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Bishop Pat set to retire



Bishop Pat Power will retire at the end of June. Readers are invited to send brief messages of tribute telling of their experiences with him. A selection will be printed in next month's Catholic Voice. Contact details on page 2.



At the northern deanery farewell in Goulburn, parish priest Fr Dermid McDermott presented Archbishop Coleridge with a ram's fleece from Robert and Maree Peden's stud. With Archbishop Coleridge are Fr Michael Lim (left) and Fr Peter Murphy.

Farewell Bishop Mark

What happens now

Archbishop Coleridge remains Archdiocesan Administrator until 11 May. Bishop Pat Power then takes over automatically. On 17 May, the Archdiocese's College of Consultors meets to elect an Administrator who will remain in place until the installation of the new Archbishop.

The Administrator is like a caretaker. He keeps the wheels turning but cannot take major decisions which might bind the new Archbishop. The Apostolic Nuncio guides the process of consultation which prepares for the selection of the new Archbishop. Various people are asked what the Archdiocese needs and who might be best to serve as Archbishop.

On the basis of this enquiry, he then makes a list of three names in order of preference and sends the list, with the accompanying documentation, to the Congregation for Bishops in Rome. A list of three names in order of preference is sent to the Pope who makes the final choice. The length of this process can vary greatly for many reasons. It is quicker if the three names on the lists are all bishops. If one or more of the names is not a bishop, then the process takes longer.

The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn may get its new leader in the later months of this year, according to Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

In an interview shortly before he left Canberra to prepare for his new role as Archbishop of Brisbane, Archbishop Coleridge said he would miss many people he had come to know in his six years here.

"I look back most fondly on the chance to get to know this fascinatingly diverse Archdiocese – the places I had never known, the coast, the Monaro, the west, and the cities, Goulburn and Canberra, but most especially the people who are even more diverse than the places," he said.

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change. But through it all, country people have been magnificent – their human resilience and their spiritual richness. Getting to know them and ministering to them has been one of the great gifts of these years."

Archbishop Coleridge said people had asked how long it would be before a new archbishop was appointed. "I've tended to say that it won't be less than six months," he said. "My own guess is that Canberra and Goulburn will have a new archbishop in the later months of this year." The new archbishop would face much the same challenges as he did, "though he will address them differently. I don't know who will succeed me, but whoever it is will see things with other eyes."

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what do you know?

A quiz testing your knowledge of what is in this month's Catholic Voice.

1. How long did Archbishop Mark Coleridge serve as Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn?
2. Where does the Archdiocese's newest priest hail from?
3. Who was the founding principal of what is now Merici College?
4. What order of sisters established Marymead in 1967?
5. Which priest who served in the Archdiocese at Taralga died recently?
6. What is the name of Bribbaree's church?

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Canberra says farewell



More than 500 people, including 28 clergy, attended the farewell Mass to Archbishop Mark Coleridge for the central deanery held at St Peter Chanel Church, Yarralumla. At a reception afterwards, Archbishop Coleridge was presented with gifts including an icon of St Benedict and St Scholastica, a print of a Renaissance painting, a paperweight of Canberra bluebells and a book of the Canberra Renaissance exhibition. Farewell Masses were held in each deanery before Archbishop Coleridge left for Brisbane late last month.

Viet sisters set up community

The congregation of Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace is planning to build a community house in Gungahlin to provide accommodation and training for four sisters from the Ban Me Thuot Diocese in Vietnam.

Funds for the development of the house have been raised by donations and contributions from the congregation.

It is intended the house will provide a permanent presence for the congregation in the Archdiocese and prepare the sisters to work with the disabled and underprivileged.

South Tuggeranong parish priest and religious delegate for the congregation Fr John Armstrong said the sisters were chosen to come



Sr Tran Thi An (far left) and Sr Kim Hoa Ha (far right) from the Sisters of Mary Queen of Peace with South Tuggeranong parish priest Fr John Armstrong and Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

to Australia by the congregational leadership. "The house will provide a place for the sisters to come for study or work experience after which they would return to work in their diocese," Fr Armstrong said. For further information visit www.heartsbeatingtogether.tk/

From near and far Generosity for our region

Nearly \$60,000 has been given to projects across the Asia-Pacific region as a result of the 2011 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. Archbishop Mark Coleridge expressed his great appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to those who contributed to the total of more than \$58,600.

Bangladesh received \$20,000 for the construction and maintenance of two diocesan centres in Khulna Diocese and the newly established Sylhet Diocese.

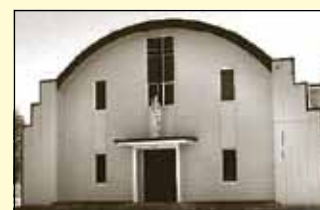
Another \$10,000 went to the Congregation of Mary Queen of Peace in Buon Me Thuot, Vietnam, as a contribution towards the Binh Minh workshop project. It aims to provide education in an environment of emotional and spiritual care for people living with mental and physical disabilities.

The Solomon Islands received \$10,316 for boat fuel needs, enabling pastoral work to remote islands. Another \$8300 went to a catechist centre restoration project in Noumea. Director of the Archdiocese's Mission and Development Office Deacon Joe Blackwell said the Archdiocese had given \$10,000 to support work across the region through the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal.

Church's half century

Bribbaree will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the current St Columba's Church with Mass at 10am on Sunday, 15 July.

After Mass there will be a morning tea where present and past parishioners and local residents can share stories about the parish and the area.



The Bribbaree parish pastoral council would especially like to invite all priests who have ministered to parishioners in the church, and those who have attended the church or who have belonged to the Bribbaree community at any time.

For further information contact parish secretary N Drum, telephone 6383 2368.

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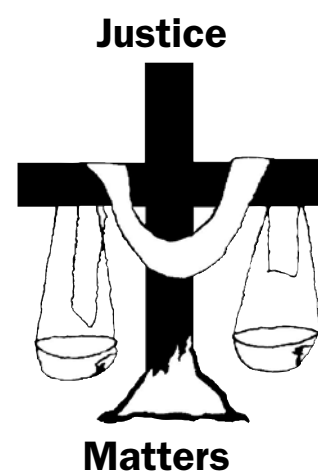
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Chocolate 'can cost lives'

This article, written by Australian Coordinator of Stop the Traffik Carolyn Kitto, was provided by the Archdiocesan Catholic Social Justice Commission. It encourages readers to go to the campaign's website or contact the commission by email: csjc@cg.catholic.org.au.

This Easter, while we walked our dog in the nearby park we came across a massive Easter egg hunt. Children ran joyfully with their baskets collecting the eggs and shrieks of delight rose throughout the park.

These children were blissfully unaware that child slaves, around their age, might have produced their Easter delights. Over a third of the cocoa that



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makes the world's chocolate comes from Ivory Coast, Africa. Thousands of children - from within the Cote D'Ivoire and neighbouring countries - who pick and harvest these beans have been trafficked.

They have had their freedom taken away from them and are forced to work long hours on the cocoa plantations without receiving any money for their work.

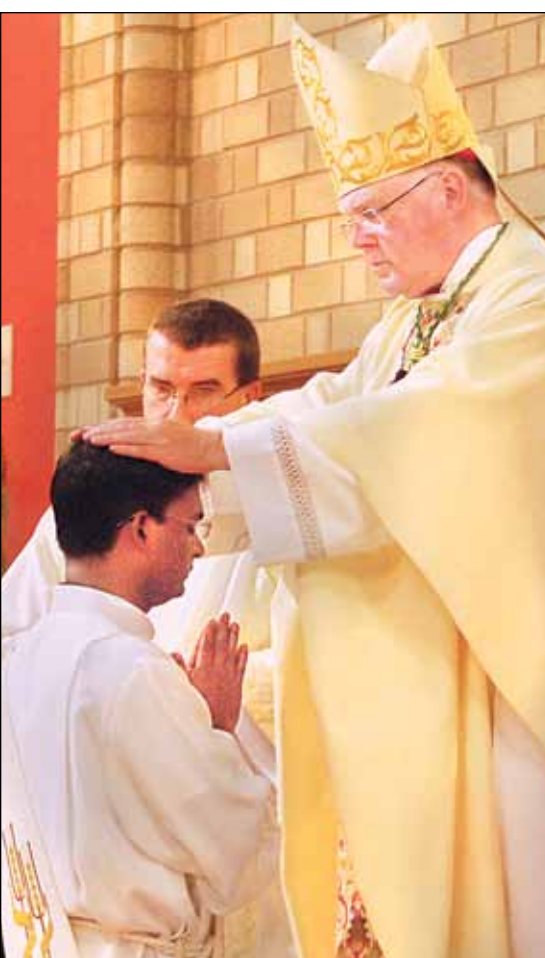
No-one disputes these facts. They have been known since 2001.

The chocolate industry has agreed to put an end to these practices but we are still waiting.

Stop the Traffik is a global campaign to end human trafficking. You can be part of ensuring that next Easter you can purchase traffik-free chocolate and be part of bringing an end to this scandal. You can find out more and join the campaign at www.stopthetraffik.org

From India to our newest priest

Hundreds of people gathered at St Christopher's Cathedral for Joshy Kurien's ordination to the priesthood for the Archdiocese.



In the crowd were Fr Kurien's parents and two sisters, who flew from India to attend the ordination.

"Today is the most significant day of my life," Fr Kurien said.

"As I stand here my heart is filled with gratitude to God and my parents who had faith in me to enter my vocation.

"My motto is 'the Lord will provide', and I believe he has tonight."

Fr Kurien was ordained by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in one of his last ceremonies before he moves to Brisbane.

Fr Kurien, who is from Kerala in south-west India, arrived in Canberra in December 2010 after receiving an invitation from Archbishop Coleridge to see first-hand the culture of the Archdiocese.

"I believe the invitation to come here was God's call, so I knew I had to stay," he said.

Raised in a family with "strong Catholic faith", Fr Kurien said his parents always supported his aspirations and the move overseas.

"They understand this is a genuine call, so they are so happy for me," he said.

After being ordained to the diaconate last December, Fr Kurien has been working at the Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong, where he will stay until his first official appointment.

"I think the rest of my life will be in this Archdiocese," he said.

"I am conscious that I am joining a new family here, and I feel that love and support."



FAR LEFT: Archbishop Coleridge lays hands on Fr Kurien.

ABOVE: with his sisters Sr Jolly and Molly Kurien, mother Kathreena and father Kurien.

RIGHT: Fr Kurien performs one of his first blessings as a priest.



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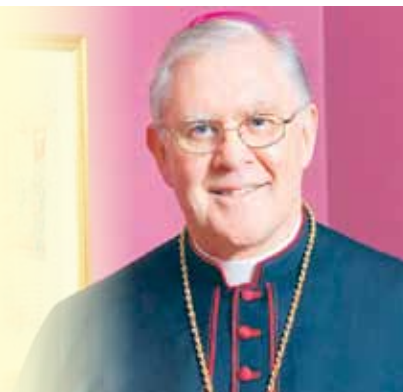
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'I will miss many people I have come to know'



six months. Some big decisions will have to await his arrival, but in the meantime, the Archdiocese can't just stand still.

First impressions of Brisbane Archdiocese.

Brisbane is another planet when compared to Canberra and Goulburn. Canberra and Goulburn is basically a rural diocese with an unusual city in it. Brisbane is a very large urban diocese with a burgeoning hinterland. So there are big differences of scale and social profile. The Archdiocese of Brisbane also includes some of the fastest growing areas in Australia, and therefore one of the challenges is to adapt to demographic growth. I've been up to Brisbane twice since I was named Archbishop, and my sense is that it's a diocese with great energy and with personnel and resources to match. It has all the usual problems, and they tend to be writ large because of its size. But the overriding sense I have is that Brisbane is a mission field rich in possibility. I've been greatly encouraged by the welcome I've found there, even in the editorial comment of the Courier Mail. I hope and pray that my health and energies hold up.

Do you see the Cathedral precinct redevelopment going ahead as planned?

The development of the Cathedral precinct is now such a mature project and has such momentum that it will certainly go ahead, as will the allied development of the Braddon property where I hope to see the Heritage Council's decision overturned so that we can get on with the job and present something which will enhance the inner-city services of the Church and enhance the look of the city itself. Bureaucratic delays have slowed the project dramatically, but it will go ahead, and I look forward to seeing the finished product.

You have a connection with your predecessor in Brisbane Archbishop John Bathersby.

I go back a long way with John Bathersby, and there are few people for whom I have greater respect and affection. We first met back in the 1970s when he was spiritual director of the Brisbane seminary and I was a very young priest in Melbourne. He invited me to Brisbane to lead the Holy Week retreat for the seminarians. Our paths crossed again in the early 1980s when we were both students in Rome and enjoyed many a meal and a laugh – even the odd argument – together. Our paths have crossed again and again. He is not just my predecessor but a good personal friend. Never did I imagine that I would be following him in the See of Brisbane.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge looks back on his time in the Archdiocese

What do you remember most fondly of your time in the Archdiocese?

The chance to get to know this fascinatingly diverse Archdiocese – the places I had never known, the coast, the Monaro, the west, and the cities, Goulburn and Canberra, but most especially the people who are even more diverse than the places. I have never really missed places, but I will miss many people I have come to know in my six years here. I came to the Archdiocese as a city slicker, having spent most of my life in Melbourne and Rome. But here I had to become something of a bush pastor, because Canberra and Goulburn is basically a rural diocese with an unusual city in it. I wasn't sure how I'd cope with the vast rural areas of the Archdiocese, but I've come to love them. They have gone through hard times and are still passing through a time of deep and permanent change as many of the smaller communities are dwindling and farming is not what it was. But through it all, the country people have been magnificent – their human resilience and their spiritual richness. Getting to know them and ministering to them has been one of the great gifts of these years.

In terms of events, the one that really lingers in the memory is World Youth Day in 2008, especially the Days in the Diocese before the final celebration in Sydney. To welcome young pilgrims from all around the world was great, especially at the International Festival in Goulburn, even if the weather was appalling. But before they came, there was the Journey of the Cross and Icon around the Archdiocese, and that was a deeply moving experience, with me even passing the Cross to the Bishop of Wagga on top of Mount Kosciusko. I look back on the preparations for WYD 2008 as excruciatingly hard work, but in the end it was all worth it. It gave so many people, especially the young, an experience of the Catholic

Church that they could have had in no other way. People sometimes think the Catholic Church is no bigger than their back yard, but it is the greatest show on earth, and that's what we see in WYD.

What issues were most difficult?

In the life of a bishop, there is no shortage of difficult issues. In a general sense, the greatest challenge has been to plan for the future at a time when the future must be made, not simply awaited. This involves identifying the facts as clearly and comprehensively as possible – not the facts of 50 years ago, but the facts of now. Then, on the basis of the facts, it involves taking decisions – at times difficult – to shape the future. The decisions taken may be wrong; if so, then we have to admit our mistake and try something else. All of this involves change, even cultural change at times; and that can be difficult for some people. Our greatest challenge is to become a more missionary Church, looking outwards, not inwards.

In terms of specific issues, the Calvary saga was certainly the most protracted and difficult. The threat to the hospital came out of nowhere, and I had never had experience of anything similar. It took me time to get my head around some very complex facts and issues before I could see what my role was as Archbishop. Once I did – with the help of many people – I came to see that I had a role to play. I was not calling the shots, but I certainly couldn't just look the other way. It consumed my time and energy in an extraordinary way. I was very satisfied with the final result which I am convinced was in the best interests of both the ACT and the Catholic Church. I regret that there were some bruising aspects of the saga, but perhaps it couldn't have been otherwise. The fight to save Calvary touched on deep issues which were important for Catholic health care far beyond the ACT; and the saga clarified some of those issues for Catholic health care as a whole, especially issues concerning the relationship between Catholic hospitals and the local Church. It also helped to clarify the rights and

responsibilities of the bishop in dealing with Catholic hospitals at a time when the bishops have to be more engaged than they traditionally have been in health care.

What personal effort was needed to visit parishes across such a huge Archdiocese?

In my six years, I've been in all the parishes of the Archdiocese, though one regret I have is that I was unable to undertake systematic canonical visitation of the parishes. This was because I was so involved in various ways both nationally and internationally. These involvements meant I was out of the diocese more than I would have wished to be, but it's hard to see what the alternative is, given that all bishops are involved on three levels – locally, nationally and internationally. The mix varies from bishop to bishop, and through these years I've been more involved internationally than some others. Parish visitation can be exhausting, but it's hard to think of a more valuable use of a bishop's time and energy. In a diocese the size of Canberra and Goulburn, it has special challenges, with hours spent in a car. But I came to use the car as a kind of travelling prayer-room, so that I came to enjoy the long hauls. I used to think of my predecessors who went all over the diocese, but not in an air-conditioned car.

What is the future of the assembly decisions and your proposals?

As far as I can see, the decisions of the Archdiocesan Assembly will stand, and the proposals will continue to provide the basis for discussion. These decisions weren't just idiosyncratic moves of mine; they came from a wide and deep consultation. That's why the new Archbishop will build upon them. Obviously he will see things differently than I have, but the arrival of every new bishop doesn't mean that the diocese starts from scratch. This will be true not just of what came from the Assembly, but of other trajectories which have emerged in the Archdiocese in recent years. People have asked how long it will be for the new bishop to be appointed. I've tended to say that it won't be less than

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What a difference a year makes

By Archdiocesan Financial Administrator Helen Delahunty

It is 12 months since I started as the Financial Administrator of this most wonderful Archdiocese, and what a year it has been.

I am not sure what I expected when I started this job, as it was a big decision to leave the organisation I had worked with for 12 years, and my thoughts were really on how I could extricate myself from that body of work. I had thought and prayed about the decision, and it came easily in the end to move. Although I had worked in a volunteer capacity for various Catholic education committees, I had never worked professionally for the Church.

A number of my colleagues and friends asked "Why"? In this era of extremely close scru-

tiny from a number of quarters, why work for an organisation that is not universally applauded? Why indeed. After 12 months I can say it was the very right decision to make.

The broad nature of this role is extraordinary. Getting to know the Archdiocese, and that job will take a lot longer than 12 months, is fascinating. The clergy, the staff in the parishes, the parishioners, the churches and presbyteries are all individual but have the most gracious sense of togetherness as well.

They all have different issues that are on a journey of being resolved, while new ones arise. Sometimes, when I wake at night because our new puppy is waking me up, I am overwhelmed with the amount of work to be done. But in the light of a new day, the issues are once more manageable, at least in my head!

The work I have encountered this year has given me insight into how a lot of parishes function. One of my largest roles is

to look after the "temporal goods" of the Archdiocese. This encompasses any changes in the assets of the Church, and so I have now been exposed to sale deeds, consolidation of blocks, new buildings including offices and a presbytery, and leasing of properties that are no longer required for the ministry of the parish. Through necessity, I am becoming much more experienced in all sorts of property work – a fascinating and time-consuming task.

There is also the task of getting to know the broader Catholic community in terms of meeting my peers from other dioceses, lots of other groups which intersect this Archdiocese in the work we do, and the input they can give.

I am fond of the view that we don't need to "re-invent the wheel" in some of the work we do. Although our Archbishop has the ultimate decision-making voice, and the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn is unique in a lot of ways, he does draw on advice from a number of groups and roles to help that decision be the best it can be. That advice sometimes comes from other areas within the Church.

The legislative arena is changing for our organisation,

and the changes are not always easy to embrace. There are new requirements for workplace health and safety, to which we must adhere, even though there is often a prohibitive financial cost to that requirement.

We are considered to be on the same footing as any other business, and we have to work through all necessary changes with the knowledge that if we are found to be negligent, our clergy and senior staff could be implicated.

There is also change afoot for all charities with the impending start of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission (ACNC). This commission will be in charge of all charities, and we will be responsible to them for all aspects of our reporting to Government. This change is the largest regulatory change to charities since the introduction of GST, and it could also inflict on us a larger financial burden. The changes have been watched closely, and submissions to government highlighting the Church's point of view have been co-ordinated by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

There is never a dull moment in this role. I sometimes travel to work with a firm idea on how I will fill my day, only to

have a phone call or an email derail that workplan.

I don't ever want it to change though, as every request and every need is vitally important to the person generating the request. Maybe a few extra hours in the day would be handy! And there is always the good humour I encounter every day, from lots of parishioners and staff, which lifts me up but also keeps me grounded.

There is much still to be done. As you will have read in the previous edition of Catholic Voice, a number of recommendations from the Archdiocesan Assembly have come across my desk, and the work is beginning to address those reports. This is important work for our future needs and the way we answer those needs.

There are changes right now in the Archdiocese with the changing of our Archbishop. The leadership and guidance Bishop Mark has given me in these past 12 months has put me on a very firm footing to fulfil my duties. I am sure our next Archbishop will give his own perspective, which will only add to the rich tapestry of the Archdiocese, and positive outcomes will continue to be the result.



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Mum-of-three took her thesis on holiday

It took six years of stress, late nights and gruelling research, but for Christine King it meant the taste of success was that much sweeter when she graduated from her doctor of philosophy in social work from Australian Catholic University in Canberra.

Mrs King's 378-page thesis, *How understanding the Aboriginal kinship system can inform better policy and practice – social work research with the Larrakia and Warramunga peoples of the Northern Territory*, examined Aboriginal kinship systems and how they are used in social work.

"The thesis has a wide applicability to anybody who works with Aboriginal people," Mrs King said.

"The general findings were that many social workers had a wide gap in knowledge about the kinship systems, and that the systems can actually make social

work more applicable to Aboriginal peoples and have better outcomes if they are used."

Mrs King started the thesis in 2005, when she regularly travelled back to her home town in the Northern Territory to carry out her research.

"My father is from Larrakia (Darwin) where I was born, and my mother is from Warramunga (Tennant Creek), so I really enjoyed driving back to those kinship systems for my research," she said.

"My family were very happy that I was researching social work for my thesis.

"When I was growing up, social workers were seen as very powerful figures in our community because they took our kids away.

"They were very much the controllers – I thought you had to be in that kind of system to make any kind of change, and



so that was why I was initially interested in social work."

Mrs King studied a bachelor of social work at the then Northern Territory University in Darwin. She worked as a social worker before a cadetship with the Department of Health and Ageing brought her to Canberra in 2000.

She believes education played a major role in her family breaking away from the cycle of poverty that surrounded them. "My family lived in real poverty; the

area where I was raised had lepers and prostitutes everywhere," she said.

"I believe the only way Aboriginal people are going to get out of poverty and overcome all the difficulties we face is through education.

"That's what my family did; we moved from poverty to be able to take care of ourselves, and education played a significant part in that.

"That's the way to keep the kids healthy, to educate the mothers and the fathers."

One of 11 siblings, Mrs King was the first in her family to get a degree, followed closely by her sister, who studied a degree in medicine and is now working as a general practitioner in the Northern Territory.

Mrs King's eldest daughter is studying a degree in medicine and her son is in his last year of a degree in sociology.

"I really encouraged my children to get a degree – provided they remembered that they are Aboriginal and they also look at Aboriginal law and culture as well as western edu-

cation, so that they are well rounded people," she said.

Mrs King has three children, including a daughter who has down syndrome and requires "lots of attention".

Managing her family duties with full-time work and a PhD proved a challenge, but was made possible thanks to a strict regime:

"Every morning I'd get up at 5am, study for a few hours, head to work, then after dinner I'd study until midnight – and the next morning I'd do it all again."

Even holidays weren't exempt from study – on a three-day cruise Mrs King brought her thesis along and worked on it whenever she could.

"I could have finished next year, but my mother is very ill so I wanted her to see me graduate, so I eventually stopped full-time work for the last semester so I could just get it done," she said. "Mum was too sick to fly over for the graduation but my sister did and showed her photos."

Since February Mrs King has been working at ACU as a student resource coordinator in the indigenous higher education unit.

Four days after giving birth Nyree was back at uni

Juggling three children with study for a double degree wasn't a problem for Nyree Beer – in fact four days after giving birth to her third, she was back in the lecture theatre with baby Caitlin in tow.

"I figured I could either sit at home and do nothing or go to university and learn, so I took Caitlin to every lecture that semester," Mrs Beer said.

"The lecturer assumed I'd be away for six months so when she saw me four days after I had given birth her jaw just dropped.

"Luckily Caitlin slept for most of the lectures, and even received a certificate for good classroom behaviour."

Mrs Beer graduated from her double degree in Catholic theology and social work at the Australian Catholic University.

Since February she has been working as a social worker at Calvary John James Hospital, predominantly with older patients.

"It's exciting to put into practice what I've learnt at university," she said.

"In hospital you're very vulnerable as you're not in control of your life, so sometimes people have a bit of a blue day and need to have a chat, which is what I'm there for."

Being a good listener meant people often turned to her for their problems. "In school I was the kid people went to when they

had a problem they wanted to talk about," she said.

"I love listening to people's stories and felt privileged they trusted me, so I didn't really mind it. One day I thought, 'why not get paid for it?'"

However a confronting experience delayed Mrs Beer's career plans.

"I did work experience in the field of social work when I was 16 where I visited some of the halfway houses, and I remember all these children with broken arms and women with bruises and black eyes," she said.

"I just went home after that and bawled. I couldn't separate their experiences from mine. I was just too personally involved, and my mother said at the time perhaps social work wasn't for me."

Mrs Beer worked as a personal assistant for 20 years before deciding to take up study in her first passion.

During her studies Mrs Beer received the Dominican prize for academic excellence in theology and the CatholicCare Canberra/Goulburn award for social work.

She treated university "like a full-time job" to manage her time between study and family.

"I would drop the kids off at school then head to the library and study for hours, and then I'd pick the kids up again," she said.



Nyree Beer on the job (far left) and on graduation day (left).

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The positives and negatives of silence

Hearing what people don't say is just as important as what they do say – particularly in pastoral care, international author Dr David Augsburger believes.

Dr Augsburger was in Canberra to speak at the Spiritual Care Australia Conference, Where Words Meet Silence – Connecting through Pastoral Care.

He explored three aspects of silence: silence in encounter, silence of the voiceless, and silence in contemplation.

Dr Augsburger has been the professor of Pastoral Care and Counselling at the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, California since 1990. He is the author of 20 books on pastoral counselling, marriage, conflict and human relations.

An ordained minister of the Mennonite Church and a diplomat of the American Association of Pastoral Counsellors, Dr Augsburger is active in teaching counselling and leading workshops internationally, and in supervision and therapy.

He cites the writings of theologian Karl Rahner and writer Thomas Merton as influences for his material on silence. "In Catholic orders, silence has played a major part in spirituality, going back to the second century or third century," Dr Augsburger said.

"The St Benedict order for example disciplined themselves in the art of silence."

Silence is a vital part in "every bit of human existence", according to Dr Augsburger, particularly in the field of pastoral care where it can be used as a powerful communicator between patient and carer.

"In pastoral care, pauses can tell more than words," he said.

"The way carers can nourish the patient is embracing the silence rather than trying to fill it, and allowing time for reflection.

"The only way people can grow is not through what others have told them but on their own, and silence is the only way to offer that deep reflection, learning, and growth.

"It's not until one is silent that you are capable of really hearing others and having a deeper awareness about them and yourself. It prepares and empowers us to hear others and allows self-discovery.

"We learn this slowly though; not all pastoral carers take this on board. I've seen experienced people without ears and then I've seen people with sensitivity that brings tears to your eyes, and who hear silence very deeply."

Dr Augsburger believes multiple groups in society, whom he calls the voiceless, are not heard, and dominant groups often silence less dominant groups. "There are positive and negative forms of silence. Silence can be a form of violence against someone; it can be used to ignore, oppress or deny," he said.



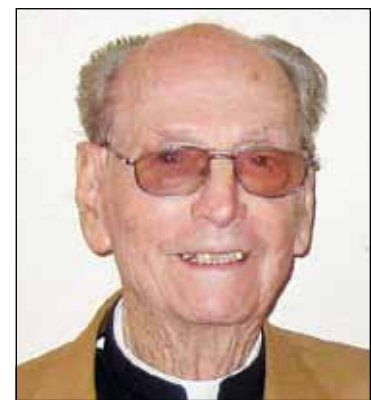
Dr David Augsburger ... "silence is a form of speech".

"On the other hand, positive silence is where you have reached that deep level of communication where at times nothing needs to be said and you can understand each other, which is often found with true intimacy and profound love – it's certainly effective in marital communication."

Dr Augsburger acknowledges there is a misconception that silence is uncomfortable.

"People can tend to think that, but they are missing the point," he said. "Silence too, is a form of speech – before-silence anticipates words, after-silence responds to the spoken – silence is continuous with the stream of communication. "Once you say the word silence, you have destroyed silence."

Senior Marist priest dies



The most senior member of the Marist Fathers in Australia, Fr Wally Fingleton SM, died suddenly in Townsville after a fall. He was 97.

One of the pioneering students of Australia's first Marist seminary, Toongabbie, NSW, and brother of cricketing great, Jack Fingleton, he was well known for his missionary work in Bougainville.

In retirement he served as priest-in-charge at Taralga from 1988 to 1994. During winter months, Fr Fingleton and his carer, Mary Connors, would move from Crookwell to Townsville to enjoy warmer weather. He was a journalist before joining the Marist Fathers and was ordained in 1944.

CDF Annual Report 2011

From the Manager



The revenue flows for 2011 were up on 2010 by \$1.9M with total revenue of \$16M against \$14.1M in 2010. Interest paid to depositors increased to \$10.3M from \$8.7M in 2010 as interest rates remained relatively static over the period.

The operating surplus for 2011 remained above the 2% target range providing a return in excess of \$4.8M. Distributions were made to the archdiocese on a monthly basis during 2011 with a total distribution of \$2,721,803. This was made up of a general distribution of \$2,121,803 and a specific contribution to the 'futures fund', Archdiocese 2020 of \$600,000. The distribution to the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes was maintained at \$175,000 whilst the contribution to CDF reserves totaled \$1,943,151 bringing the reserves to \$8,487,671. Increasing the CDF reserves remains a priority for the CDF Board as it endeavours to ensure that the CDF can meet its capital adequacy obligations.

Loan growth continued with increased lending to the health and aged care sectors of the Church. In December 2010 loans equaled \$155,161,444. This increased to \$163,150,627 by December 2011. Of the total funds on loan some 67% was with Catholic aged care and

healthcare organisations, 10% with systemic schools, 7% with non systemic schools, 2% with the archdiocese, 1% with parishes and 13% with other dioceses (Wilcannia-Forbes & Adelaide).

Funds not lent to Church organisations continued to be invested in stable banking products such as Catholic Church Investment Services (CCIS) which is based in Brisbane. Although the funds on deposit with CCIS are at call they earn the best possible return because they are pooled with available funds from other CDFs. The responsibility of acting as 'steward' of Church funds is taken most seriously by the CDF Board and the conservative investment approach will continue to underpin the CDF's operation.

Thanks and appreciation is extended to the people who made the CDF such a pleasant and effective operation during 2011; Michele Murdock, Jenny Mander, Karin Hollings, and Ann Tunnecliffe. The CDF Board are to be thanked too for the wonderful contribution that they made during 2011 (Mr Dominic Kelly – Chairman, Mgrs John Woods, Mr Ross Power, Mr Jeff Smart, Mr James Barrett, Mr Rory Markham, Ms Helen Delahunty and Fr Lachlan Coll) and for their continued enthusiasm in planning for the future.

Victor Dunn

From the Chairman



My role as Chairman of the CDF is always a challenging and rewarding one. I am constantly reminded of the considerable dedication and professionalism of our CDF Board in ensuring a healthy and profitable environment for our diocese to flourish.

Whatever your situation, perhaps a depositor or borrower, or perhaps not even a client of the Archdiocesan CDF, but as a valued parishioner within the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, you are benefiting from the success of the CDF, as we continue to develop our diocese.

As our manager, Victor Dunn, has indicated, we have much to celebrate. Under the stewardship of all involved, our CDF continues to grow each year enabling further maintenance and development of our diocese. We do not

rest on our laurels however, and acknowledge the future work that needs to be done. With this work in mind, we are still very confident of our future.

We have been truly blessed with strong and prayerful leadership and with these blessings in mind, there are many individuals I wish to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude.

On behalf of the Board, I thank Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Without his passion, strong vision and support, we would not have been able to make such outstanding progress. Personally, as Chairman, I will miss working with His Grace very much. Professionally however, I am happy for the time we did have together and for the confidence and belief His Grace had in the CDF Board. This confidence enabled us to strengthen our CDF, now and for the future.

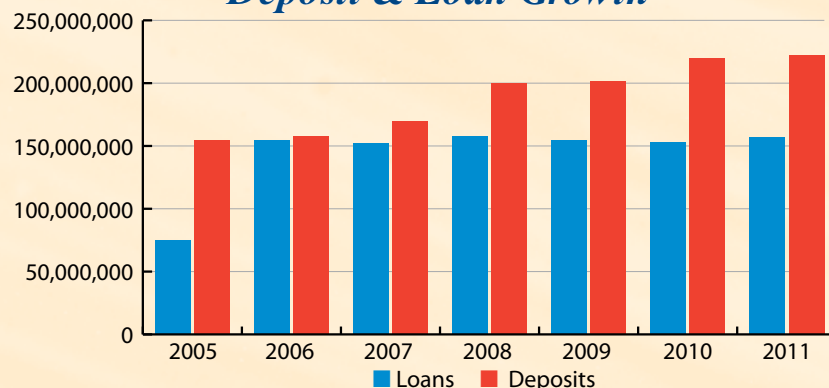
I also thank our Board. A wonderful working relationship has been sustained ensuring we rise to each and every challenge! Each member of the Board acknowledges the excellent and tireless work of our manager, Mr Victor Dunn. On behalf of our Board, I extend our warmest gratitude to Mr Dunn and his team, for without their continued dedication, energy and commitment our CDF would not be forging ahead with such strength.

May we appreciate and acknowledge the gift of our faith. Working with the CDF, and many individuals within the Church, we have the great opportunity and gift to put our faith into action. And on your behalf, will continue to do so.

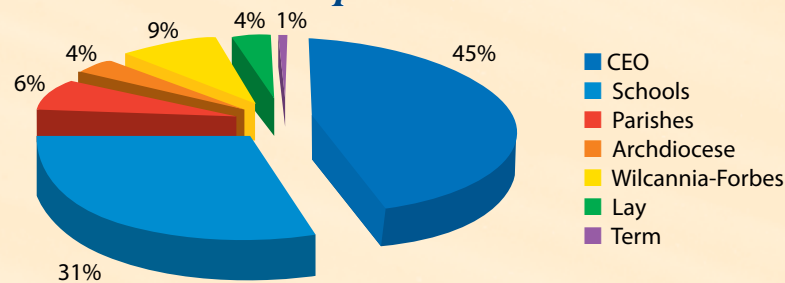
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a centenary of canberra's catholics

In the 12th in a series of portraits of significant Catholics of the national capital, Bishop Pat Power pays tribute to Good Samaritan Sister Clare Slattery

No history of Catholic education in Canberra would be complete without reference to the key role played by the diminutive but formidable figure of Good Samaritan Sister Clare Slattery.

Founding principal of Catholic Girls High School, Braddon, (now Merici College) from 1959 to 1964, she filled a similar task in the foundation of Catholic Girls High School, Griffith, (now St Clare's College) from 1965 until her retirement in 1975.

Her pioneering work in these capacities had a profound influence not only on the hundreds of students passing through her care but on the direction that Catholic secondary education would take in the national capital.

Good Samaritan historian Margaret Walsh gives the background to a great enterprise.

"In July 1958, the Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Dr Eris O'Brien, presided over a meeting with major superiors of six different congregations of religious women to finalise individual approaches he'd made to them for the staffing of a new central secondary school for girls in the city of Canberra.

"The building of the new school was already well under way and these superiors had agreed to staff it with religious from each of their congregations: Brigidines, Presentations, Sisters of St Joseph, Goulburn Sisters of Mercy, Ursulines and Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

"The meeting unanimously voted to have a Good Samaritan as the new school's leader, since the Good Samaritan congregation had pioneered Catholic education in Canberra in 1927 and sustained it there, single-handedly, until 1954.

"The meeting was in July and in November 1958 the Good Samaritan superiors appointed Sr Clare Slattery as Headmistress of the Canberra school."

In 1927, the year before the designation of Canberra as a parish, St Christopher's School

An outstanding model for women in authority

was opened at Manuka with the first principal Mother M Dympna.

Her name is recorded today below the altar in St Christopher's Cathedral.

Until the opening of St Edmund's College in 1954, St Christopher's School catered for girls and boys through to the Leaving Certificate.

Prior to Archbishop O'Brien's initiative, the Good Samaritan Sisters had been considering establishing a girls secondary college at Red Hill.

Sr Clare had been recognised in her congregation as an outstanding talent leading to her being made responsible for the formation of the young Good Samaritan Sisters.

She was always considered to be ahead of her times. Margaret Walsh writes of the pivotal role Sr Clare played for 25 years in the Good Samaritan training college.

She could well have been describing Sr Clare's relationship with her students at Braddon and Griffith when she wrote about her impact on the trainee sisters.

"She had an interest in the one who was different - the social misfit, the intellectual, the non-intellectual, the questioner, the sister who hated teaching, the one secretly grieving over a family crisis she could not share.

"Each of these found understanding, sound psychological and spiritual advice, and increased confidence from Clare's practical wisdom and on-going support."

As college chaplain at Catholic Girls High School Griffith from 1966 to 1971, I was privileged to have had some personal insights into this remarkable character.

It would have to be said that Sr Clare put the fear of God into her students with her no-nonsense approach, but she also had a heart for the strugglers.



She would often take me aside suggesting how I might come to the aid of one of the students who was in some sort of strife.

I remember on one occasion one of the younger girls sought my intercession when she was in trouble with Sr Clare after a complaint from another teacher.

When I told Sr Clare that I believed the student was being unfairly judged, she listened to what I had to say without comment.

Later the teenager told me that her headmistress (then in her late 60s) had called her in and apologised to her. To me that was just another sign of Sr Clare's greatness.

But she was no push-over. I recall another occasion, in Manuka, when I was approached in the street after school by three likeable rascals who had been temporarily suspended by Sr Clare. (I think smoking may have been the crime.)

Just as we were deep in conversation, Sr Clare and Sr Consilio drove by on their way home to the convent.

Sr Consilio later told me Sr Clare had commented "There they are trying to get Father Power's help. That won't get them out of trouble!"

Sr Clare set very high standards for her students and for her staff, but she never lost sight of their individuality. She



challenged the brighter students to realise their potential, but she was also aware that not everyone is similarly gifted. She helped her students to have pride in themselves and to make the best of their opportunities.

She once wrote: "No plan of education can be judged by its results on a girl at the end of her school career..." "The value of any particular education should be considered when its products have reached maturity. It is what girls are like in their 30s that matters much more than what they are like in their teens."

Many of Sr Clare's ex-students have made outstanding contributions to the life of Canberra in the fields of law, medicine, nursing, the public

service and journalism, but it has been particularly in the leadership of Catholic education in the nation's capital that Sr Clare's protégés have blossomed.

Among her ex-students are Moira Najdecki (nee Jeffrey), Archdiocesan Director of Catholic Education, and Rita Daniels and Catherine Rey (nee Meere), principals of Daramalan and Merici colleges. Professional and dedicated lay leadership in Catholic education had its beginnings in Canberra under Sr Clare as an outstanding model for women in authority.

Many years after this great lady's death in 1980, her influence lives on in those she inspired in a myriad of ways to develop their God-given talents.

Maureen delights in doll's-eye view of the past

A five-panel oil painting hangs in Maureen Caelli's bedroom. In it two women lie on their sides, reaching out to one another, each with a sheath-like cloth draped delicately across their waists.

"When I painted this I felt it represented the fact that I am no different to any other woman despite my disability," Ms Caelli explains.

"I will never let a disability stop me from living my life and doing what I love."

It's an approach that dominates Ms Caelli's artwork, as well as her life.

Although she has multiple sclerosis, a chronic disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system, Ms Caelli spends about 50 hours a week on artwork and creations which include

paintings, porcelain dolls and detailed dollhouses.

"Magical" is a word that comes to mind when visiting her home in Chifley, which doubles as a studio. Huge dollhouses are scattered around the rooms in between the paintings and porcelain dolls, creating the feeling of a miniature wonderland.

Ms Caelli painstakingly creates every intricate detail of her dollhouses from scratch, from windows, lights or furniture, down to a tiny shoe in the corridor or a rat getting caught in a cheese trap.

For the past 10 years she has been making dollhouses and in that time has created about 15, each from a different time, including renaissance, Edwardian and Victorian eras, often selling the houses as collector's items.



ABOVE: Maureen Caelli with her Victorian era museum dollhouse. "I love a challenge; nothing stops me."

"I've always loved dollhouses and working in miniature; I like that you can tell a story and it intrigues me making things to scale," Ms Caelli said.

Her latest creation is a museum dollhouse from the Victorian era. From the tiny dinosaur bones to the bonnets on the women's heads, you could be

forgiven for thinking you are peering into a snapshot of the building in that era.

"I like to research extensively what things were like back then, from people's clothing to the interior decorations and furnishings, even to what they were reading," she said. The houses often have three or four levels, with

each room as intricately detailed as the next.

She delights in creating the minutest detail, from towels scattered over the laundry sink, a boy chasing his rubber ball, a crackling fireplace, or a mother scrubbing a saucer in the kitchen. She even makes the dolls' clothing.

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Sr Nina, Sr Imaculada and Sr Palmira with Des Heffernan at Frog's Hollow airstrip, Bega, after a flight over the district.

Parish generosity for Timor sisters

A group of religious sisters from Timor Leste have spent 11 weeks in the Bega Valley learning English, teaching Tetum and attending many community events.

The two Carmelite Sisters and one Franciscan Sister were the sixth group of sisters to visit St Patrick's parish after the formation of the Bega Valley Advocates for Timor Leste eight years ago. The advocates group works in the Natarbora sub-region and does tremendous work in providing material for building, bursaries for students, technical support, clean water and fencing.

The parish was responsible for financing the building of St Francis Primary School, Natarbora, run by the Franciscan Sisters.

This year's visitors were Sr Palmira, who teaches Portuguese at Maubissi High School, Sr Imaculada, who teaches at Bobinook Pre-School in Dili, and Sr Nina from Natarbora, who works at the Franciscan Primary School.

Through the generosity of people from Tathra, Bega, Bemboka, Candelo and Wolumla, \$3417 was raised from a mini-market, raffle and donations. Cards made by Pat Platts raised \$360, and a donation increased the amount to \$4400 which covered air fares and living expenses.

The sisters had English lessons, taught Tetum in a number of schools particularly St Patrick's Primary School. They danced at the local Harmony Day celebrations held at Bega High School, and took part in farm visits, home stays and experienced the daily culture of the area.

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Students, families will miss college stalwart

St Mary MacKillop College has bade farewell to one of its most faithful servants, Mrs Maria Philpot, after 34 years' service.

"I didn't imagine when I started that I would be here for this long," she said in her farewell speech. "In particular I will miss the relationships I've built."

In 1978, Mrs Philpot became a foundation staff member of Padua High School, working as school bursar, principal's secretary, and finally as student receptionist, where she developed an affinity with the student body. Many ex-students have asked whether Mrs Philpot was still working at MacKillop, such was her status in the MacKillop community.

Not only had she worked with several principals, hundreds of staff members, and thousands of students, Mrs Philpot had seen several name changes at the school. Padua was amalgamated with St Peters in Isabella to become MacKillop Catholic College, and, after the canonisation of its patron, the school was renamed St Mary MacKillop College.

The school community will not forget her service to students and their families, her warm but no-nonsense style, fabled efficiency, loyalty and quiet dignity that brought comfort to many.

ABOVE RIGHT: Mrs Maria Philpot with (from left): Chloe Mayo, Ashlee Evans, Andrew Robinson, Tyler Friend, Clare Fealy, Joachim Fatiaki, Lauren Cuthbert and Blake Whelan.



Parishioners take time out to say they're sorry

About 40 parishioners of St Thomas More, Campbell, took part in a liturgy in Lent to say sorry to those disillusioned with the Church or the parish. Through the parish bulletin and a parish outreach a letter drop was organised inviting anyone to attend the liturgy and hear the apology.

Sitting in a circle around a centrepiece with the scripture, the group listened and reflected on two articles by Amanda McKenna and Michel Lewin both speaking about Church issues and wondering why people find other ways to follow the teachings of Christ outside the Church.

On the cover of the liturgy booklet was the Rembrandt picture of The Father embracing the prodigal son. After each reading while reflective music played there was an opportunity to make comments.

The readings set the scene for prayers of forgiveness to which all responded, "We say Sorry." The gathering reflected on times when they had been hurt, or knew of others who were hurt, and perhaps they failed to offer forgiveness.

Everyone had a piece of paper with the word "Sorry" written on it. They were asked to write a word or short sentence that would describe their experiences of parish; or a feeling that was uppermost when thinking of the Church or their own need for forgiveness. To protect privacy, the papers were not signed, but put in a bowl to be read without comment for the whole group and then burnt.

The most moving and freeing part of the liturgy was when parish priest Fr Julian Wellspring, a parish council member and the principal of the school, stood and asked forgiveness that they had not always allowed God's transforming love to shape their response to themselves, others and all creation.

A letter from Bishop Pat Power congratulated the initiative. "Giving and receiving forgiveness is so important in every aspect of life, personally and communally," he said.

"I believe it is one of the biggest challenges facing the Catholic Church today. It seems to me that so often Catholics are frustrated by not having a forum which enables them to give voice to their deepest hurts and hopes. Your event gives an opportunity to do that."

Doll's-eye view of the past

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Each house takes around three years to make, and Ms Caelli will usually work on them for eight hours a day.

"If I go grocery shopping or something, I make that time up. I don't like to lose time and don't waste a minute," she said. "I don't feel fulfilled in a day unless I have created something."

The process for making the houses is extensive to say the least.

"First I draw up the design for the house as an architect would, then I cut the wood, paint the walls, mould the people, paint them, and towards the end comes the smaller fiddly things like the light displays which need to be wired in," Ms Caelli said. "The further I get into a house, the more excited and involved I get, and I really get a feel for the era I am re-creating."

Having struggled with disability all her life, Ms Caelli turned to art as a way to express herself and cope with her disabilities and pain. Although she wanted to study visual arts, it became too difficult with her increasing weakness and fatigue. "Working outside of home became impossible, so I managed to do what I loved from home instead," she said.


Born in Newcastle in 1950 and raised in a Catholic family, Ms Caelli moved to Canberra in 1976 with her then husband. She has three children, eight grandchildren and a brother who is a married deacon in Newcastle.

Thanks to a grant from the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Ms Caelli was able to complete a large body of work for an exhibition next month at the M16 ArtSpace in Griffith, which will showcase 19 of her paintings that use a wide variety of mediums and even three-dimensional effects.



Although Ms Caelli's illness has "slowed down" as she hits her 60s, every day is still a struggle: she is "legally blind"; with no peripheral vision and no depth perception. Her legs are too weak to drive and she needs a carer to come by during the week to help her out with groceries, cooking and other household duties.

"I won't let my disability stop me from doing what I love. I won't let it control me, never," she said. "I just see it as a challenge, and I love a challenge. Nothing stops me."






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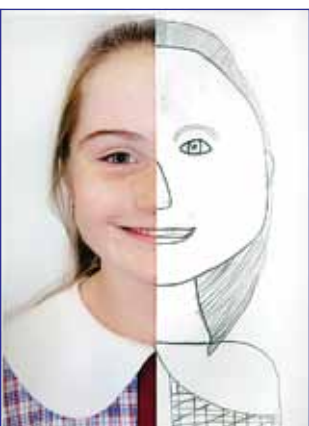
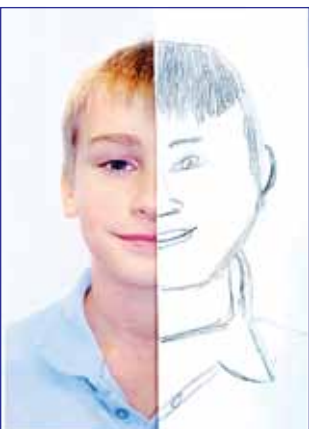
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Lauren Maher's year four class were learning about their Gifts from God when Catholic Voice visited Mother Teresa Primary School, Harrison.

Students were asked to think about their gifts and draw them in a collage, and were also drawing portraits of their faces using photographs as a guide.

They have finished their artworks to share with Catholic Voice readers.



ARTISTIC: These artworks were made by Byron Graham (top left), Mitchell Gaskin (above), Mary Bourke (right), and Emma Howse (left).



ABOVE: Jasmine Kelley shows her gifts and talents from God to the class, which are playing basketball, netball and soccer very well.

LEFT: Grace Howse is deep in concentration as she draws her face using her photograph as a guide.

BELOW: Ethan Fennell is happy with his attempt at drawing his face so far.



ABOVE LEFT: Byron Graham's gift from God is drawing, and he shows this off on the class whiteboard.

LEFT: Imogen Isaac practices her drawing and colouring skills as she draws a hand with colourful nails.



Bishop Pat Power says...

It gives me great joy to join with the rest of the Canberra community in thanking all associated with Marymead for the immense contribution made over the past 45 years.

As a young priest in 1967, I remember the arrival in Narrabundah of Mother St Hugh and the other Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

I had the joy of participating in a number of the annual walkathons and seeing the admiration of people right across the board for the work being done to care for children in need.

Over the years, especially after the departure of the Sisters, there has been a wonderful spirit of collaboration as Marymead has been able to "read the signs of the times" and adjust to changing needs and circumstances. The consistent theme, however,

has always been the welfare of the children and their families. May the great work and spirit of Marymead continue to be blessed and to prosper.



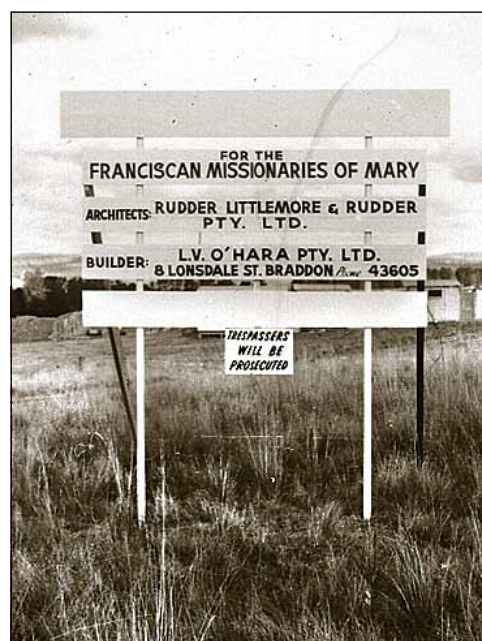
The early days back in 1967

Marymead was established in 1967 by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary when the sisters saw a need in Canberra for a residential care facility for children and families in temporary crisis.

After successfully lobbying government for financial assistance, Marymead was born. The name Marymead comes from the word "meadow" (or more from its archaic or poetic form "mead") and the devoted and tireless Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

While meadow conjures up visions of cool and fresh green pastures near clear and running streams, in this instance it referred to a 4.5 hectare paddock in Narrabundah, a pasture for sheep, transformed into the meadow of Mary, Marymead.

Marymead's primary function was to welcome children of all races and religions who required care. The care afforded could only be temporary but it was enough to meet the aim of those who founded Mary's meadow. Children were



admitted in various times of crisis including distress following accidents or sudden illness, poverty, a mother hospitalised, a family break up, disruption of the home

or child neglect. Children were either placed voluntarily by parents or referred by welfare or health officials. Occasionally the police would also bring children to Marymead at night or over the weekend if a sudden emergency arose.

The children were housed in one of six cottages each containing five bedrooms with a capacity for 10 children in each cottage. Four bedrooms were occupied by the children with the fifth bedroom being part of the self-contained unit within the home for the house mother. A convent was also constructed on the site that included a refectory and rooms for the sisters, interviewing rooms, a chapel, kitchen and laundry.

The sisters provided a range of services to Canberra families until their departure in 1986, leaving behind a viable and expanding service. After this the responsibility for Marymead was assumed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

A proud history of care for young people and families

Marymead now possesses a 45-year history of providing a range of support services for children, young people and families. The wide range of programs and services include family support programs, residential and respite care for

young people with disabilities, adolescent residential care, out of home care services including foster care and respite care, early intervention programs, child and family counselling, mental health support, contact and changeover sup-

port for separated parents in significant conflict, support for grandparents raising their grandchildren, an indigenous children's program and playgroup, a kinship support service and post separation support.

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For further information and bookings contact:
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It's a May-jor month for fund-raising

Here's just a little of what's in store for May during Marymead's 45th year...

Bunnings Fyshwick will run a fund-raising barbeque at the front of the store every Thursday during May.

The Marymead Auxiliary will hold a family market and fun day from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, 12 May.

Breakfast announcers on 2CA Leighton Archer and Larry Appley are broadcasting live on air for 24 hours on the weekend of 12-13 May with their fundraiser Marathon for Marymead.

Leighton and Larry are also hosting the 2CA / Marymead trivia party on Saturday, 26 May, at the Queanbeyan Bowling Club, Campbell Street, Queanbeyan.

There is much more to Marymead than May, particularly in the 45th year. One of Marymead's largest events will be held on 23 June, the Oakton-Jim Murphy Market & Airport Cellars Great Australian Wine-Off, at the Southern Cross Club at Woden. Tickets are \$85 or book a table of 10 for \$790. This includes a three-course meal and wines. For information on any of these

events, contact Jeff Griffiths at Marymead, telephone 6162 5824 or email jeff.griffiths@marymead.org.au.



Could you be the family they need?

Could you be the loving family a vulnerable child needs?

With ever increasing numbers of children needing emergency, short and long-term placement, coupled with a significant downturn in the number of foster carers nationwide, Marymead is in urgent need of more caring families for children of all ages.

Many children need short-term care for a few weeks or months, while even more kids need to find a home and family to love and care for them until they become independent young adults.

Some children need a family to care for them just for a weekend due to an emergency and some require regular, planned respite care to provide time out for struggling families.

To find out more, you may like to come along to one of Marymead's foster care information sessions that are held at Marymead, 255 Goyder Street, Narrabundah.

The next sessions will be held on: Thursday, 5 July at 12.30pm and 6pm; Tuesday, 4 September 6pm; Tuesday, 4 December 7pm.

Who can help make a difference this May?



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May is Marymead's
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Marymead. Helping kids and families since 1967!
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Marymead, a community based not-for-profit organisation with a 45 year history of providing a range of support services to children, young people and families, is looking for your help during **MAY**.

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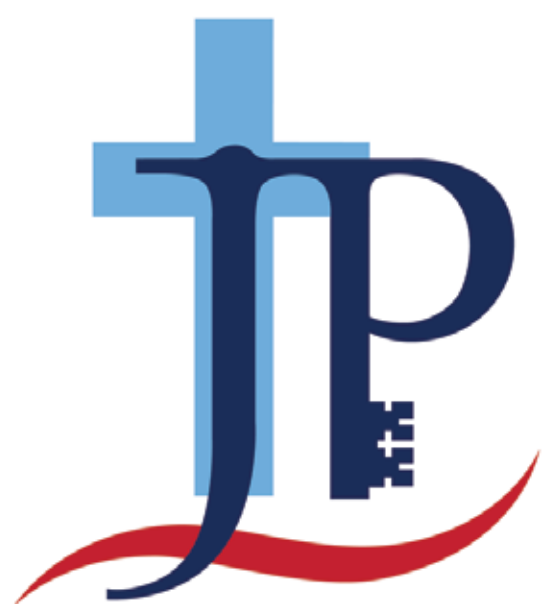
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One Parish Three Schools

The three schools of, Holy Spirit Nicholls, Good Shepherd Amaroo and Mother Teresa Harrison, work together to provide a catholic education for the **Holy Spirit Parish in Gungahlin**.

Each school individually provides a quality, happy, faith filled education for their students. Collectively the schools represent the face of Catholic education in Gungahlin, from Pre-school to Year 6.

Holy Spirit School values relationships shaped by the Gospel. With the children in our care we celebrate life, learning, our Christian story and community. We encourage individuality, diversity and creativity. We are dedicated to the development of all children in an exciting learning environment. We enjoy a strong partnership with Gold Creek Primary School and are committed to the ongoing success of our joint campus. We are one community in God's love.

OPEN DAY: Wednesday 16 May, 10am-1pm
Information evening: Wednesday 16 May, 7.30pm
School contact: 6241 8640
Email: office.holyspirit@cg.catholic.edu.au



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Holy Spirit, Our Spirit



Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School is a Kinder to Year Six School in the heart of Gungahlin's growing community. The Good Shepherd school community prides itself on its welcoming atmosphere. A wide variety of fun learning experiences are provided to all students and everyone is encouraged to do their best.

Good Shepherd has many extra-curricular activities for all interests, ranging from sports, to learning musical instruments, to Maths and Science. We embrace the Gospel values and celebrate them through our fortnightly Prayer Focus Assemblies.

These assemblies teach us many things about how to treat each other and how to care for our world. They teach us to be peaceful and calm.

Good Shepherd is a school that caters for every child's needs, and lives out its motto; "To be together the heart of God in Amaroo"

OPEN DAY: Friday 18 May, 9.15am-11 am
School contact: 6255 7888
Email: office.goodshepherd@cg.catholic.edu.au



Mother Teresa School opened for the first time in February 2010. The school includes a preschool which runs a four year old program as well as classes in Kindergarten through to year 5 (in 2013) which will continue to grow through to Year 6.

In Mother Teresa we have a model of service that we can only hope to emulate. The school motto is "do small things with great love." This statement underlies our beliefs and guides our relationships with one another.

Our school buildings are modern, provide an excellent learning environment and promote sustainability.

The school works closely with our active and involved parents to promote a welcoming, caring and nurturing learning community.

OPEN DAY: Wednesday
9 May, 9.30am-11am
& 4pm-6pm
School contact: 6241 5604
Email: office.motherteresa@cg.catholic.edu.au



**Mother Teresa
School**

Do small things with great love

*To be together
the heart of
God in Amaroo*





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Faith, opportunity and excellence

St Clare's College provides an excellent environment for students to grow academically, socially, spiritually and personally. The College welcomes and supports students to develop into confident, capable young people equipped with the skills and knowledge to shape their futures successfully.



A faith community

From Years 7 to 12 students are motivated and encouraged to develop to their full potential within the context of the Catholic tradition. St Clare's provides opportunities and experiences designed to foster the spirituality of every girl. Youth ministry is expanding at the College and supports parish connections.



An academic program that is full and rewarding

St Clare's College offers a full and rewarding academic program as well as a number of vocational courses in Years 11 and 12 including Australian School-based Apprenticeships and training programs. Complementary academic pursuits including the ANU College pathway, debating, eisteddfods, Chorale, band opportunities, drama and the arts are all part of the supportive and challenging learning environment.



Co-curricular sport

The co-curricular sports program offers a wide range of opportunities to participate in traditional sport options as well as diverse sports including dragon boating, snow sports and outdoor pursuits such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award and World Challenge Programs.



Pastoral care and social justice

Pastoral Care programs assist the transition to High School for Year 7 and to College life for Year 11 students, as well as covering a range of programs to meet the developmental needs of adolescents. The opportunity to become involved in leadership and outreach is open to all students. The College takes pride in its strong support of charities in the wider community.



Excellent facilities and resources

The College provides excellent facilities for learning and teaching. A Trade Training Centre with a commercial kitchen and Flexible Learning Centre will be completed by the end of 2012.

2013 ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

YEAR 7, 2013

Thursday 3 May, 6.00 - 7.30 pm

YEAR 11, 2013

Tuesday 22 May, 7.30 - 8.30 pm

OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 8 May, 4.30 - 7.00 pm

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Marist College Canberra Junior School

Where upper primary boys belong and strive to do their best

Marist College Canberra is an independent Catholic school for boys, under the care of the Marist Brothers. The Junior School accepts students from Year 4 to Year 6, with an enrolment of approximately 390. Upon finishing Year 6, the boys move seamlessly into the Senior School, which has an enrolment of approximately 1200.

In welcoming new boys and their families to Marist College each year, Junior School teachers share enthusiastically and wholeheartedly the Marist vision of education. The staff's commitment to the boys in teaching them to become good Christians and good citizens is made a reality because they:

- provide a sound and systematic knowledge of Catholic faith and practice;
- strive for excellence in academic and personal endeavour;
- offer a comprehensive and relevant range of learning experiences and co-curricular activities targeting boys;
- develop boys' enthusiasm for discovery, risk-taking and enterprise;
- foster effective literacy and numeracy skills in boys;
- cultivate a positive attitude to learning and self-directed study skills.

Marist Junior School strives to build an environment that is affirming and challenging for boys. This involves promoting a culture where leadership, success, acceptance of praise, acceptance of authority and respect for tradition are permissible within the peer culture. Boys are also taught to value empathy, sharing, nurturing and a sense of community, as well as the traditional values of strength, loyalty and leadership. It is their conviction that the essential element for turning peer influence in positive directions is creating a sense that boys belong and are respected and valued.

Boys love coming to Marist College Junior School. Marist is famous for its strong sense of belonging and family spirit. Junior classes work with Senior boys in the Big Brother Little Brother Program and develop strong links with the Senior Section of the College. With such a positive foundation, they proceed confidently to their secondary education at Marist.



The College looks forward to welcoming visitors on **OPEN DAY** which is held across the College on **Sunday 6 May**
Enrolment enquiries are welcome by contacting the Junior School office on 6298 7271

Focus on literacy, numeracy

St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen, is a Catholic systemic school catering for 222 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school is situated on spacious and well-kept grounds featuring extensive and varied playing spaces for all students.

St Michael's is staffed by highly trained professionals who are committed to providing the best of Catholic education for the children.

The school is committed to providing strong quality curriculum in all academic areas and provides an education based on the values of Jesus.

St Michael's has a particular focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills across the school.

St Michael's values a fully sequenced curriculum from K-6 which is enquiry-based, comprehensive, progressive and well-resourced. The school has a comprehensive ICT integrated program, with networked computers and Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms.

All this exciting learning takes place in the recently refurbished classrooms, break-out spaces and state-of-the-art library resource centre.

St Michael's offers private music and drama classes, individual education programs assisting students with special needs, a program for gifted and talented students and a strong student leadership focus.



The community at St Michael's believes it has an exciting, challenging and happy school, which lives out our values through a school-wide behaviour program based on positive affirmation and reinforcement.

St Michael's community is a reflection of the school vision: a people of harmony, a place of challenge.

Everyone is invited to come and see St Michael's on either of its open days, 8 and 23 May, and to meet many teachers, students and parents.



St Michael's Primary School

'A People of Harmony, A Place of Challenge'

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Email: office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.stmichaelsps.act.edu.au



You are invited to come and see St Michael's on either of our Open Days, when you will be able to meet many of our teachers, students and parents.

Please feel free to contact the Principal **Mrs Judy Walsh** on 6241 4022 or office.stmichaelsps@cg.catholic.edu.au for further information or visit the school website: www.stmichaelsps.act.edu.au

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 8th May 2012 or Wednesday 23 May 2012
Please join a guided tour of our wonderful school at the following times - 10am; 2pm or 5.30pm.

Seven **BIG** Reasons to choose MacKillop

Why do more people choose **MacKillop** for Years 7-12 than any other school?

Perhaps it's the great teaching:

A school can be no greater than its teachers, and MacKillop prides itself on employing the very best. With teachers committed to engaging, challenging, and encouraging each and every student to develop their love for learning, it's no wonder the students often say that MacKillop's strength is truly found in its talented staff.

The College's NAPLAN results show that students who enrol in Year 7 at MacKillop achieve remarkable progress by the time they are in Year 9 – the kind of progress that continues into their senior years (and we've got the Year 12 results to prove it, too). Students do well at MacKillop!

Maybe it's the safe and dynamic community:

MacKillop boasts a Pastoral Care program that has been held in high regard by teachers, students, and parents alike. It promotes an open school that is welcoming, respectful of differences, enthusiastic about different talents, and where students can speak openly about their concerns and where they can expect to be helped. There's an energy at MacKillop that is fun, safe, and truly irresistible!

It's the opportunities for each and every student:

Each student at MacKillop has the opportunity to become anybody they want to be – it's our job to ensure we give them the best platform for that.

At MacKillop, each student gets a laptop for the duration of their stay at the College, which, in combination with online programs like StudyWiz, is allowing each student to achieve their potential.

With the impressive new Trade Training Centre, the state-of-the-art Information Resource Centre, and brand new science laboratories (set for completion this year), future and current students have more opportunities than ever before.



Opportunities: The 1:1 laptop program.

It's co-education, the way of the future:

Boys and girls learn together at MacKillop, promoting a mutual respect for gender difference, cohesive intellectual energy, and a learning community that best reflects the society our students belong to and are being prepared to one-day lead.

The comprehensive and contemporary curriculum offered by the College is aimed at developing each student's ability to embrace and manage change, to think critically, and to communicate with integrity, clarity, and imagination, which, in the 21st century, will be paramount to a successful life.

Co-education is normal, healthy, and how life-long learning occurs. Why would you not have it in the critical secondary school years?

It's the achievement:

If you want academic achievement, MacKillop is the place to be. If you want to achieve your sporting goals, MacKillop is the place to be. If you want to set yourself up to begin a trade or join the workforce, MacKillop is the place to be. Students come to MacKillop with many different talents and dreams, which MacKillop's teachers seek to nurture and encourage. MacKillop's achievements in cultural, sporting, and academic life serve as a source of pride to the student body and the wider community.

Maybe it's because we're Catholic:

At MacKillop, we're faithful to the Gospels, attentive to the example of Jesus Christ, and challenged by the life and work of St Mary MacKillop. We endeavour to be just, loving, faithful, inclusive of all, and joyful in each other's company. MacKillop is a Catholic school for all!



Vocational Pathways: PM Julia Gillard opens the new Trade Training Centre.

It's because the students love their school (and the feeling's mutual, really):

When MacKillop bids farewell to its Year 12 cohort, they leave knowing they were deeply loved by their teachers and friends.

MacKillop students are enthusiastic, generous, proactive, intelligent, and have a good sense of humour. They become young women and men who proceed to tertiary studies or the workplace with confidence, possessing initiative and the ability to make informed decisions.

Find out more at mackillop.act.edu.au



MacKillop students love their school.

Welcome to Canberra's **LARGEST** Secondary School (for good reason)

At MacKillop, students enjoy a vibrant energy, a modern curriculum, innovative teaching and a safe co-educational environment that makes it the most irresistible and logical choice for your Year 7-12 education.

We are a school about opportunities and values that prepare our students for the ever-changing world of the 21st century.

It's no wonder MacKillop students love their school. After all, the feeling's mutual.



ST MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE CANBERRA



INFORMATION NIGHTS

YEAR 7 2013

Monday, 7 May 2012 @6.30pm
Mackinnon Street, Wanniasa

YEAR 11 2013

Wednesday, 16 May 2012 @6pm
Ellerston Avenue, Isabella Plains





St Anne's Central School Temora

"St. Anne's Central School is at an exciting stage of its journey in Catholic education. This year we have 160 students in the primary and 102 students in Years 7-10 for the first time in many years. The St. Annes's community is very proud of its school and it's educational achievements." said David Keenan, Principal of St. Anne's.

In 2011 St. Anne's achieved the goal of restoring the secondary component of the school. Now it is time to look to the future and continue the journey of providing an excellent educational opportunity and faith for all. The school now has 262 students and is enjoying in the refurbish of the school, thanks to the Governments BER program.

St. Anne's now has a new library, art room, computer lab and administration block. The students have the best conditions to work in and the teachers are very grateful for the opportunities as well.

The school has a new Principal in David Keenan. He was Assistant Principal for five years and he and Dennis Sleight (Principal 2007-2011) worked closely together to create a smooth transition when Dennis retired and a new principal was employed, whoever that may have been. David was the choice and he is extremely proud to be part of this exciting journey in Catholic Education in Temora.

"To continue my vocation in Temora is exciting because Temora is a great town. The St. Anne's community has worked very hard to have a K-10 school and I am honoured to be the Principal and continue working



with them. The strong relationship with the parish highlights the strong sense of faith and acceptance of all, at St. Anne's. We have welcomed Fr. Simon Falk, after Fr. Phil Harding's retirement and he has fitted in extremely well and his support is appreciated. His work for God is very present in our community," said David Keenan.

St. Anne's also enjoys the presence of the Sisters of St Joseph, who continue to work with us well past their retirement age. "The support they give the school is beautiful and we love having them guide us and keep God at the centre of our being."

Supported by the School Board and the P & F association, St. Anne's offers a family moving to Temora a refreshing rural experience. Temora is only 50 minutes from both Wagga and Young. Griffith, a rural irrigation wonderland with beautiful vineyards and farming is only 150km away and a very easy day trip. In Temora, the town has much to offer. The Rural museum is beautiful and a must when visiting the amazing Temora Aviation Museum.

St. Anne's has a proud history and a beautiful school with wonderful facilities. If you are thinking of that rural move, don't forget to give Temora a thought.

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Promoting love of learning

St Thomas More's School is a small, Catholic, co-educational school located near the heart of Canberra in the quiet, leafy suburb of Campbell. The school's close proximity to Russell, Duntroon and Campbell Park means that a number of families have links to the Defence Force.

The school provides quality education in a Christ-centred community, promoting a love of learning and nurturing the potential of each person. It endeavours to build strong relationships with each family based on the core values of our faith. Its small population enables it to ensure that each student is known by each member of staff. The school's dedicated and professional staff members provide high quality academic programs that are current, innovative and allow each student to achieve his/her potential. The needs of all students are catered for as they are challenged and supported to become life-long learners.

Parish priest Fr Julian Wellspring has been with the community for four years. Students attend whole school Masses celebrated by Fr Julian on significant days such as Ash Wednesday and special feast days. Classes also have the opportunity to attend Mass and Reconciliation regularly. The sacramental program is co-ordinated through the parish. Each year students in years 2, 3 and 6 are able to take part in preparation for reception of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

The school's values program permeates all aspects of school-life and is integrated into all facets of the curriculum. Students are encouraged to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and effective leadership skills while promoting a happy and healthy environment in the school and the

community. Every five weeks a new value is introduced and used as the basis for staff, class and school prayer. Each class presents to the school a Values Assembly which explores the value through scripture, drama, artwork and song.

Sport has a high profile where students can play soccer, netball and basketball. High quality clinics are provided for all students. During each week of term one Coerver Soccer runs sessions for each class; during term two gymnastics clinics are held and in term three there are dance clinics for all students.

This year St Thomas More's is enjoying using the new hall which was built in 2011 as part of the Building the Education Revolution initiative.

In September the school concert will be performed in the hall, making use of its fabulous state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment. The hall will be officially opened on 17 May by Dr Andrew Leigh.

Support is available for students and families through the School Welfare Officer, Defence Schools Transition Aide and School Counsellor.

Mini-Vinnies is an active outreach ministry for students in Years 4 to 6. Activities include visits to Southern Cross apartments, food drives and regular fund-raising.

St Thomas More's offers a wide variety of extra-curricula activities including private music tuition, St Thomas More's Enrichment Program (STEP), the biennial art show and whole school concert.

The school has modern teaching and learning facilities incorporating the latest technologies, interactive whiteboards and a wireless computer laboratory.



ST THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Telephone **6249 8869**

E-mail office.stmore@cg.catholic.edu.au

Website www.stmore.act.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Margaret Pollard

OPEN DAYS: WEDNESDAY MAY 2ND & 9TH

School tours: 10am, 12pm & 2pm

For enrolment inquiries or more information please contact the school.





DARAMALAN COLLEGE 1962 - 2012

- 1962 Daramalan opens with 240 boys enrolled
- 1962 Fr John McMahon is the foundation Headmaster
- 1963 The first Art Expo starts and is still a feature in 2012
- 1964 Enrolments double to 477
- 1964 Fr John McCowage becomes Headmaster
- 1966 The school library opens with 600 books
- 1967 School fees are \$26 per Term
- 1967 The first Form Six graduates with Mark Cunliffe as first School Captain
- 1968 Enrolments move up to 930 students
- 1970 The first school band is formed
- 1970 A committee of parents agree that "students could smoke at school except during classes"
- 1971 Fr Jim Littleton is appointed Headmaster and is still part of the Daramalan MSC community in 2012
- 1972 The first Charity Walk (Kilothon) raises over \$10,000
- 1973 Student Tony Naar represents Australia in Volleyball
- 1975 Fr Harold Baker arrives at Daramalan and is still part of the College MSC Community.
- 1977 Co-education commences with 27 girls enrolled in Years 11
- 1978 The first Debutante Ball is held
- 1980 Students Stephen Conroy (now Senator Conroy) and Fulvio di Prinzio represent Australia in Volleyball
- 1980 Margaret Power becomes the first female School Captain
- 1981 Teacher Jean Reid retires after 20 years of service
- 1982 Student Phillip Jankowski wins a car and colour copier after winning Channel 7's "Class of '82" Quiz show.
- 1983 Fr Bob Irwin appointed as Headmaster
- 1985 Daramalan was the largest MSC school in the world
- 1986 Fire engulfs the Administration Wing on 7 July
- 1989 Fr Denis Uhr is appointed Principal
- 1989 The Deb Ball is the first event held at the new Canberra Convention Centre
- 1989 Students Cassandra Carey and Anthony Wilson represent Australia in skiing
- 1991 The Sports Centre opens at the College
- 1992 Smoking is finally banned at the College
- 1993 The girls' basketball team was the Champion School of Australia in Basketball
- 1994 Jeremy Kirk becomes Daramalan's first Rhodes scholar
- 1995 Teacher Pat Smith retires after 23 years
- 1996 The first girls are enrolled in Year 7
- 1996 The Primary School is closed after 34 years
- 1998 Mr Frank Fulton is appointed as Daramalan's first lay Principal
- 2001 The Kilothon (Charity Walk) raises a record breaking \$35,524
- 2002 Br James Maher composes and writes the school song
- 2002 Principal Frank Fulton sadly passes away in October and is replaced by Mr David Garratt
- 2004 Student Nick Farrelly is Daramalan's second Rhodes scholar
- 2006 Student Lauren Boden represents Australia in the Commonwealth Games in the 400m hurdles
- 2007 Teacher Michael Castrission wins over \$100,000 on Channel 9's "Great Temptation"
- 2008 Principal David Garratt retires after 34 years and Ms Rita Daniels is appointed as the College's first female Principal
- 2008 The new Garratt Hospitality Wing opens
- 2012 Daramalan celebrates 50 years



Fifty years ago the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSCs) opened a school for boys in the growing suburb of Dickson. Today, Daramalan College is a large co-educational school close to the centre of the city that continues to provide high quality Catholic secondary education to young people in Canberra and the surrounding region. The college has changed in many ways over the past fifty years but it has always retained the key elements that make it an excellent Catholic school.



Teacher Mrs Jean Reid and student - 1970s



Wood technology 2012

One of the hallmarks of Daramalan is the quality of the Pastoral Care provided to students. In addition to the new Pastoral Care program that is being offered in 2012, students are given a wide range of opportunities to learn more about themselves, their relationships with others and their personal faith journey through the retreats, Reflection Days, liturgical events and camps that are part of the Daramalan experience.

Opening Mass 2012



Each student has a Pastoral Care Advisor who gets to know them well and is available to support and advise them and their parents as they move through the college.

Sport has always been an important part of Daramalan

The size of the college means we are able to offer students an extensive range of courses and we have well-equipped specialist rooms for those subjects that require them such as Dance, Drama, Photography, IT and Hospitality.

A significant commitment has been made over the years to keeping the college's facilities maintained at a high standard. New facilities are being constructed now for Woodwork, Fashion and Graphics and after this project is completed later in 2012, work will begin on a Trade Training Centre with specialist spaces for Metal Technology and Automotive Technology. The college offers six Vocational courses to students in Years 11-12 in addition to a broad academic program that meets the diverse needs of students across Years 7-12.



Music 2011

The extensive Co-Curricular program is one of the college's strengths. We offer a large range of sports at club level as well as competing in inter-school competitions. The Performing Arts area is a dynamic part of the college with our bands, the choir, drama productions and dance performances all achieving at very high standards and providing students with wonderful experiences.

Other activities such as Debating, Community Service and the St Vincent de Paul conference highlight the opportunities our students have to participate in learning experiences beyond the classroom which are invaluable for their future as contributors to the broader community.



Senior girls in the Littleton Wing - 1980s

In 2012 the college is celebrating its Jubilee year. We are marking this year by holding events for current and past students and their families as well as staff. It is a time to celebrate and to give thanks for the many thousands of people who have contributed to the Daramalan story so far. Daramalan College warmly welcomes all families who want their sons and daughters to be part of a vibrant and welcoming school community as we enter the next fifty years.



Community Service Morsehead Home

We invite you to visit us on our Open Day on Thursday 3 May between 5.00 and 7.00pm. For further information, visit our website www.daramalan.act.edu.au

Information Centre



Daramalan College today



IMPORTANT ENROLMENT DATES FOR 2013

- Open Evening - 5.00pm - 7.00pm Thursday **3 May 2012**
- Year 7 2013 Information Session - 7.00pm - 8.00pm Thursday **3 May 2012**
- 2013 Enrolments commence - Monday **7 May 2012**
- Year 11 2013 Information Evening - 7.30pm Tuesday **22 May 2012**

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“Should I send my son to a boys’ school or a co-ed school?”

Studies undertaken by a leading Australian Educationalist, Dr Ian Lilico (<http://www.boysforward.com.au/perspectives/insights-into-boys>: March 2012) support the assertion that an all boys environment enhances the educational outcomes of boys.

Dr Lilico asserts:

- Boys need to have a sense of place and community at school. St Edmund’s College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition and has been educating boys for 58 years. It has an enduring commitment to ensure that membership of the College community continues indefinitely for former staff, students and their families.

- The relevance of what they are learning is particularly important to boys. The College curriculum continually evolves to reflect changing academic and vocational opportunities.

- Boys need a sense of empowerment and engagement at school with many opportunities for success. The College offers an extensive choice of subjects, a wide variety of co-curricular options, both sporting and cultural, and the opportunity to engage with the community through social justice programs.

- Boys do well in the arts and performing arts at single gender schools where they are less likely to feel different from the other participants.

- Sport is a valuable way for your son to get life-skills that he may not get through other avenues. The College offers a diverse range of both sporting and cultural co-curricular activities that encourage each student’s personal development. The boys learn teamwork: the art of winning and losing gracefully; to understand that everything improves through practice, and how to work towards personal goals.

- Boys must keep connected with nature. St Edmund’s College owns a beachside property The Pines at Tuross



Head, NSW. The Pines is used as an off-campus field studies centre, for retreats, community-building experiences, father-son camps, and sporting camps. All boys annually experience time at The Pines.

St Edmund’s College boasts an impressive range of facilities. The one campus accommodates all of our students from Years 4-12.

The Middle School of Year 4 - 7 offers the intimacy of a smaller school while also providing access to the range of resources and facilities of a large school. Students also enjoy the continuity of friendships, teaching staff and location as they move through their

school years. Boys thrive in this environment.

St Edmund’s College understands that the transition between primary school and high school can, at times, be both difficult and stressful for boys and their families. Thus, Year 7 boys remain within the Middle School where they are able to comfortably transition into the more demanding high school environment.

St Edmund’s College is a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice Tradition. As a Catholic school it contributes to the development of young men through quality Catholic education in partnership with staff, parents, families and the wider community.

The worth and liberation of the individual, enhanced by personal formation in light of the Gospel and Christian values, are essential elements of the Religious Education and Social Justice programs. The College’s purpose is to embrace the actions and teaching of Jesus to educate and form young men of diverse needs to strive for their best, to be compassionate and of service to others.

The staff of St Edmund’s College are well attuned to the needs of boys, academic, spiritual and developmental, and seek always to nurture the very best in each of them.

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TWILIGHT TOUR 16 MAY 5:30 pm

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2013

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YEAR 7 2013 Information Evening

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7.00pm formal information session

YEAR 11 2013 Information Evening

Wednesday 16 May

5.30pm tours and subject displays
6.30pm formal information session



Living the truth

Leading with courage

Learning for life

What it means to be God's child

Not all fear is created equal, at least not religiously. There's a fear that's healthy and good, a sign of maturity and love. There's also a fear that's bad, that blocks maturity and love. But this needs explanation.

There's a lot of misunderstanding about fear inside of religious circles, especially around the Scriptural passage that says that the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

Too often texts like these, as well as religion in general, have been used to instill an unhealthy fear inside of people in the name of God.

We need to live in "holy fear", but holy fear is a very particular kind of fear that should not be confused with fear as we normally understand it.

What is "holy fear"? What kind of fear is healthy? What kind of fear triggers wisdom?

Holy fear is love's fear, namely, the kind of fear that is inspired by love. It's a fear based upon reverence and respect for a person or a thing we love.

When we genuinely love another person we will live inside of a healthy anxiety, a worry that our actions should never grossly

disappoint, disrespect, or violate the other person.

We live in holy fear when we are anxious not to betray a trust or disrespect someone. But this is very different from being afraid of somebody or being afraid of being punished.

Bad power and bad authority intimidate and make others afraid of them.

God is never that kind of power or authority. God entered our world as a helpless infant and God's power still takes that same modality. Babies don't intimidate, even as they inspire holy fear.

We watch our words and our actions around babies not because they threaten us, but rather because their very helplessness and innocence inspire an anxiety in us that makes us want to be at our best around them.

The Gospels are meant to inspire that kind of fear. God is Love, a benevolent power, a gracious authority, not someone to be feared. Indeed God is the last person we need to fear. Jesus came to rid us of fear.

Virtually every theophany in scripture (an instance where God appears) begins with the

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words: "Do not be afraid!" What frightens us does not come from God.

In the Jewish scriptures, the Christian Old Testament, King David is revealed as the person who best grasped this.

Among all the figures in the Old Testament, including Moses and the great prophets, David is depicted as the figure that best exemplified what it means to walk on this earth in the image and likeness of God, even though at a point he grossly abuses that trust.

Despite his great sin, it is to David, not to Moses or the prophets, to whom Jesus attributes his lineage. David is the Christ-figure in the Old

Testament. He walked in holy fear of God, and never in an unhealthy fear.

To cite just one salient example: The Book of Kings recounts an incident where David is, one day, returning from battle with his soldiers. His troops are hungry. The only available food is the bread in the temple.

David asks for that and is told that it is only to be consumed by the priests in sacred ritual.

He answers the priest to this effect: "I'm the King, placed here by God to act responsibly in his name. We don't ordinarily ask for the temple bread, but this is an exception, a matter of urgency, the soldiers need food, and God would want us to responsibly do this."

And so he took the temple bread and gave it to his soldiers.

In the Gospels, Jesus praises this action by David and asks us to imitate it, telling us that we are not made for the Sabbath, but that the Sabbath is made for us.

David understood what is meant by that. He had discerned that God is not so much a law to be obeyed as a gracious

presence under which we are asked to creatively live.

He feared God, but as one fears someone in love, with a "holy fear", not a blind, legalistic one.

A young mother once shared this story with me:

Her six year-old had just started school. She had taught him to kneel by his bed each night before going to sleep and recite a number of night prayers.

One night, shortly after starting school, he hopped into bed without first kneeling in prayer.

Surprised by this, she challenged him with the words: "Don't you pray anymore?"

His reply: "No, I don't. My teacher at school told us that we are not supposed to pray. She said that we're supposed to talk to God ... and tonight I'm tired and have nothing to say!"

Like King David, he too had discerned what it really means to be God's child and how God is not so much a law to be obeyed as a gracious presence who desires a mutually loving relationship, one of holy fear.

why I grow what I grow

Summer or winter it's a hectic life

A column in which well known and not so well known people with green thumbs tell us just how they do it. This month we speak to Peter Mullany, of Ballina-clash orchard and vineyard

Young is best known for its cherries, but according to Peter Mullany, its red wines aren't bad either.

"Young does grow a very good red wine, it matches any area - it's definitely up at the elitist level," Mr Mullany said.

Mr Mullany would know - he and his wife Cath have owned the Ballinaclash orchard and vineyard near Young for 17 years. It stocks wines as well as jams and sauces made with stone fruit picked from their orchard.

The 7-hectare vineyard at the property grows grapes for wines, while the orchard has apricots, prunes, peaches, nectarines and plums for sauces or jams.

The St Mary's parishioners took over the business from Mr Mullany's parents in 1995, now marketing it as a "pick your own" orchard where along with wine tastings, visitors can pick their own fruit and take it home, including Young's famous cherries.

"We get a lot of tourists from Wollongong and Sydney, but people from Canberra are probably the biggest fans of the 'pick your own' concept," Mr Mullany said.

"Many people don't have much of a connection with the country anymore, so this is a day out where people do really enjoy it, so it's very rewarding to see that."

Helping his parents at the orchard started Mr Mullany's love of growing, but the idea for growing grapes didn't come till later, when he and his wife owned the business.

"It was very popular at the time and we sort of jumped on the bandwagon and thought it would be a good thing to do," he said.

Many long hours of hard labour are involved a typical work day: "the process is we usually pick the fruit, cut it up, then send it off to be made into wines, jams and sauces," Mr Mullany said.

"It then comes back to us and we sell them here and also stock cellar doors and restaurants in the area."

Although summer is a "hectic season", winter is hardly quiet for the business.

"Winter is spent pruning and maintaining everything, which we do six days a week usually," he said.

"In summer we are picking and that is seven days a week - we hardly get a minute to spare since there's deadlines and people depending on us.

"Picking is very rewarding though; you can make a lot from the grapes for example, a thousand bottles can be



Peter Mullany among the vines (above) and in the Ballinaclash store (right).

made from a tonne of grapes so you get a lot out of them."

Growing for a business that depends on the weather is "tough," says Mr Mullany.

"We had the drought for 13 years, then that broke and we thought it was fantastic, but then we had two years of rain which destroyed all our fruit," he said.

"Sometimes you go through days wondering if it's all worth it, but at the end of the day it's really rewarding."

The Mullanys have been married 24 years and have six children, two of whom work at the orchard.

"My family have always liked the familiar, community feel of Young," he said.



"It's great to be able to stay here and keep the business in the family."

Mr Mullany's advice for those growing fruit is to "know your area".

"In an area like ours, we wouldn't be growing bananas," he said.

"It's the advice you seek - the local advice is as good as any qualified professional advice generally; you just need the right area and to grow what your area grows and have a crack."

For more information on the Ballinaclash vineyard and orchard visit <http://www.ballinaclash.com.au/>

SHORTS

makes for an imagination bending adventure. The voices are excellent, Hugh Grant at his Hugh Grantish best.

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen. Starring: Ewan McGregor, Emily Blunt, Kristin Scott Thomas, and Amr Waked. Directed by Lasse Hallstrom. 107 minutes. M (Mature themes and infrequent coarse language).

A British romantic comedy-drama based on a novel of the same name. A gentle, sweet movie that achieves its comedy and drama in an understated way, and creates some delightful, moments, both verbal and non-verbal. McGregor and Blunt help give credibility to a very unlikely situation.

Battleship. Starring Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson, Alexander Skarsgard, Rihanna, and Brooklyn Decker. Directed by Peter Berg. 131 minutes. M (Science fiction violence).

A science fiction, naval war film made by the same distributors, who were responsible for Transformers. High-energy, action-packed made on a very expensive budget. Not a thinking-person's film, but it entertains explosively.

The Pirates, Band of Misfits. Animation film voiced by Hugh Grant, Martin Freeman, David Tennant and Imelda Staunton. Directed by Peter Lord. 88 minutes. G.

This is a bit of a guilty pleasure for adults, a daffy pirate story full of anachronisms, that

Unpredictable Penn at his strangest...

This Must Be The Place. Starring Sean Penn, Frances McDormand, Harry Dean Stanton, Eve Renson, Directed by Paolo Sorrentino. 114 minutes. M (Sexual references, coarse language and mature themes). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*

Were there to be a competition for a list of most peculiar films, this would certainly find a place there. It is at times bizarre, comic, serious, deadly serious, enigmatic and never predictable. It also offers what must be Sean Penn's most idiosyncratic performance.

If a reviewer simply said that the film is about an ageing, faded rock star who still dresses with make-up as in his heyday who goes to the United States from Dublin where he lives to find his family and then travels across America, with a touch of the Forrest Gump, on a mission of avenging his father and his concentration camp experiences, you would have a sketch synopsis – but a synopsis which does little value to the content and style of communication of the film.

And, if someone told you that they hated the film, you would not be surprised.

However, if you stay with the film and Sean Penn's performance, then you will probably surrender, at least in part, to its strange story, its even more strange character, and the number of themes and issues that it raises.

You may also surrender to the visual style, communicating the different parts of the states visited as well as the range of music, from quiet piano to rock and roll, but, especially to the songs of Talking Heads and more songs by David Byrne (who appears and sings the title song) and new songs by Byrne and Will Oldham.

Surprisingly, the Ecumenical Jury in Cannes 2011 awarded its prize to this film even though previous winning directors were represented.

Penn is Cheyenne, a pop star of 20 years earlier who lives in retirement in Dublin with his feisty wife of 35 years, played by Frances McDormand.

The point is made that Cheyenne has not really grown up.

He has a tinny, rather whining voice, a hesitant manner even though he is particularly direct and honest in what he has to say. He seems to survive with some friends in Ireland and the good management of his wife. He is also friends with a mother whose son has disappeared and who sits at the window waiting for him.

Targetting teens

The Lucky One. Starring: Zac Efron, Taylor Schilling, Blythe Danner, Riley Thomas Stewart, and Jay R. Ferguson. Directed by Scott Hicks. 101 minutes. M (Sex scenes and violence). Reviewer: Peter W Sheehan*.

Based on an American best-selling novel of the same name by Nicholas Sparks, the film tells the story of a US Marine Logan Thibault (Zac Efron), who returns home after his third tour of duty in Iraq. He claims the only thing that kept him alive was a photograph of a woman he didn't even know. The girl is Beth Clayton (Taylor Schilling), and he shows up at her door, and takes a part-time job at the kennel run by her and her grandmother. There are complexities in Beth's life. She is a divorced woman with a young son. The film targets teenagers ready to be influenced by a sentimental tale of lovers kept apart by time and circumstance. This is a film that deliberately provides escapist fare. * Peter W. Sheehan is associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting.



Cheyenne (Sean Penn, back) and his wife Jane (Frances McDormand) in a scene from Paolo Sorrentino's This Must Be The Place.. Hopscotch films.

Cheyenne, with his Gothic look, hairstyle and make-up, decides to go to his family in New York where his father, estranged for 30 years, has died. He learns about his father's time in the concentration camp and a guard who had humiliated him whom he has tried to track down all his life.

Cheyenne decides to go searching, a road trip (with a businessman's precious car which has a somewhat fiery end) which takes him to see an old teacher in Michigan, a single mother with a chubby son (who also sings the title song) and changes their lives with his kindness.

He also meets a man in Utah (Harry Dean Stanton) who reveals that it was he who took out the patent for suitcases with wheels in 1988. Having long thought that whoever this person was, he deserved a Nobel Prize for such an energy-saving invention, I was in admiration of this scene which, like many in the film, is not essential to the plot but adds atmosphere and feeling.

The moral moment is when he confronts the guard, now an old man, and hears about his father's experience. What is he to do with the man?

The film is poetic, lots of symbolism and visual detail, that elicits all kinds of sense responses and emotions.

It also offers much to reflect on, the pop music industry and history and the perils of celebrity, let alone broader issues of the United States in the 21st century and, still, the deep memories of the Holocaust. This must be the place, especially in the lyrics of the song (which is played and sung in many versions throughout the film) is home.

* Fr Peter Malone MSC is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

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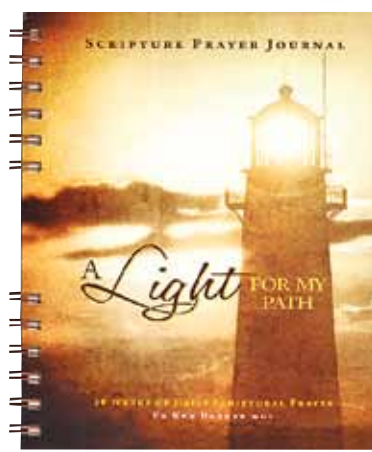
Do you have a structure for your prayer life? It can be a bit daunting. Often we can begin a prayer routine, but may flounder in direction or scope without some assistance, especially in the beginning.

Fr Ken Barker's journal style approach is premised on the power of scripture, of God's Word to us, and our reflection including (the invitation and

space are there) a written/sketched response. His explanation of lectio divina is clear and encouraging, as is the purpose of the book and its format.

The journal is divided into weekly segments focused around a theme (eg, trust in God's providence) and these are arranged under four broad topics (eg, Disciple of Christ). The book can be approached in the order suggested, or in any way appropriate to the individual.

The journal continues for 30 weeks, giving support and allowing the development of a



firm foundation for prayer life, or a spiritual breath of air for "seasoned travellers".

For the first day of each week, there is a brief introduction to the theme, with points for sharing, if the journal is being used with a group, or for personal reflection.

For the other six days, there is a single encouraging sentence explaining a truth of Christian life in terms of relationship, a scripture reference using the NRSV translation, space for a response and a supporting quotation from another part of scripture, saint or spiritual writer. One A5 page is allocated for each day. There is a sense that this "program" is manageable!

The book is enticing: attractively presented and spirally bound.

Fr Barker, founder of the Missionaries of God's Love communities, has produced a rich resource for those desiring a deeper relationship with our loving God.

This book was written in response to people's voiced desire for a simple structure for daily prayer, and in response to the recent Synod on the Word of God and the Pope's document Verbum Domini.

Even seasoned pray-ers may appreciate some guidance occasionally.

Come and meet some holy friends

The Saints In My Life: My Favourite Spiritual Companions. By Fr Benedict J. Groeschel CFR. Our Sunday Visitor, 2011, 207 pages, \$ 24.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

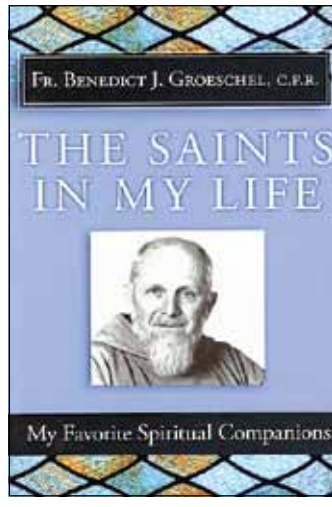
The apostle Paul, in many of his letters, addressed his hearers as saints or holy ones.

Sometimes I like to imagine the reactions of those in the congregation if the homilist should do the same today.

Embarrassment perhaps, or even denial?

Yet holy ones is what we are and the canonised saints knew this very well - we are beloved by God.

Fr Benedict J. Groeschel has written a gentle concise summary of his favourite saints and why they have been his spiritual compan-



ions throughout his long life.

Among the 19 he has chosen, this Franciscan has included some obvious ones, Francis of Assisi, Clare and Padre Pio.

He has some lesser-known ones who are dear to him. His own particular patron in religious life is

Benedict Joseph. Not Benedict the great monastic (although he is here as well) or Joseph the foster father of Jesus, but Benedict Joseph Labre.

It seems an odd choice. Groeschel describes his saint as a social misfit in his own time (early 19th century France) and would probably be even more so in ours.

Benedict J's life was dogged by disappointment. Undeniably holy, he attempted to join a number of religious orders but was rejected each time because of a poor education and possibly because of mental illness.

BJ died a homeless beggar on the streets of Rome.

He had come to believe that he was called to rely totally on God for everything.

Groeschel likes him because BJ challenges us.

Those with disabilities or psychiatric problems show us the frailty of human life.

Despite all his shortcomings, BJ was loved by God and he loved God in return.

Fr Groeschel chose Benedict Joseph early in his life as a religious and has never regretted it during his time as a psychologist, spiritual director, writer and broadcaster.

He demonstrates that all of us, with our different gifts and weaknesses, are indeed holy in God's sight and we are right to live our lives in joyful hope.

This is a peace-filled book to take up and put down at will. You will meet many old friends in its pages.

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Look after yourself - and grow

Looking after Yourself: A Christian guide to a balanced life. By Len Kofler MHM. Redemptorist Publications, 2010, 147 pages, \$18.95. Reviewer: Janet Moyle.

It is not uncommon for people to sign off on a conversation with the words, "Look after yourself". As a "single" I find that injunction supremely ironic. After all, who else does, I'm apt to think. But, of course, looking after yourself

entails more than cooking nourishing meals and getting enough exercise and sleep.

Len Kofler recognises this in his book which he subtitles A Christian guide to a balanced life. He intends his book to be a personal guide to growth although he says it is not exactly a self-help book.

He believes that when we grow as individuals we assist society to advance as well. We are interconnected.

There are five chapters starting with Learning to Listen, progressing to Becoming More Aware; Learning to Affirm Ourselves and Others; Our Personal History and Integrating it into our Lives and Learning to Live a Healthy Life. That about covers everything, when you think about it.

There is no sense of beating yourself up but a real concrete guide to progress.

Getting to know the time of Ezekiel

The Book of Ezekiel. Question by Question. By Corrine L Carvalho. Paulist Press, 2010. PB, 204 pages, \$33.95. Reviewer: Margaret Ryan.

How well do you know the book of Ezekiel? Most of us would recall the story of the valley of dry bones, and the responsibilities of shepherds, from Sunday and weekday lectionary readings.

This is part of a Paulist Press series offering a familiarisation with a particular biblical text. This author studied at Yale and is a professor of Old Testament at the Catholic University of St Thomas in Minnesota, where she specialises in the exilic prophets.

"Ezekiel" covers a period of Israeli history in which the people were confronting pain, suffering, war and national devastation, as well as challenging images of God.

Cavalho writes for "the educated lay reader" and the book would be appropriate for group and/or individual study. She encourages approaching the text through prayer, study and reflection. Maybe this book will inspire further reading. A helpful handbook.

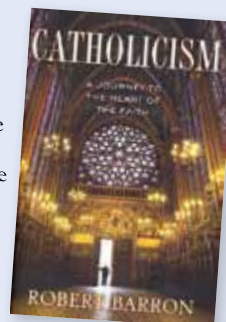
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PRAYER to the Blessed Virgin Mary. O most beautiful flower of Mt Carmel, fruitful vine, Splendour of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here thou art my Mother. 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 Mary, I place this prayer in thy hands (three times). This prayer must be said for three days. (Published in this issue on behalf of MP, DP and TP. Petitions gained after saying this prayer.

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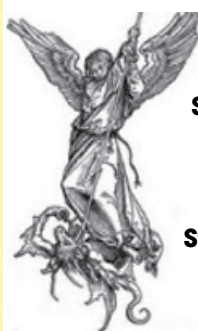
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AMICUS - Support & friendship/ social group for widowed, separated or divorced Catholics regular activities on second and fourth weekends. New members welcome. Inquiries: Len, telephone 6299 6606; Pat 6292 1631, Brian 6291 7402.

ANNUAL MARIAN PROCESSION - Pilgrimage to St Clement's Monastery, Galong, Sunday, 6 May. Bookings from Queanbeyan and Canberra, Judy and Joe Mewburn, telephone 6254 6202.

CURSILLO - Bishop Pat Power guest speaker at next Ultreya, 8pm, Thursday, 24 May, Marian Hall, St Matthew's Parish, Page. Topic "The Spirituality of Pilgrimage". All welcome.

HOLY SPIRIT SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY - Meets every third Friday of month, 7.30pm, St John Vianney's, Waramanga. Secular Franciscans try to follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis. Inquiries: Frank Farrell, telephone 6258 7645 or 0400 793 260.

LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN - Madeleine Sophie Barat Program sponsored by religious of the Sacred Heart, organised by women for women, focusing on social awareness, spirituality and leadership. Live-in weekend retreats, 6-8 July, 2-4 November, The Gathering Place, 4 Bancroft Street, Dickson. Applications: Sr Betty McMahon, telephone 6257 9027, e-mail betty.kp@bigpond.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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP - Meets second Friday of the month after 5.30 pm Healing Mass, parish centre St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah Inquiries: Maria, telephone 6286 5679.

REFLECTION DAYS - Batehaven to the Bush retreat, run by Sisters of St Joseph of Goulburn. Batehaven, Opening Gate of Wisdom, Sr Carmel Drew, 10am-3pm, 22 May; Ardlethan, Walking Through the Shadows, Sr Marietta, 10am-3pm, 9 May; Temora, Opening Gates of Wisdom, Sr Carmel Drew, 10am-3pm, 30 May. Inquiries: Sr Carmel Drew, St Joseph's Convent, David St, Batehaven NSW 2536, Sr Mary Murphy, PO Box 45, Ardlethan NSW 2665, telephone 6978 2585.

SERRA CLUB OF CANBERRA - Rosary and Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Curtin, 6.10pm, Thursday 10 May, followed by dinner at The Southern Cross Club, Woden. Inquiries: John Malycha, telephone 6251 2912.

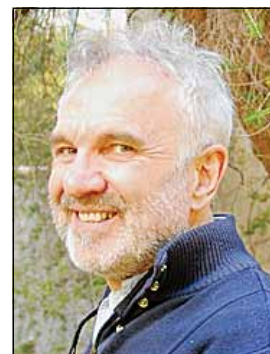
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Weekend for married couples, 20-22 July, St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park, NSW. Bookings: Telephone 4283 3435 or www.wmme.org.au

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'So much to learn' in other cultures

Volunteering overseas can change the way you view the world and provide an "extraordinary" cultural experience, executive director of Palms Australia Mr Roger O'Halloran (right) says.



Palms Australia, a Church lay volunteering agency, is looking for volunteers in Canberra and other cities to work in disadvantaged communities around the world. The agency recruits, prepares, sends and supports skilled volunteers to reduce global poverty, at the request of partner communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.

Mr O'Halloran was travelling around Australia to recruit about 20 volunteers.

"The communities will request anyone with skills, from doctors, administrative staff, teachers, youth workers, physiotherapists, or nurses, and are in countries such as East Timor, Papua New Guinea and South Africa," Mr O'Halloran said in Canberra.

"The volunteers then go through an application process, where they sit for an interview.

"We like to really prepare our volunteers for living overseas as it's often a massive culture shock, so there's extensive preparation of about three months for the successful applicants."

Usually volunteers will work overseas for two years or longer, and receive a small income for personal needs and accommodation.

"The volunteers live pretty simply, but that helps them to become more attuned to the local community," Mr O'Halloran said.

People often "speak of the extraordinary experience they have and the learning process," he said. "There's so much one can learn in another culture and learning about basics again that perhaps we can forget. People speak very highly about having that experience."

Palms Australia celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, and although he acknowledges its success, Mr O'Halloran hopes to boost the agency's profile. The chosen volunteers will leave Australia in January next year.

More information is available at www.palms.org.au/volunteer/enquiry/

Missionaries need support



Secretary general of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith Fr Timothy Lehan Barrett visited Archbishop's house in Canberra to speak about the need for missionaries to feel the support of the Universal Church in their work. Fr Barrett spoke to about 20 guests including Archbishop Mark Coleridge, national director of Catholic Mission Australia Mr Martin Teulan and Catholic Mission director Deacon Joe Blackwell. Fr Barrett, from County Cork in Ireland, has been a Divine Word priest since 1986. He was a missionary in Ecuador for 25 years, working in urban prison ministry.

ABOVE: Fr Barrett with Deacon Blackwell.



Ascension and Pentecost celebrations mark Christ's passing of the missionary 'baton' to us along with the means necessary to respond, his Spirit.

Being missionary isn't necessarily easy or convenient but forms a foundational aspect of everyone's baptism. The needs are great and the calls for help are many. Some works being supported, experience setbacks through natural disasters, wars and other conflicts. Such situations can easily overwhelm and tire us without the Spirit's help.

Yet it is into these situations that we are called to respond, generally with prayer and through offering financial support.

Assistance enables outreach within communities and ultimately by members of these communities in spreading the good news of Jesus and providing them with the materials and means to help others experience life lived abundantly.

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God bless,
Deacon Joe Blackwell

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Sr Mary Corkeron

Sr Mary farewells RCIA role

Archdiocesan coordinator of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program Sr Mary Corkeron RSM has been farewelled by staff of CatholicLIFE. She was appointed to the position by Archbishop Mark Coleridge in June 2007 for two years. But, her knowledge of the RCIA pro-

gram, passion for helping parishes with their programs and her love of walking with people on the RCIA journey meant she stayed on for a few more years. When asked what she had planned for the future, Sr Mary said she was confident God had something worthwhile planned for her.

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BELOW LEFT: Chrism Mass 2008.
BELOW RIGHT: Passing the Cross to the Bishop of Wagga atop Mount Kosciusko.
MIDDLE LEFT: Advising then PM Kevin Rudd.
MIDDLE RIGHT: With pilgrims in Rome for Mary MacKillop's canonisation.
BOTTOM LEFT and MIDDLE: The ups and downs of being an archbishop, blessing the Goulburn giant mosaic.
BOTTOM RIGHT: A rare quiet moment in Archbishop's House chapel.



TOP: Being greeted at his installation in 2006 in St Christopher's Cathedral and ABOVE with mother Marjorie (now deceased).

