commentary giving the artists' insights and a reflection on the mystery of Mary.

This compilation is a delight. One of my favourite paintings in the contemporary mode is the Adoration of the Magi on the Strand by Jan Hynes. Mary is in a sun-dress, Joseph in his work gear and baby Jesus is in a stroller complete with a Star of Bethlehem mobile.

Another, also by Jan Hynes, shows Mary and Elizabeth meet-



ing for coffee and cake at a cafe by the beach. Wonderful depictions giving a fresh insight into familiar gospel stories and relating them to our lived experience.

The photography and paper quality is superb. Leafing through this book I was made aware, yet again, of how proud I am to be an Australian. Mary belongs to us, too.

# Riches of Catholic heritage

**Women in Search of Truth, by Jennifer Ferrara and Patricia Sodano Ireland. Our Sunday Visitor 2009, 229pp, rrp \$34.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

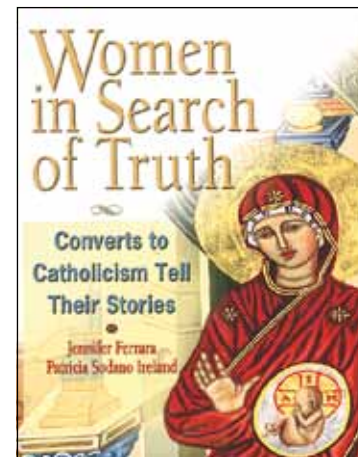
Everyone has a unique story to tell and everyone, we're told, likes to be heard. *Women in Search of Truth* is a compilation of stories from converts to Catholicism.

There are some characteristics these women have in common. They are all highly educated and articulate.

Many of them were ordained ministers in their respective churches with responsibilities for teaching, preaching and presiding at the Eucharist. All of them were and are women of prayer and service. All of them, as each one states, were in search of the truth.

Several of the women are friends from a Lutheran affiliation.

They were appalled at their Church's stance on abortion (a big issue in the United States) and towards the ordination of



homosexuals. They are painfully honest about the perceived shortcomings of Lutheran administration and authority.

All of the women suffered agonies of indecision. They read widely and listened to the experience of friends. Surprisingly, some discovered EWTN with Mother Angelica or other TV programs as a source of information.

Perhaps not so surprisingly, the place of Mary and the saints was a real issue for Protestant evangelicals. They discovered

the Rosary and were amazed to find that meditating on the mysteries led to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Those who began to attend Mass were disappointed at the preaching and lack-lustre liturgical music of the '90s.

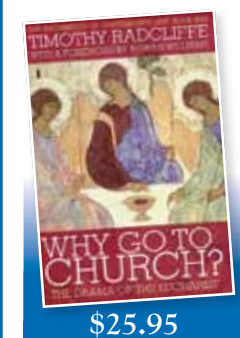
There was very real grieving for what they were about to leave behind. Nevertheless, they were conscious of being led and graced by God. Uniformly they longed for the sacraments, particularly for the Eucharist.

Ten years after being received into the Church these women live comfortably with their decisions and have become exemplary members of their parish communities. Quite humbling really.

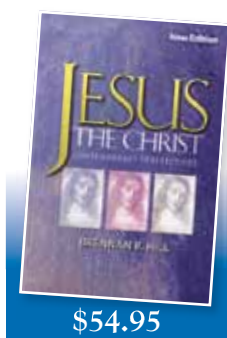
There are many anecdotal collections. Some are better and more absorbing than others.

This one, albeit distinctively American, is both a window into how people of other faiths regard Catholicism and a mirror for cradle Catholics with which to view the riches of our received heritage.

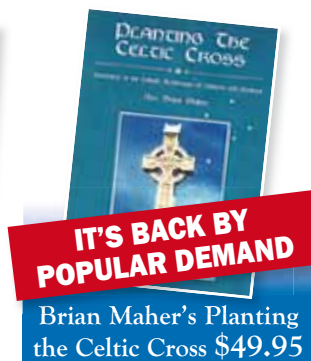
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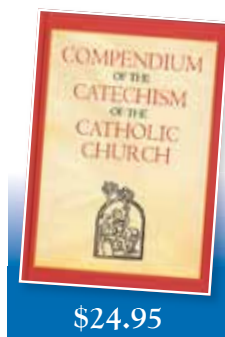
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## Extraordinarily useful

**Ministers of Life: A Handbook for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion by Peter Elliott. James Goold House Publications, 2009, 32 pp, rrp.\$7.50. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.**

This is a new resource put together specifically for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

"Extraordinary" refers to lay ministers. An "ordinary" minister is a bishop, priest or deacon.

This slim volume may well prove to be extraordinarily useful too. It gives a background to eucharistic ministry including a concise history from early Christian times to the modern era. We learn how and why the practice of frequent reception of Communion has waxed and waned over the centuries. In the 17th century, for example, people felt unworthy to approach the altar. The Eucharist was seen as a reward for being good and not as grace-giving food. There are practical guidelines for assisting with Communion including distribution techniques and dealing with mishaps which happen to us all. *Ministers of Life* is geared to use in parishes. Its simply-written text and reasonable price makes it an attractive option for each minister to be given one.

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# Vintage Tarantino at war

## Inglourious Basterds

**Starring:** Brad Pitt, Christoph Walz, Diane Kruger, Mike Myers. **Directed by** Quentin Tarantino. 236 mins. M (violence and coarse language). **Reviewer:** Fr Peter Malone MSC.\*

After the Grindhouse-indulgent *Death Proof*, where could Quentin Tarantino go to reclaim his status of the 1990s, of *Reservoir Dogs*, *Pulp Fiction* and *Jackie Brown*? It seems he went back to a screenplay he had been working on for years, adding, developing, laying aside but, now, picking it up again and really going with it. It is a striking film in many ways and is reassuring to hear well-written and articulate and serious Tarantino lines, something that he used to do so cleverly.

Is it like a Tarantino film? Yes and no. At times, there is a wildness about it, especially in the scenes with Brad Pitt as Aldo Rainie with his inglorious basterds (taken from the title of Enzo G. Castellari's 1978 war movie). There are several moments of quiet violence and scalplings that are quite disturbing. But, nothing really to compare with *Kill Bill*. That will make some audiences relax and coax others to see it.

The structure is five chapters - which eventually come together very well. The first opens with "Once Upon a Time... in Nazi Occupied France". So, it is a fable of World War II, invented, with a climax that is post-hoc wishful thinking but no less exhilarating for that. This is how Tarantino might have won the war had he been around at the time!

The first chapter is extremely well done as an introduction: huge widescreen vistas of France, the Nazis arriving at a dairy farm in search of a Jewish family,



Diane Kruger (Bridget Von Hammersmark) and Michael Fassbender (Lt Archie Hicox) star in *Inglourious Basterds*. Universal Studios.

polite talk between Colonel Lando, nicknamed the Jew Hunter, and the farmer, clever use of French and English and then disaster for the family. It is a fine World War II short story in itself.

By way of contrast, chapter 2 introduces the Basterds, some back stories, explanation of what this group of Jewish bandits were doing in terms of destroying Nazis, which, ruggedly and brutally, they do. When we are thinking how brutal this is, we are introduced to Hitler himself doing a rant that far outdoes the Basterds. So, the scene is set (with Tarantino not afraid to have an actor play Hitler quite effectively and Goebbels as well).

We are then in for a surprise: cinema in occupied Paris, giving the director more than a chance to show posters, have discussions about cinema, which is added to by the recruiting of a British film critic in the presence of Churchill to go undercover in Paris.

In Paris itself we see a young German soldier, played very persuasively by Daniel

Bruhl, who befriends the young owner of the cinema (Melanie Laurent, also persuasive). Bruhl's soldier, says Tarantino, is somewhat modeled on Audie Murphy, this time a young heroic German soldier who stars in the film about his exploits, the multiple American deaths entertaining Hitler no end.

The build-up is for Operation Kino, the blowing up of the cinema with the German High Command inside. Did it happen? Does it happen? Could it have happened? That's not for a reviewer to say! The film is spoken in English, French and German (and some bad Italian accent on purpose from Brad Pitt) with more than half the film sub-titled.

I think it is going to be discussed by critics and public for some time.

\* 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.

# When times really were a-changing

## Taking Woodstock

**Starring:** Demetri Martin, Henry Goodman, Imelda Staunton, Eugene Levy, Emile Hirsch and Liev Schreiber. **Directed by** Ang Lee. 120 mins. MA 15+ (sex scenes, nudity and drug use). **Reviewer:** Fr Peter Malone MSC\*.

Ang Lee always surprises: great Chinese films, Jane Austen adaptation, graphic novel and a survey of US society and culture from the Civil War (*Ride with the Devil*) to specialist films about the 1960s and 1970s (*The Ice Storm*, *Brokeback Mountain* and now, *Taking Woodstock*).

This year is the 40th anniversary of the momentous cultural (and counter-cultural) event which drew half a million Americans to a concert where the stars of the time played and hippiedom reached its peak. The first television interview this reviewer did was in 1970, talking with director Michael Wadleigh about his cinema covering of the event, *Woodstock*.

What has *Woodstock* to say to audiences in the West today? What does Ang Lee think and James Schamus the writer of this film and several other Lee films?

For those over 60, it is a memoir, a nostalgia trip, a reminder that there were causes in those days, that the 1960s saw some of the greatest changes in the way we behaved and thought.

It was the time of the Vietnam War and what that did to the consciousness of the United States. It was Richard Nixon's first year as president, the year after student riots in Paris and other European cities, of the Russian spring invasion of Prague, of the Catholic Church's encyclical letter on birth control. *Midnight Cowboy* won the Oscar for 1969.

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The times were definitely a-changing and the flower-power movement and similar stances for free love, for drug induced states, for protest, for same-sex relationships. Much is taken for granted now. And the question always rises: what are the movements now, what are the causes, and do they generate the enthusiasm and energy these days that they should?

Are young people today as liberated as they think they are? Do they take causes to heart as they might? There was hedonism then. How does it compare to the more knowing and self-indulgently affluent hedonism now?

Which are questions for the under 20s who may be made aware through this film of stances of their parents and grandparents.

This story takes in the concert, but at a distance. It is interested in the more personal story of the family that took on the project and the locals who let out the land - and all the consequences, the 500,000

who came, the attitudes and behaviours, the logistics for control and security, for food and drink, for hygiene facilities, the rain and the mud.

At the centre is a young man who is trying to help his parents run a run-down motel. The screenplay spends a lot of time on his story. He is well played by Demetri Martin and his parents by British Henry Goodman and Imelda Staunton (doing a caricature of a Jewish mother that demands attention).

Also featured are Eugene Levy as the owner of the land, Emile Hirsch as a returned Vietnam veteran with problems and Liev Schreiber as a transvestite security guard.

Very American but brought to life by Ang Lee.

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## SHORTS

**Balibo.** Starring: Anthony LaPaglia, Oscar Isaac, Damon Gameau, Mark Leonard Winter, Gyton Grantley, Nathan Phillips, Thomas Wright, and Bea Viegas. Directed by Robert Connolly. 111 mins. M (violence and coarse language).

Presents the deaths of five journalists in the fashion of a thriller, but involves the audience remarkably in events that have a timely, political and international significance. It is not entertaining by virtue of its subject matter, but it is a startling movie with an extraordinary documentary-feel, and it raises profound questions of justice.

**Orphan.** Starring Vera Farmiga, Peter Sarsgaard, Jimmy Bennett and Aryanna Engineer. Directed by Jaume Collet-Serra. 123 mins. MA 15+ (strong violence).

If you like an intelligent and well-made thriller with some touches to terror, then this one is well worth a try.

**GI Joe: The Rise of the Cobra.** Starring Sienna Miller, Dennis Quaid, Jonathan Pryce, Christopher Eccleston. Directed by Stephen Sommers. 118 mins. M (action violence).

**Mindless** violence matinee holiday movie but quite enjoyable. And that, despite, the deafening soundtrack and booming musical score, not very startling performances and some basic and functional dialogue.

**Dance Flick.** Starring: Damon Wayans Jr., Craig Wayans, Shoshana Bush, Essence Atkins, and Chelsea Makela. Directed by Damien Dante Wayans. 83 mins. MA15+ (strong crude humour).

Those watching may or may not enjoy it quite as much as those in the film, but it is hard to make good dancing look skilful and funny at the same time, with such a detailed eye on the past, and the movie does that well.

**Eden is West:** Sharmill Films. Out August 20, 2009. Starring: Riccardo Scamarcio, Julianne Kohler, and Ulrich Tukur. Directed by Costa-Gavras. 110 mins. M (Sexual references, nudity and coarse language)

About a young man with an unknown past, who is facing a future that is equally uncertain. The film's light touch allows us to move past easy generalisations to appreciate more insightfully the complex layers of immigrant life. This is a socially meaningful film, that examines a significant, contemporary human problem, and it does so gently and intelligently, and in a highly involving way.



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**PRAYER** to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, you who make me see everything and show me how to reach the ideal. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and who are in all instances in my life with me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and to confirm once more that I never want to separate from you, no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be

with you and my loved one in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you Holy Spirit for prayers answered. R.

**PRAYER** to the Blessed Virgin Mary, (never known to fail): O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here Thou art my Mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech Thee from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand Thy power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee (three times). Holy Mother, I place this prayer in Thy hands (three times). This prayer should be said for three days. (Published in this issue of behalf of M P, T P and C P).

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**FUND-RAISING DINNER** - Sunday, 25 September for Ryder-Cheshire home in East Timor and Canberra Friends of Dili. Speaker David McAlister CEO of Australian Ballet, topic "Importance of Dance in Indigenous Cultures", MC Dr Paul Collins. Federal Golf Club, Gowrie Drive, Red Hill. Tickets \$80 per person \$55 students. Bookings: Paperchain book store, Manuka, or telephone 6295 6723.

**HEALING SEMINAR** - Afternoon seminar for women on loss, 11.30am-4pm, Saturday, 12 September, at The Rheinberger Centre, Yarralumla. Hear how God calls us to life through hope, how he strengthens us for the journey

and how he heals us with His love. Run by St Benedict's Eucharistic Centre, Narrabundah. Pre-registration \$20 payment by 4 September. Inquiries: St Benedict's office, telephone 6295 7879, Bronnie Schlager 6231 8611, e-mail bronnieschlager@gmail.com

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

**MIC SUTHERLAND REUNION** - 15 November lunch. Looking for those who started at Mary Immaculate College in 1960 in First Year or attended any year with this class until Leaving Certificate in 1964. Inquiries: Angela Wydeveld, telephone 6288 8949, e-mail awydeveld@hotmail.com.

**ORGAN RAMBLE AND RECITAL** - 10am, Saturday, 5 September, St Clement's Anglican Church, Yass. Program features organist, singers and congregational involvement with Yass Uniting Singers and St Clement's bellringers. Donation \$5, country-style morning tea. Inquiries: Geoff Wells, telephone 6297 3222, e-mail geodace@yahoo.com.au

**RAPHAELS** - Singles social group for Catholics and Christian-minded people, aged 24-40. Meet people for social activities, including dinner, movie, social sport, coffee and Mass every two months. Inquiries: Telephone 0401 918 717, www.catholicssocialgroup.com, e-mail raphsgroup@yahoo.com.au

**REFLECTION DAY** - Central region Catholic Women's League. Friday, 18 September starting with 9am Mass at St Joseph's parish centre, O'Connor. Facilitator Sr Janet Glass RSJ. Tea/coffee available, BYO lunch. Inquiries: Angela Devlin, telephone 6231 9104, angela1@homemail.com.au

**SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA** - Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, 6.30pm, Thursday, 10 September, followed by jubilarians' dinner. Inquiries: John Malycha, telephone 6251 2912.

**TRADITIONAL IGNATIAN RETREAT** - Led by the Benedictine Fathers of the Abbey of Saint Joseph de Clairval. Open to all men aged 18 and above. 3-8 December and 13-18 December, Capuchin Friars Retreat Centre, Plumpton. Inquiries: Thomas Kwok, telephone 0403 189 418, or tom.kwok@bigpond.net.au More information www.clairval.com

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** - For married couples, 23-25 October. Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa (near Penrith). Bookings: Telephone 6379 1125 or 4283 3435, or www.wmwe.org.au

Written entries are invited for the October issue to: Catholic Voice, GPO Box 3089, Canberra ACT 2601, or e-mail ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au by Tuesday, 15 September. Entries which are accepted for this section are free, courtesy of sponsorship by the Catholic Development Fund.

## Surprise for loved pastor

Parishioners of Tumut, Talbingo and Brungle gave themselves a challenge when they set out to pay tribute to their priest Fr Brian Hassett as part of the Year of the Priest.

While he was on a break from the parish, nearly 600 signatures were collected from parishioners and pupils of McAuley School on a letter of appreciation, assurance of prayer and thanks. "For many years you have worked - and continue to work - tirelessly on our behalf, never counting the cost to yourself," they said. "You are consistently on duty for us 24 hours a day even at times



when your health causes concern." The signatures were assembled in a bound "thank you" book and presented at Mass on his return. Parishioners report he was taken completely by surprise.

## Celebrating their priest

Fr Daniel Eshete from Ethiopia enjoyed a get-together with the prayer group and parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea parish, Narooma. The function was arranged by the prayer group to mark the beginning of the Year of the Priest.



## Parishioners on pilgrimage

Parishioners from Narooma, Bermagui and Cobargo made a pilgrimage to Bega to attend Mass in St Patrick's Church. Mass was celebrated by Fr Michael Mullen assisted by Deacon Charles Dufour. They enjoyed lunch at the home of Ruth Gordon at Quaama.



## Taste for higher things

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After surprisingly getting an interview with the managing director and the wine chemist he was offered a job as cellar hand. He was on his way out of the migrant camp and into Australian winemaking where he was to leave an indelible mark.

At Penfolds Mr Van Gent developed his palate and learned how to blend wines. "I had knowledge of six languages, but nothing of chemistry," he said. In his early days with the company the emphasis was firmly on producing fortified wine, skill that stood him in good stead later in his career.

After honing his skills with some of the best wine judges in Australia - and gaining "a broad knowledge of winemaking" - he was approached by the owners of Craigmoor in Mudgee to become winemaker and manager of the oldest vineyard and winery in the area.

He was told to forget about making white wine in Mudgee and stick to reds, but it was Craigmoor in 1971 that became one of the first winemakers in Australia to produce what is now one of Australia's favourite wine varieties, chardonnay. One of his many successes at Craigmoor was to win in 1974 the prestigious trophy for best young burgundy of the Adelaide Wine Show.

In 1979, he branched out on his own setting up a family winery that remains small in comparison to some but whose name is known by wine drinkers nationwide.

The philosophy behind Mr Van Gent's success? "You've got to make

wine for other people; you've got to put their thoughts into your product."

One consumer he listened to was wife Sheila. In 1990 when they were visiting Portugal she suggested Pieter develop a white port. Today, there is a cult following for this product in Australia and overseas.

From his years of experience in the industry, Mr Van Gent believes Australian wines are up there with the best in the "middle range", although it may not boast as many among the world's top flight. "A disadvantage is that now some people think Australia only makes those middle range wines," he said.

He can't be drawn on Australia's best wine. "Whatever people like is the best wine for them," he said. "You can pay \$500 for a Grange, but some people don't like it."

The then Penfolds employee met his wife through his membership of a parish choir at Kogarah and, despite the fact that his new father-in-law drank nothing stronger than orange juice and coffee, they married in April 1964.

Mr Van Gent gets obvious pleasure out of his role today as acolyte and chair of the Cathedral parish pastoral council for the past year.

As for being an acolyte he says he "likes to be close to what's happening".

And the way he goes about this task probably helps to explain why he was so successful at winemaking. "If you do it," he says, "you've got to do it correctly."



From 4am till evening can be a typical day for many children throughout our world. During their day they work hard fulfilling numerous chores for home and family whilst struggling with distance and time to include education: that is, for those for whom education is an option or a consideration.

Even in countries such as Jamaica, education is challenge for poor families with many children not having a proper systematic education. Jamaicans face an unemployment rate of 70 per cent and its here, five years ago, that Fr Marek Bzinkowski started an education program in the Mandeville Diocese, which with the support of Catholic Mission through our Children's Mission Partner's Program, now helps 130 children receive an education. Children also receive assistance with food and transport to reduce time spent getting to and from school.

Catholic Mission Partners generously agree to regularly donate a set amount to Catholic Mission, from as little as \$15 per month, which allows many children to have a better future when combined with the contributions and efforts of local faith communities such as the one in Jamaica.

Consider becoming a Catholic Mission Partner and help us help children effectively. Contact Kate, Ruth or myself for more information. God bless,

**Deacon Joe Blackwell**

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# The end of a long journey

"It is something of an understatement to say that tonight is the end of a long journey for Samy - a physical journey through time and space, but also a spiritual journey that has led him to this moment," Archbishop Mark Coleridge said at the ordination to the priesthood of Indian-born Loorthusamy Irudeyasamy.

"His parents saw him born in Tamil Nadu, never dreaming that this son of theirs would be ordained priest in a distant country which must seem to them like another planet. Even when Samy entered the seminary in India, he could never have dreamt that things would come to this; nor even when he came to Australia with the Missionaries of God's Love. Such are the strange ways of Providence. The divine plan has worked itself out through time and space, though twists and turns, through trials and tribulations - all leading to this moment of priestly ordination.

"For you to be faithful to Christ and his people, you will have to become more and more a man like the Mother of Jesus whose name you bear - Lourdasamy, devotee of Our Lady of Lourdes - like her, you will hear the Word of God and keep it not just in your own heart but in the heart of the people you serve."



TOP: A packed Cathedral for the ordination greets the new priest. LEFT: Deacon Samy prostrates himself as a sign of submission before God. ABOVE: In his new priestly vestments Fr Samy is greeted by his mother and father watched by Fr Selvanathan and Fr Ken Barker MGL.



ABOVE LEFT: Archbishop Mark Coleridge prays over Deacon Samy during the ceremony. ABOVE RIGHT: Newly ordained, Fr Samy prays over Archbishop Coleridge on the steps of the Cathedral sanctuary. RIGHT: Chargé d'affaires of the Apostolic Nunciature Fr Frank Leo is one of the concelebrating priests who lays hands on the new priest.