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## Archbishop's Message

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

# THE JOY OF vocations to the priesthood in a hostile world

Dear Friends in Christ,  
The ordination of two of our young men to the priesthood on 7th September 2018 is a great joy for the Archdiocese.

Frs. Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan have co-discerned with us over a long period of time that the gentle call of the Holy Spirit deep within them is, indeed, a call to the ministerial priesthood.

They have pledged total commitment to exercise the priesthood of Jesus Christ as priests in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn all the days of their life. May the Lord Jesus and Mary, the mother of all priests, strengthen their resolve in both the good and challenging times ahead

In regard to the challenging times ahead, I am reminded of a very strong statement made some years ago by a former Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago in USA who was not one to make strong statements.

Cardinal Francis George (1937 – 2015), in reflecting on being a bishop in the increasingly hostile world for religious belief in the Western world of today had this to say:

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Let us hope this is an exaggeration! However, it may be seen as the consequence of a State making laws beyond its competence.

Yet, history has shown that young people will be drawn all the more to the priesthood and religious life in a society that starts to persecute religious believers.

Please encourage priesthood vocations for our Archdiocese. You have all been most generous in giving monies for the education of our seminarians. Thank you so much. Can I impose on your generosity further to

nulley@cg.org.au to seek further advice and direction.

Later this year, I will be happy to ordain, please God, to the (transitional) Diaconate, Alexander Osbourne.

I am also so happy to announce that Fr Loi Viovicente, our Filipino parish priest of Page and Aranda, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese.

The times are tough for religious belief. The challenges are many and the societal context looks bleak. But we are people of hope and courage. Our shared Catholic faith can grow so much when under pressure. The Holy Spirit is with us more than ever before because our needs are so great.

In this Year of Youth, and in the lead up to the Plenary Council of Australia (2020/2021), and in the aftermath of the Royal Commission, let us all do what Jesus asks of us and "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." (Luke 5/4)

## Lasting bonds forged with Nigerian Diocese

ARCHBISHOP Christopher Prowse recently welcomed Nigerian Bishop Michael Apochi to the Archdiocese as part of a broad sharing of culture and practices of the church in the two parts of the world.

"Over the last few years, the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn and the Diocese of Otukpo have moved into an exchanging of gifts, a friendship with each other, so that we can enjoy the gifts of God's kingdom that he gives to his universal church," Archbishop Prowse said.

"Three of the priests from the Bishop's Diocese are exercising Ministry here in this Archdiocese, and also we're looking at doing some basic funding for some of the projects in Bishop's Nigerian Diocese.

"In so doing, we're showing an exchange of gifts in the universal church of the Catholic faith, building each other up, gifts being shared, and learnings

of the different cultural aspects of this great church throughout the world that the Lord founded."

Bishop Apochi expressed his gratitude for the opportunities and experiences the co-operation between his Diocese and the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese has offered

"I am really grateful on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Otukpo for our relationship," he said.

"The relationship between the Diocese and the Archdiocese; the relationship between the Bishop and the Archdiocese; and the relationship between the laity and the laity here of the Archdiocese and between the priests and religious of our Diocese and yours... we are really very, very grateful.

"This is a clear indication of how the church is really universal ... Australia, Nigeria... coming together and working together in harmony."



Archbishop Christopher Prowse welcomes Nigerian Bishop Michael Apochi

## Save the Date: September 7

### Ordination of Adrian and Namora

The ordination of Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan will take place on **Friday September 7 at 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest.** Namora and Adrian will be ordained by Archbishop

Christopher Prowse and light refreshments will be served afterwards at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre Hall. Those wishing to attend need to RSVP by August 27 to [namora.anderson@cg.org.au](mailto:namora.anderson@cg.org.au) or [adrian.chan@cg.org.au](mailto:adrian.chan@cg.org.au).

## ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER'S DIARY: SEPTEMBER

**TUESDAY, 4 - 11.00am** 2020 Plenary Listening Sessions with Years 5 -10 students, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre

**WEDNESDAY, 5 - 7.00am** Christian Leaders Breakfast, Woden Alliance Church, Waramanga

**THURSDAY, 6 - 9.00am** Council of Priests/Trustees & Consultants Meeting

**FRIDAY, 7 - 7.00pm** Priestly Ordination of Adrian Chan & Namora Anderson, St Christopher's Cathedral

**SATURDAY, 8 - 9.00am** Mass, Sisters of Charity for Feast Day of St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St Gregory's Church, Queanbeyan

**SUNDAY, 9 - 11.00am** Confirmation Mass, St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan 1.00pm Confirmation Mass, St Gregory's Parish, Queanbeyan

**TUESDAY, 11 - 11.00am** Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture Board Meeting 6.00pm Confirmation Mass, St Michael's Church, Kaleen

**WEDNESDAY, 12 - 9.00am** Permanent Committee Meeting, Sydney 6.00pm Confirmation Mass, St Monica's Parish, Evatt

**THURSDAY, 13 - 6.00pm** National Council of Priests of Australia Conference Mass, QT Canberra

**FRIDAY, 14 - 12.15pm** Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral

**SATURDAY, 15** Delegation of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue

**WEDNESDAY, 26 - 7.00pm** Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Charles Gauchi, Darwin Archdiocese

**THURSDAY, 27 - 5.30pm** ACT ACU Chapter Meeting, Watson

**SUNDAY, 30 - 11.00am** Mass, St Christopher's Cathedral



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# Archdiocesan youth shine

THE SKIES were grey but the faces shone as over 450 young people from across the Archdiocese gathered at Marist College on Monday to experience the Shine Gathering.

The event was a gathering of year 9 and 10 students who had recently chosen an elective within the Religious Education curriculum focused on the CSYMA youth ministry program. Though not compulsory, the elective is something some students have chosen to do after participating in a Catch the Wave retreat run by Youth Ministers earlier this year. A real fruit of the CSYMA model now seeking to be implemented across all schools in our Archdiocese.

Project Officer for Catholic Schools and the New Evangelisation, Nathan Galea said he was tremendously encouraged by the turnout of young people keen to find out more about their faith.

“At a time in the church where we have about a three per cent participation rate at Mass on the weekend, and here we’ve got nearly 500 kids who are stepping out to look at what this whole thing is about Jesus, and what the gift is of our faith, it’s a pretty exciting time in our Archdiocese and I feel like there’s a real Grace that something’s at work here,” he said.

The day consisted of a range of events, from ice-breaking crowd pleasers, to workshops, testimonies and proclamations of young people sharing their life stories.

Many of the students particularly appreciated the opportunity to mix with students from other schools, and other regions.

One of the key aspects of the event was that it wasn’t the end point of a process, and many teachers were excited to head back into the school with this



Hannah McMahon speaks with students from across the Archdiocese

momentum, and with the model in the schools for them to take the next step. Mr Galea thanked the Archdiocese Youth Ministry, all of the schools and the teachers

involved for their ongoing examples in faith and for assisting to make the event a reality.

“We especially want to thank Marist College for their

hospitality in hosting such a huge event, and to have it in the middle of a day when the school’s in operation... we’re very grateful for that,” he said.



## 2018 BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES

### Designing for transformation: a tale of two worlds

**Ms Danielle Dal Cortivo, founder of the Canberra-based Raize the Roof charity, speaks about how the simple idea of building a house resulted in the transformation of individuals and communities, and changed the way we think about what’s possible.**

**Date:**  
Wednesday 19 September 2018

**Time:**  
5.30pm - registration and refreshments, 6-7pm - lecture

**Cost:** Free

**Where:**  
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Veritas Building  
Australian Catholic University  
127 Phillip Ave, Watson, ACT

RSVP is essential by Friday  
14 September 2018

For more information and to RSVP email  
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# Book Launch

## St Paul's seminarians remembered

BUILT in 1897, for years its Pyrmont sandstone walls stood at the centre of the Sacred Heart Monastery overlooking Kensington, both church and later school for local Catholics.

Today, that central building and those around it perform a range of functions, including use as a conference centre.

But for thirty shining years within the Monastery grounds operated a seminary for "older men," an innovative idea at the time, giving men who received a late vocational call an opportunity to graduate in four years rather than the usual seven.

From 1968 until 1998, 281 priests were ordained at St Paul's, 23 of them from the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese.

"Twenty three of our best priests went through St Paul's," according to Emeritus Bishop Pat Power, editor of the new book 'Late Call'.

Bishop Power, a graduate of St Columba's, Springwood and St Patrick's, Manly, said he always had a great admiration for the 23 graduates of St Paul's from this Archdiocese.

For that reason he took on compiling the book as a labour of love to tell their stories. His

fascination with St Paul's, aside from his personal fondness for the place where he attended many bishop's conferences, stems from the wide range of backgrounds the seminarians came from.

"It was a seminary for late vocations and it was started by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart," Bishop Power said.

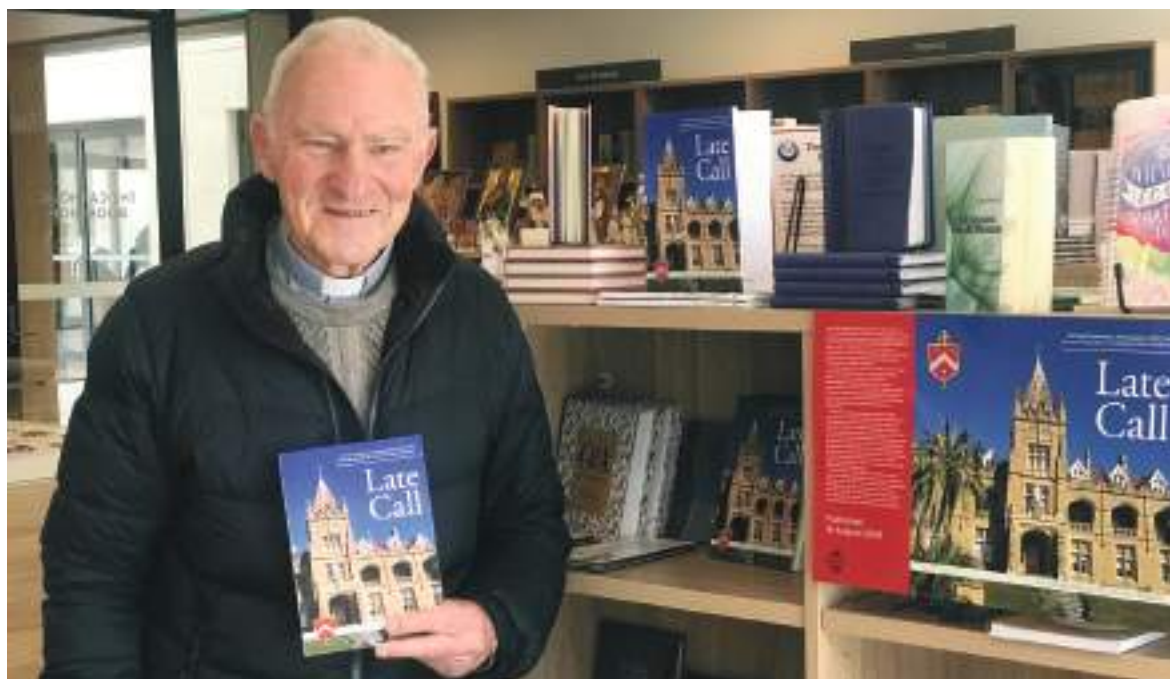
"In those days it was at least a seven year course for the priesthood, and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart were looking for a shorter course for some of their people who were interested in being Missionaries of the Sacred Heart," Bishop Power said.

"So what St Paul's offered was a four year course rather than a seven year course.

From there it developed that some of the bishops were interested, and then the idea expanded to be a national seminary."

The process of collating the book began last year for Bishop Power while attending the Archdiocesan retreat.

He began reaching out to the former seminarians to see who would participate in the project and when there seemed sufficient



interest, he asked them to write a potted version of their stories (between 500 and 1000 words). Of the original 23, 17 are still living and others were sought to write for those who have already passed away.

"The stories themselves are simply written," Bishop Power said.

"I found, when I sat down to read them, that the stories spoke

for themselves in a way that touched my heart and I believe in a way that would speak lucidly to the readers of this book. They are just a nice collection of stories."

Bishop Power points out that the reason that St Paul's closed was related to the reason it opened in the first place.

In 1968, the seven year requirement at traditional

seminaries was rigid, but by 1998 there was more flexibility, accommodating late call seminarians as well.

Today, the buildings remain although few traces of the seminary do. New stories are being created and told around those old buildings, but with the help of this book, some of the old stories will now be remembered as well.

## Mary MacKillop pilgrimage provides hope

IF YOU'RE looking to the heavens for signs of rain, Sr Benedetta Bennett from the South Coast of NSW believes you should consider a silent prayer to Saint Mary MacKillop.

"I think she's fairly good at getting rain," Sr Benedetta said.

"It rained on the time of her beatification, people got absolutely saturated, and it rained again at the time of her canonisation. So I think we can trust Mary to intercede for us."

Archbishop Christopher Prowse spoke with Sr Benedetta at this year's Mary MacKillop pilgrimage to Eden in which people from across the Archdiocese, and from even further abroad, travelled to Eden to give thanks for the life of Mary MacKillop

Now in its second year, the pilgrimage continues to grow.

Sr Benedetta said the pilgrimage is of special significance to people of that region as it was nearby that St Mary MacKillop's

mother, Flora McKillop, died.

"This day is important for the people of Eden because it was just off the shores down here at Green Cape that Flora was drowned on her way to Sydney to help Mary with a bazaar that was going on," Sr Benedetta said

"That day, 71 people lost their lives and they couldn't find some of the bodies for a while – as a matter of fact only 24 were found in the long run."

After a few days, the body of St Mary's mother, Flora MacKillop, floated up towards a pilot ship which picked it up and brought it in to shore. The ladies of the district cared for Flora's body at the Pier Hotel until John McDonald, Mary's cousin, could come down to collect the body and formally identify her.

Sr Benedetta believes that Mary MacKillop inherited many of her best traits from her mother.

"First of all, there was her



trust in God," Sr Benedetta said.

"They had financial worries, the loss of Mary's brothers and sisters. But Flora always said, we trust in God, he will provide,

and Mary learned that from her.

"And Mary also learned forgiveness from her mother. She was able to forgive people, and not only forgive but excuse

them and she wouldn't hear any criticism of those people who had harmed them. All of this Mary had learned from her mother."



## Plenary Council 2020

# Women encouraged to consult

WOMEN of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn have designed their own consultation event to contribute to the renewal process, Plenary Council 2020, initiated by the Australian Catholic Church.

In a break from the traditional gatherings being held in the Archdiocese, the one-day event, scheduled for Saturday, 8 September, is designed by women, for women.

Another unique feature is the effort being made to include all Catholic women, engaged or disengaged, affiliated or disaffiliated, hopeful or grieving.

“Women are invited to come with an attitude of openness, listening and participation”, said Andrea Dean, a member of the planning group.

“There will be a reflective and respectful tone to the process as we are deliberately using a style of spiritual decision making called discernment.”

Marilyn Hatton, long-term advocate for Church renewal, said, “The meeting will provide an opportunity for women to voice their concerns and hopes for the Church.

We acknowledge that those who attend will come from differing backgrounds and may hold widely divergent views on a range

of issues. All are welcome.”

As well as contributing to the national Church renewal process, the consultation will also decide on the form and focus of an Archdiocesan women’s group. Previously a Commission for Women, which represented Catholic women and organized formation and education, came to an end.

Lorraine Barker, former secretary of the Commission for Women, said, “I grieved the loss of the Commission for Women but I’m hopeful that something rich and wonderful will emerge from this event”.

The planning group, who have the support of Archbishop Prowse, are anticipating women will come from across the Archdiocese. Donations towards catering costs and venue hire will be accepted on the day.

The venue is the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton ACT. The consultation will commence at 10 am and conclude at 3 pm. Background material will be distributed to ensure that participants are both clear about the purpose of the consultation and feel welcomed.

Those who are interested in attending, and those wishing to be billeted, are invited to register at [www.catholicwomen.org.au](http://www.catholicwomen.org.au)



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# New St Alphonsa parish building



Archbishop Christopher Prowse joined with Monsignor Francis Kolencherry and Father Mathew Kunnappillil in blessing St Alphonsa parish's new Symonston premises.

ARCHBISHOP Prowse issued two challenges to St Alphonsa’s parish when he blessed their new Symonston building alongside Monsignor Francis Kolencherry, Vicar General of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas, Melbourne, on Saturday.

One was to make sure that they continue to remain part of the broader Catholic community, and the other that they continue to retain and celebrate their unique culture and practices.

“Two extremes are to be avoided,” he said.

“The first extreme to be avoided is that you are going to withdraw and come here to this place and form a little Syro-Malabar group, separate from the rest of the Archdiocese. But that won’t happen because it’s in your DNA to be part of something bigger than just the present.

“And the other extreme to be avoided is to float about a bit like milk in the sea and blend in with everybody else, losing your

identity.”

The building was secured by the St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish recently after a herculean fund-raising effort coupled with focused prayer vigils, with support from the Catholic Development Fund.

Archbishop Prowse said that it was a remarkable development that they had come so far in just 12 years, now with over 400 families.

He reassured the parishioners that the entire Archdiocese are standing beside them and offering their support as they worry about family and loved ones affected by flooding back in Kerala in India.

One of those affected by flooding was Bishop Bosco Puthur, Eparch of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas, who Archbishop Prowse said was marooned on an island at the time of the blessing.

The parishioners of St Alphonsa exist within two overlapping structures. They

are simultaneously part of the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn as well as the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne.

Archbishop Prowse emphasised that the members of St Alphonsa’s parish should be proud of both of their continued growth and the achievement of securing these premises, and of their heritage and culture.

“Never let anybody put you down, Archbishop Prowse said.

“Even in the last week in parliament, there were people putting migrant people down.

“We are migrant people, all of us, we are pilgrims on the journey.”

“Migrant people are not a burden, you are the joy in our hearts and we are delighted that you come to Australia with your wonderful strong faith.”

Other speakers at the Blessing included Monsignor Francis Kolencherry, Father Mathew Kunnappillil, Sebastian Mathew and MC Leeba Samuel.

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# Australian to lead Catenian's

GEORGE Kazs, a member of Corpus Christi Parish, South Tuggeranong, ACT has become the first Australian elected to be Chairman of the Central Council of the Catenian Association.

The Catenian Association is an international fraternity of almost ten thousand Catholic laymen, with over nine hundred members in Australia.

Speaking at the commencement of his term of office, Mr Kazs said that the challenges facing The Catenians in the 21st century are similar to those faced by the wider Church. The most important of these are the challenges issued by Pope Francis in his first Apostolic Exhortation: *Evangelii Gaudium*.

"Discerning a Catenian response to *Evangelii Gaudium* led us to affirm that our Mission is to contribute to the realisation of Christ's mission by improving the spiritual and personal lives of Catholic laymen through faith-based friendship. It also set us on a path of renewal and openness to a deeper engagement with the Church and society.

While our response to the Pope's challenges may be different depending on whether



South Tuggeranong man, George Kazs – the first Australian elected as Chairman of the Catenian Association.

it's in Australia, Africa, Britain, Malta or India, the objectives will always be the same: to grow and develop the Church, to re-energise it, to draw people back to it and to strengthen its membership. The Catenians are called to this because we are part

of the fabric of the Church," he said.

"Wherever we are, at the core of our response will be what the Association is about - faith based friendship. It's about men forming such strong and enduring friendships that they get

support when they need it, that they share experiences and that the spiritual and other aspects of their lives are enriched by those friendships. The challenge on our path to renewal is to discern how we share those friendships within the Church and society."

# Papal award for Taralga man

TARALGA identity Mr. Pat Keough was in for a surprise at Mass on Saturday July 28.

Mr Keough, a parishioner of Christ the King Parish, Taralga, was asked to come forward by Fr Dermid McDermott, Parish Priest, to receive an award.

Chairperson of the Parish Council, Margaret McGregor, bestowed the Papal Award on Pat for his continual dedication and active service to the Parish Community.

Pat has worked tirelessly in the roles of Acolyte, Reader, Minister of the Eucharist and Finance recorder over the past 40 years

Pat expressed his thanks to all those present, stating that it was an honour to receive this award for something that he really enjoyed.

Members of Pat's family had travelled long distances to celebrate this occasion.

The award was endorsed by both family members and parishioners as they applauded their acknowledgement and support of this outstanding achievement.

Family and friends gathered for a light supper in the old convent to express their congratulations and reminisce with Pat.



Parish priest, Father Dermid McDermott (left) with Pat Keough (centre) and Parish Council chairperson, Mrs Margaret McGregor who presented Mr Keough with the medal.

## Safeguarding our children starts with appropriate checks

MANY employees and volunteers in parishes working with children are aware of the need for either a Working with Children Check (WWCC) in NSW or a Working with Vulnerable Person (WWVP) registration if in the ACT.

These checks are only one of many strategies needed to make organisations child-safe, but a crucial step nonetheless. Failure by either an employee or volunteer to hold a WWCC/WWVP when working with children could result in a significant fine for the relevant employer.

These schemes prevent people from working or volunteering with children if records indicate that they may pose an unacceptable level of risk to children.

For volunteers there is no cost in obtaining either a WWCC or a WWVP. All Archdiocesan clergy and many Chancery staff working throughout the Archdiocese often need to hold both the NSW clearance and ACT Registration.

The NSW WWCC is an ongoing assessment of a person's suitability to work or volunteer with children and involves a check of a person's national criminal history (including all spent convictions, pending and non-conviction charges) and a review of findings of workplace misconduct. The result of a WWCC is either a clearance or a bar and is valid for up to five years.

The ACT WWVP is an assessment conducted by Access Canberra involving a thorough risk assessment of a person's conviction and non-conviction history, and any other information relevant to the background screening process. Based on the outcome of the risk assessment a person may be issued with a registration card with a unique identifying registration number that is valid for up to three years. The card must be carried at all times by a person engaged in a regulated activity.

A Police Check is current only on the day of issue and is simply a list of the offences from a person's criminal history that can be disclosed. It does not involve an assessment of risk or suitability by a government agency.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse agreed with the majority of government and non-government stakeholders that these checks deliver unquestionable benefits to the safeguarding of children.

Please assist your Parish Secretary by ensuring you keep your WWCC/WWVP updated.

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Did you see the video of the Archbishop's impassioned plea for the Catholic Church in Australia to return its focus to the spiritual and away from the material? Words on paper don't do it justice... see the Video on the new Catholic Voice website.



# Sister Phil, still Young at heart

IF HILLTOPS Council was looking for a new face to head up a tourism campaign, they couldn't do much better than sign up Sister Philomena Sewell. There'd be just one condition... you'd have to call her Sr Phil.

A long-time resident of Young, Sr Phil favours the town ahead of all others, but as retirement beckons, she needs to move.

"I'm just about to go to a retirement area and I'm leaving because my health is not allowing me to care for myself enough," Sr Phil said.

"I keep saying to people my head says it's the right thing to go, but my heart doesn't want to."

Sr Phil has spent 36 years in Young with just a two year stint in Cobar in between, and feels very much a part of Young.

"I just love it," she enthused.

Born and raised in Bathurst, Sr Phil moved to Wagga in her youth to join the Presentation Sisters. While the two cities bare many similarities, even that move was a culture shock for Sr Phil.

"For a start Wagga Wagga didn't have mountains around it," she said.

"Where I lived I could just look at the mountains and I loved that. And it was just very different. Where you grow up and know everybody is very



One of Young's favourite adopted daughter's, Sister Philomena Sewell, is preparing for the move to Wagga. Photo: Chris Gordon. A younger Sr Phil, not long after joining the Presentation Sisters.

special and I didn't know anyone when I entered.

"Also, when I lived there, we were enclosed, and I was in charge of the boarders, so for me, Wagga Wagga was the fence around the boarding school."

In retirement, or more correctly the second phase of her retirement, as technically she retired from teaching 10 years

ago, Sr Phil will return to Wagga Wagga where her order is based and this time around she'll have the chance to see a little more of the town.

Today there are only about 50 Presentation Sisters remaining in Australia, and of her order in Young, Sr Phil has been last nun standing for the last 20 years. But she never feels lonely

"I'm happy in my own skin," she said.

"And I've been very fortunate to have so many caring people around me anyway so I don't feel isolated."

In her retirement, Sr Phil hasn't had a specific role, but rather sees her role as being a presence. But that's busier than it sounds. Since retiring from

teaching, she has helped run a faith and life group in that assisted people with disabilities and was involved in assisting a group of around 70 Afghan refugees in town to learn English.

Bathurst, Cobar, Wagga, Hay, Canberra and Young (and a spell in Sutherland)... Sr Phil is a genuine country girl and has never wanted it any other way. And when asked just why she loves Young the most, she says simply, the people.

"They are the people I am familiar with, and they are the people I admire so much with how they struggle," she said.

"I think country people are tremendously strong people, in lots of ways, but strong in faith as well. In fact these people are an inspiration to me."

"I love the simplicity of the people. Country people say it like it is and I'm not very good at bunging it on so I appreciate that.

I've just met so many great people who don't know they're great and have allowed me to enter their lives and have nourished me as much as I think I nourished them. "

The parishioners of St Mary's Parish would dispute just who got the most nourishment from whom. And in retirement in Wagga Wagga, Sr Phil will remain very much Young at heart.

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## Plenary Council 2020

# What does God want?

FR TONY PERCY

AS PART of the preparation for the *Plenary Council 2020*, called by the Australian Bishops and ratified by Pope Francis, Australian Catholics have been invited to respond to the question:

<sup>1</sup> "What do you think God is asking of Australia at this time?"

The question is an important one. It attempts to put God at the centre of ecclesial deliberations after the scandal of the child abuse crisis in the Church in Australia.

In the gatherings that have taken place to date, this important question is proving somewhat elusive. It seems it is easier to focus on what “we are asking” and wanting, rather than what “God is asking” and wanting.

It is not so much a “clash of wills,” I suspect, but rather the normal friction and tension that is part of being human – and Christian. St. Paul documents



such tensions in the early Christian community and history records grand scale divisions.

As the process of consultation at the national level continues, all the responses that the faithful have made will be collated and presented to the Plenary Council. Clearly those that are not in accord with Catholic faith and morals will not be given credence. How

could we contemplate the preaching of the Gospel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century if we were to be found unfaithful to the gift Christ has bequeathed to us?

On the other hand, there is a growing awareness, both within and without the Church, that we must develop and mature in our practice of governance. Co-Responsibility between the faithful, priests and bishops will

# *Women:* called to be an answer

BY KAREN DOYLE

ON THE August 15 this year, Catholics around the world will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. It will also mark the 30th Anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter to Women; *Mulieris Dignitatem*: On the Vocation and the Dignity of Women.

While John Paul II's insights were written 30 years ago they remain as relevant as ever, if not more so.

More than any of his predecessors John Paul II spoke and wrote very publicly about the value and the dignity of women. Elected as Pope shortly after the peak of the sexual revolution and feminist liberation movement, John Paul II was deeply aware of the challenges facing women in the modern world and he sought to affirm their deep and inherent value.

While recognising these challenges, he also saw the need to communicate the age-old truths of the Church in new and engaging ways. One of the ways he chose to engage women was to extend an invitation to them to reflect upon on what it means to be created as a woman in light of God's original plan.

He begins *Mulieris Dignitatem* with a closing statement from the Council Fathers at the end of the Second Vatican Council.

“The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling”.

This forms the essence of what John Paul II wished to communicate; a desire that women would play a central and irreplaceable role in the world. He called on all women to embrace their giftedness, or what he called their genius, and offer that as a gift to the world.

Using the Blessed Mother as the ultimate example of womanhood John Paul II unpacked a vision for womanhood which was grounded in God's original plan for humanity as well as exploring the gifts and qualities which are unique to womanhood. He encouraged women to unapologetically engage with these qualities and instead of trying to be like men, he encouraged them to embrace the unique spiritual qualities of womanhood, qualities which he called the feminine genius.

It is these qualities which need to be fostered, nurtured and encouraged, without them he said the world will be impoverished.

As we reflect on the Feast of the Assumption let us draw from the reflections Saint John Paul II offered for both men and women.

To find these resources and others from Karen Doyle, go to <https://beingcatholic.com.au/genius-project/>



Territory Euthanasia legislation

# Federal legislation trumped

BY JEREMY STUPARICH

IN A significant defeat for euthanasia supporters, the Senate last month [15 August] rejected an attempt to allow territories to legalise euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide. The Senate voted against Senator David Leyonhjelm's bill 36 votes to 34.

The bill would have overturned legislation which abolished the Northern Territory's euthanasia regime in 1997. Four people died under the Northern Territory's euthanasia laws, where failed safeguards meant candidates for assisted suicide were considered even if they showed signs of depression. In one case there was doubt the person had a terminal illness.

Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, Christopher Prowse, wrote to senators to oppose the Leyonhjelm bill.

"Legislation which would allow a third party to end or assist in ending another human being's life is among the most serious considered by parliaments," said Archbishop Prowse.

"This is not an issue of territory rights. The Australian



Senator David Leyonhjelm: Picture Supplied

Constitution makes it clear that the Australian Parliament can make laws for the government

jurisdictions with unicameral parliaments are deciding to allow something as serious as state-

people and people in neighbouring states."

States have a number of rights that territories do not enjoy, but the territory governments focused their lobbying efforts on the right to legislate on euthanasia and assisted suicide.

Self-government legislation allows the Governor General to dissolve the ACT's Legislative Assembly, much like a state

*Legislation which would allow a third party to end or assist in ending another human being's life is among the most serious considered by parliaments*

of territories. That's not a power which has been used lightly, but is appropriate when small

sanctioned deaths, particularly when that decision may threaten the wellbeing of vulnerable

government can sack a council. The ACT is also prevented from legislating on issues like censorship.

Perhaps the most obvious difference is states have 12 senators each while the territories only have two each.

The territory governments did not challenge any of these differences – just the right to legislate for assisted suicide.

The Archbishop also raised concerns over resources for palliative care.

"I am particularly concerned this legislation is coming forward at the same time that a Legislative Assembly inquiry has heard there is a significant shortage of palliative care doctors, nurses and beds in Canberra," said Archbishop Prowse.

"Euthanasia and assisted suicide go to the very heart of who we are as a society and how we regard people in our community. Do all people have equal human dignity and value or are some lives, because of illness or disability, no longer worthy of our continued love, respect and protection?"

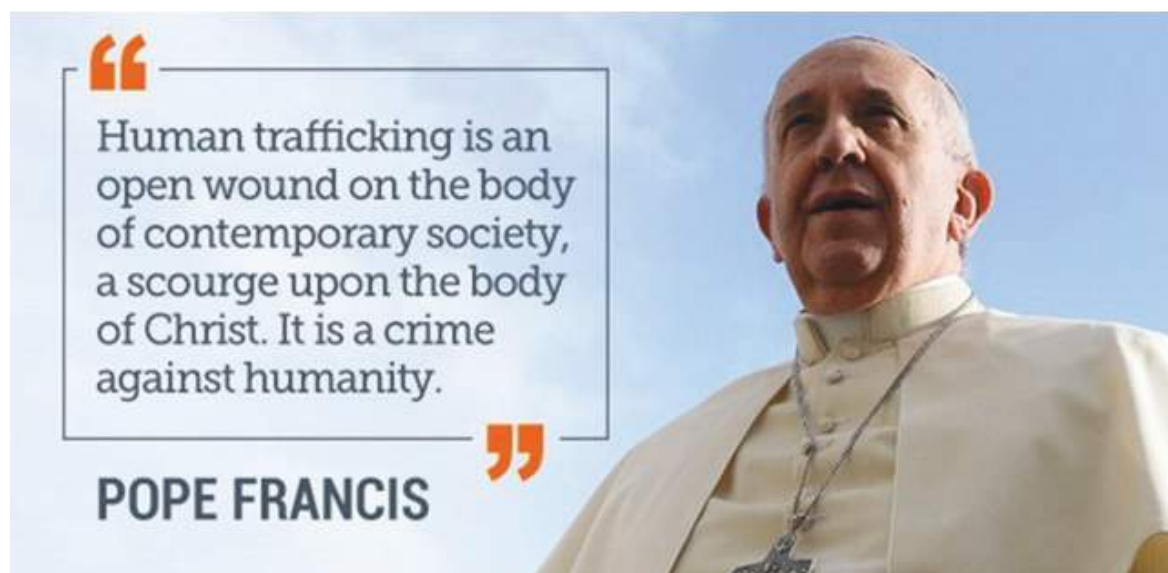
## Human Trafficking Forum



JUSTICE MATTERS  
CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

BY MIKE CASSIDY

AT A public forum on Human Trafficking in the Haydon Hall on 29th July members of the Canberra Catholic Church community came together to address the issues in Australia, and engage in discussion about the Australian Government's The Australian Modern Day Slavery Act. Heather Moore, National Policy and Advocacy Coordinator for The Salvation Army's Freedom Partnership to End Modern Slavery, outlined how the legislation will mobilise Australia's consumer power to work towards an end to modern slavery and to set new standards for companies to report on it. She highlighted how communities of faith reject the systematic deprivation of an individual's freedom for purposes



of exploitation.

As well as demonstrating regional leadership The Modern Day Slavery Act will be important as a realistic pathway to eliminate trafficking in Australia, but is only the beginning. Effective and empowered Government coordination and the appointment of an anti-slavery commissioner, as well as maintenance of a publicly accessible repository to file "Modern Slavery Statements" will be important features.

Workers at risk are generally among the poorest and most vulnerable, physically or linguistically isolated, culturally disoriented, deprived of freedom of movement, and with little knowledge of their rights.

The Global Slavery Index, identifies 45.8 million such people subjected to some form of modern slavery in the world today. That same index has found cases in Australia in agriculture, construction, manufacturing,

hospitality and domestic sectors, estimated to total around 15,000 people trafficked.

While there are still many gaps, it is expected that the legislation will move the system towards better protections for victims and survivors. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH's) schedule of actions that can work to stop human trafficking are realistic ways to support this work in the interim (see [acrath.org.au](http://acrath.org.au)).

### BRIEFS

**THE MARIAN PROCESSION:**  
Will take place on Sunday, October 14 at St Clement's Monastery, Galong. It will start with Confession at 10.30am, followed by Mass at 11.30am. A multicultural lunch follows at 12.30, with the procession to the Grotto beginning at 2pm. The Marian Sharing will be conducted from the Grotto. It might be an idea to bring food for the day, an umbrella for shade and a chair to sit on.

**MONARO PLENARY SESSIONS:**  
The Bombala and Delegate Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue Session was held at Bombala on Sunday August 19. It was well attended and facilitated by Shirley Sullivan the Deanery Plenary Council facilitator. Monaro Deanery has now held four sessions with four to go. Remaining sessions will be conducted at Jindabyne, Berridale, Adaminaby and Numeralla.

**GALA CONCERT FOR MURRUMBURRAH 150th:**  
The twin towns of Harden Murrumburrah will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of its historic Catholic churches with a concert, to be held at St Anthony's Harden at 2pm on Sunday, 21 October. Performers include Australian Rugby Choir. Gold coin donation requested, proceeds to go to Drought Appeal.



# Primary Principal of the Year

HOLY Spirit Catholic Primary School Principal Brad Gaynor has been announced Australian Primary School Principal of the Year (Non-Government) at the 2018 Australian Education Awards held in Sydney.

Brad has received national recognition for his exemplary leadership, hard work, innovation and dedication as a primary school principal and President of the Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association.

Brad has been an integral part of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for over 28 years, working across multiple schools, starting his teaching career at St Francis of Assisi in Calwell before his first appointment as Principal at Sacred Heart, Pearce in 2006.

He went on to become Principal at Good Shepherd, Amaroo (2012) and St Clare of Assisi, Conder (2014) before starting in his current role as Principal of Holy Spirit Primary School,



Brad Gaynor assists students from Holy Spirit Primary School, Nicholls

Nicholls in 2017.

Brad said that the nomination came as a surprise, that the win was very humbling and that he does not see it as recognition for

himself, but for all hardworking principals. "I feel very blessed to work in Catholic Education," he said. "It's a privilege to work in an environment of collegiality and

support."

Director of Catholic Education Ross Fox said that the award is well deserved recognition of Brad's leadership and service as a

teacher and school leader in ACT Catholic schools.

"Brad is well known by students, parents and colleagues in Catholic schools in the ACT and across Australia as an accomplished educational leader," he said.

"Parents and students particularly appreciate his dedication to the learning and wellbeing needs of each child."

Brad is inspired by the energy and enthusiasm of his students, finds joy in their love for learning and insists that being able to have a laugh with students, parents and staff is fundamental.

"I love when students come to visit or I visit a classroom and the kids are excited to share their learning," he said.

"It still gives me the same buzz every day and reminds me of why I entered the teaching profession in the first place."

"I look forward to continuing my association with Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn."

## Both parties changed by Cambodia trip

A GROUP of students from Trinity Catholic College in Goulburn had spent a large part of this year saving up to travel to Timor Leste, but as it turns out, that wasn't where they were meant to be.

"We were intending to go to Timor Leste... but the government raised the risk levels to a point where the school and Catholic Education thought it was an unacceptable risk," said Trinity teacher and project leader Timothy Matthews.

"So we looked around for alternatives. Our sister school in Young, Hennessy Catholic College, were going to Cambodia and we decided to tag along with them."

The purpose of the immersion trip was to provide students with experience of life in Cambodia, particularly in an area experiencing great poverty and to complete a major project to assist a family whilst there.

"We raised about \$5,000 with support from the Argyle Rotary Club and Goulburn Soldiers Club and we spent three days of our eight day immersion building

a house with a family," Mr Matthews said.

Prepared for the culture shock of poverty in another country, another shock was to greet them first. Beyond watching "The Block" on TV, none of the students had been involved in any aspect of building before, much less in searing heat. And not just any building.

"The first revelation was the fact that we built the whole thing with hand tools... a hammer, a handsaw and lots of nails. So we were literally on the tools from the get go," said Mr Matthews.

"The first task was to push down the existing housing structure, which was day one and took us a number of hours. From there we raised up some eight metre high hardwood A-frames and put them into position.

"The next day we were hammering a floor together on our hands and knees, clouting in one inch nails... and there were more than a few bent nails, I can tell you. From there we put on the roof and the sides of the house. The whole process took three days." The project tested



Pictured with the cross made of coconut wood they were given by the Sisters of Charity (St Teresa of Calcutta) whose orphanage they visited, are... FRONT: Meg Divall, Emily Norris and Caitlyn Vassallo. BACK: Tim Matthews, Tye Young, Shelby Taylor and Josie Croker. Missing: Jess Skelly and Mrs Sasha Cady. Photo: Chris Gordon.

the students' resolve, but they all said they found it tremendously rewarding. And not just the act of building the house.

Witnessing, and briefly experiencing the lifestyles of the people they met in Cambodia... the things that they lived off and the things that they were grateful for... has changed their perspectives and their appreciation of life.

"It was an emotional experience," said Matthews. "There were tears of joy with the family whose life changed. The mother

of the family made a speech at a dedication ceremony and she used words like this is going to change my whole family's life, this is going to change where we're going, we can educate our sons now, we can feed them better, they have a chance of getting an education...

"So for the same amount of money people spend on a kid's first car, \$5000, that's going to change a whole intergenerational family and their experience of life for decades to come."

And the changes weren't

limited to Cambodia. The students returned with a renewed sense of gratitude, a greater awareness of selfishness and a determination to not take things for granted. As one, they feel they received much more from the trip than they contributed and all would like to return to Cambodia or assist somewhere else in some way. "I think the trip has left a lasting mark," Mr Matthews said.

"These kids have all said that they haven't been unhappy since they've been back."



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The Recognition Awards pay tribute to exemplary practice, dedication, and innovation contributing to the system of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn.

The wider Catholic Education community and members of the Archdiocese are invited to join nominees, finalists and dignitaries for a celebratory mass and refreshments at St Christopher's Cathedral Manuka, at 4pm on Friday 21 September 2018. For more information or to register your attendance visit [cg.catholic.edu.au](http://cg.catholic.edu.au)



**Like floods and bushfires, drought is an inescapable fact of life in Australia. Knowing that, however, does nothing to lessen the devastating effect drought has on those living through it. It can take years... even generations to recover. Some may never recover. Stock will be lost... farms will be lost.**

# Praying

Across the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, Catholic schools are doing what they can to show their support for drought affected communities by participating in 'Fiver for a Farmer' to raise much needed funds for those affected.

For many of the students,

the drought isn't some distant cause but a harsh reality they are living through.

Offering whatever help they can, students have not only raised funds, they have raised their voices in prayer. Here are some of the prayers from St Joseph's Primary School in Adelong:



"Please Lord help us with this horrifying drought. The devastation has sent farmers starving. It's not just the farmers who suffer, children and women are affected to. Please send us a miracle to turn dust to rain, dirt to grass, skin and bones back to sheep, stumps to trees and more back to normal. As the scale of death is in your hands do not lean livestock towards it. Every animal in Australia is being affected by this unexpected turn of nature and balance. The desperate families affected by the drought have sold livestock in hope the remaining livestock will renew themselves. Each sprinkle of rain helps us to grow crops and also nourish and feed animals. With all sadness and suffering let us find happiness and joy. God, with all you have done we plead you to send us hope." – **Hugh**

"Dear God, Help all farmers to look after our wonderful animals. We are grateful for what we have and we are lucky. We are suffering for our livestock. There is no money and no water, so help us. Rain on us just to help our money, starving animals. Renew the humble life, affecting struggling animals. There is no feed and we need help. All Farmers need your help. Come back rain we need your presence. Meatless livestock are hungry, dying in pain and are having to be shot. We are really trying just to help them. We need to help everyone and their animals. Everyday the farmers go out to help but they just need you got to give them rain. This is the worst it can get. Please help us to stop what is happening and make it better. The troughs and dams are empty and creeks are so thin. Help us with what is happening to us and our animals. Please, please, please help it to rain on our farms and all over Australia please. Amen." – **Eliza**

"Dear Lord, Can you please help us during this drought? All of our Aussie farmers are now having to feed their livestock every day. All of Australia is in this drought. People are eating boxed food because they have no money. They are spending all of their money on hay for their livestock. The men, women, children and animals of our country are starving. They are poor, hungry and thirsty. This is causing sadness, devastation, misery and even death. So please, please, please help us. Aussie farmers need rain, water and money. We are pleading with you to help us in this dusty and dry time. Our paddocks are dirt and the cattle and sheep that skin and bone. Please renew the ground on the farms and give us a lot of rain. This drought is life affecting to everyone. Please help us during this horrifying time. Please send us a miracle, our farmers are suffering. Amen." – **Matilda**



TOP LEFT: McCauley Catholic Central School, Tumut. BOTTOM LEFT: St Joseph's Primary, Adelong. RIGHT: St Anthony's, Wanniassa



# g for Rain



‘Dear Lord, Please help all the farmers that are suffering from this drought. Lots and lots of farmers are devastated because all their crops and animals are dying. Their land is all dried up and they have no water. Everything is starving and farmers are using so much money to feed their animals. The animals are starting to die because they have no water and no feed. The water has all dried up in their tanks and dams. The animals are suffering from hunger. All the grass and hay is drying up. Please bring us rain Lord. I am pleading with you to bring rain to all of our farmers. This is life affecting for all the farmers. Please, please, please bring us rain. Thank you Lord.’ – Jayden

## Catholic schools support drought-affected families

CATHOLIC schools of-fices across NSW are supporting drought-affected families through a combination of fee relief, counselling and donations, Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW) said today.

CSNSW Chief Executive Officer Dallas McInerney said Catholic schools offices in the Armidale, Bathurst, Canberra-Goulburn, Lismore, Maitland-Newcastle, Wagga Wagga and Wilcannia-Forbes dioceses have moved quickly to ease the financial strain on families by offering concessions on fees and other costs.

“Catholic school principals have always had the freedom to provide fee relief or exemptions to families who are doing it tough,” Mr McInerney said.

“Families feeling the strain because of the drought should

approach their school principal to seek fee relief; all requests are always treated with absolute discretion, care and sensitivity.”

Mr McInerney said Catholic education has had a longstanding presence in regional NSW, with more than 88,000 students currently enrolled in 266 Catholic schools outside the Sydney metropolitan area.

“Catholic social teaching and the Gospel imperative of a ‘preferential option for the poor’ means that families who support the Catholic ethos and seek a Catholic education for their child are not denied a place at one of our schools because of a family’s genuine financial hardship.

“Our Catholic Schools Office in Armidale, for example, has set aside a \$200,000 Drought School Fee Relief Fund to help schools

offering fee relief to parents affected directly and indirectly by the drought and to help students with excursions, retreats and sporting activities.”

Wilcannia-Forbes Bishop, Columba Macbeth-Green, who grew up on a farm near Forbes and experienced droughts first-hand, urged families in difficult financial circumstances to approach their school principal to arrange relief in regard to their school fees.

In a letter to his principals, Bishop Columba said that economic conditions across the diocese – which covers the western half of NSW – are difficult and families are struggling.

“My intent is that no student be excluded from school due to a genuine inability on the part of parents to pay full fees as a result of this drought,” Bishop Columba

said.

The Bishop of Bathurst, Michael McKenna, also urged families in difficult financial circumstances – for any reason – to speak with their school principal.

“We certainly do not wish to add to the financial burden families are currently experiencing, as money should not be a barrier to children attending Catholic schools,” he said.

In Maitland-Newcastle, CatholicCare has been providing free mental health counselling to the region’s drought-affected farmers and their families since February while its schools have been raising thousands of dollars for drought projects coordinated by the St Vincent de Paul’s Society.

Catholic Schools NSW represents the state’s 595 Catholic schools and their 255,000 students.

“Dear Lord, Please Lord, there is no water and for some there is no money or food. How can we get through this horrible and life affecting drought? Please can we have lots of rain? Livestock are meatless and skin and bones. Farms are in devastation. We are very lucky here that we have had little rain. In some places they have had no rain and everything is dry. Most farms have no water in their dams or troughs. Please a million times can these farms with dirt and no grass in sight have rain? They need a miracle. Most farmers are suffering in starvation. NSW, Queensland and Northern Victoria are pleading for rain. Please Lord can we have some rain?” – Anna



# LNE attracts students from across Australia

MORE than 40 students from across Australia, including a group from the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, converged on St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre on Friday evening, August 17 for a three day Leading the New Evangelisation (LNE) course.

The ACU Graduate Certificate Education: Leading the New Evangelisation (LNE) was conducted from Friday 17 August (evening) to Sunday 19th August at the St Christopher’s Pastoral Centre in Canberra.

This is the second time the course, part of the ACU Graduate Certificate Education, has been offered and immediately followed the Catholic Leaders Formation Symposium on the Friday.

The LNE foundation Unit completed over the weekend was ‘Faith Formation and the New

Evangelisation’.

The face-to-face component included lectures, seminars and a ‘Porta Fidei’ retreat experience conducted in the evening which was a key feature of the Unit.

The combining of a formation experience with academic input helped create an effective community learning context and laid a solid foundation for the content and skills covered.

It was an exciting weekend of learning about evangelisation, equipping participants for the mission of the Church.

Participants found the course beneficial. Here are some of the participant comments:

*‘The LNE unit provided an opportunity for a personal encounter with Jesus. It was an opportunity to learn more, to deepen and experience the love of Jesus alive in each of us’*

Renata Powell REC Newcastle Diocese

*‘LNE is an important formation that enables teachers and those involved in evangelisation to understand their co-responsibility for this task.’*

Luke Maher REC

*‘The unit built upon my previous leadership experience and confirmed what is important in my vocation and mission’*

Adam Nolan Principal

*‘The LNE experience helped me to synthesize the calling of teachers in their vocation of RE in an ever changing world with practical ideas and skills’* Elspeth Secondary Teacher

*‘It was invigorating both personally and professionally, re-igniting the passion to bring mission to my staff and school...It has given me direction to lead the school academically and spiritually’*

Sasha Cody REC



140 educators and church leaders from across Australia gathered in Canberra to discuss new initiatives around teacher and Church leaders formation.

# Future leader takes out student award



Casey Horan with fellow Year 12 student Sarah Ashleigh at a College event for the DonateLife Walk.

ST CLARE’S College Social Justice Captain, Casey Horan, has been named as the winner of the Future Leaders, Future Justice Award for 2018. The Future Justice Award recognises Year 12 students across Australia who have shown leadership and initiative on intergenerational equity.

Casey has displayed signs of being a future leader throughout her time at the College by putting the needs of her peers first and looking at what she can do to better the lives of others. In Year 10, Casey initiated a Year 10 social justice campaign to support the Share the Dignity charity. Thanks to Casey, the student body donated hundreds of women’s hygiene products and developed a real awareness around the cause. Last year in her role on the SRC, Casey identified

a need for companionship for senior citizens while visiting a local aged-care facility. She set up a Pen Pal initiative between her peers and the senior citizens. Casey continues to develop the relationship with the nursing home and intends to invite the residents to a student-run morning tea later this year.

On her recommendation for the award Principal Brad Cooney said, “Casey approaches all that she does with intelligence, showing a depth of research and humility in her approach to all projects. I believe Casey will continue to be a giving and socially conscientious member of society beyond her school years.” Casey was presented with the Future Justice Award at the St Clare’s College Semester 1 Senior Award Ceremony on the 25 July 2018.



## Five Minutes with Helen Delahunty

**What is your job title (and what does it mean)?**

Archdiocesan Financial Administrator. I administer the Temporal Goods of the Archdiocese. What are Temporal Goods? All Church Property.

**How long have you worked for the Archdiocese?**

7 Years (and 4 months)

**What are the differences between doing your job here than with a**

**non-religious organisation?**

I worked as a Finance Manager with various organisations prior to coming to the Archdiocese, and the roles were similar. The stark difference in the Church is the role of the Parish and Parish Priest, plus the Trustees in making decisions about property. All these groups need to be involved in the decision making. There is also a faith element in everything I do – from staff management to property development. We need to have that faith element at the forefront of our minds. That certainly doesn’t happen in the secular world.

**What sustains your faith in an increasingly secular society?**

I feel truly grounded in my faith, and nothing will shift that. Working in the Church tests me emotionally at times, but that doesn’t change me.

**Who is the biggest pest you work with (we won’t tell)?**

The off site alarm people – they ring at all times of the day and night!

**Last concert you went to and next one you’d like to go to?**

Bruce Springsteen in the Hunter Valley was fantastic fun. I would like to see another concert when I can fit it in.

**What is your favourite sporting team and/or sport (and why)?**

Now I am on comfortable ground! I love Collingwood and have done

so for all of my life. I am also a Foundation Member of GWS Giants, and like my kids – I can’t pick my favorite!

**What is your favourite food or beverage?**

Gin and tonic

**What is your Favourite place to eat?**

Anyplace where I don’t need to cook.

**What is your favourite movie?**

Sound of Music (watched it 27 times and counting!)

**Who is your favourite actor/actress?**

Denzel Washington

**What is your favourite book and last book read?**

I don’t seem to get to read too much – I am in a Book Club and rarely get to discuss the books as I don’t finish them.

**What is your favourite place or a holiday?**

Anywhere with my four boys – skiing especially – though I struggle to keep up with them.

**What is your favourite quote, phrase or motto?**

Carpe Diem

**What is the best advice you have ever been given?**

Listen to your heart



# Opening new horizons

ONE hundred and forty teachers and church leaders from across Australia gathered in Canberra on Friday to discuss new initiatives around teacher and Church leaders formation

The day, which included the presentation of the vision for the Catholic Leaders Formation Network (CLFN), started with all participants entering into prayer which was used from the CLFN ‘Formed in Prayer’ weekly resource.

The theme for session one was ‘Opening New Horizons in the Year of Youth’ and focused on sharing the youth evangelisation vision in the Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn. Teachers and CSYMA Youth Ministers spoke about events such as the student SHINE gathering and LEAD conference, which has seen 800 students gather together this year.

Chris Tran, a year 12 Marist student shared his experience of the 2018 Oceania Youth Ministers Equipping School including encountering the Holy Spirit. Huw Warmenhoven spoke about his journey into the mission and life of the church and Hannah McMahon shared her experience of the four phase model through school and now as a youth minister.

This was followed by a



Archbishop Christopher and Youth Minister, Chiara Catanzariti study the Plenary wall

dynamic and inspiring presentation from Archbishop Christopher Prowse speaking about journeying with young people, being Jesus-centred leaders, kerygmatic people and open to the work of the Holy Spirit. All

evangelisation is God’s work. Session two was themed ‘Faith Formation of Teachers and Leaders,’ on which Professor Br. David Hall FMS (Dean of the ACU La Salle Academy) gave a dynamic, engaging and humorous

presentation. Participants were excited about Br David’s presentation on formation of educators and leaders today. A listening session was also part of the Symposium, reflecting on what the Holy Spirit is

asking of us at this time - points on the plenary wall. Fr Tony Percy ended the day presenting on the ‘change of era’ theme, and Peter Woods outlined the vision of the Catholic Leaders Formation Network.

*‘The opportunity to gather with leaders across education and Church into a collaborative community was a key feature and holds great promise for the formation of leaders in our Church today’*

*‘The Symposium day was inspiring and dynamic to hear the youth’*

*‘The Symposium gave a vision that strengthened my view of the importance of encountering God in my life and how through this encounter, God can hold an important place in the life of others...all of the speakers were inspiring’*

*‘It reinforced what I knew but also sparked new ideas for me and youth ministry in my school...Br David Hall was awesome.’*





SUPPORTING DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

# Vinnies receives \$10,000 grant from Hands Across Canberra

HANDS Across Canberra has awarded St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn \$10,000 to continue running their VINES program.

VINES, which stands for Vinnies, Inspiring, Networking, Education and Support, has been operational for six months and is run in partnership with Scouts ACT.

Mr Bernie van Wyk, CEO of the St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn said, "The VINES program supports disadvantaged youth in breaking intergenerational cycles through a multi-faceted curriculum that builds practical skills, living skills and social inclusion.

"This is done by creating positive community experiences which allow for social and emotional development, role modelling, and networking."

The program operates on weekends and once a week during the school holidays. The Society and the Rover Scouts organise a mix of social and adventurous activities to foster positive risk-taking behaviours, ultimately aimed at breaking the intergenerational welfare dependency cycle.

"There are currently six



Lana Filippova receives grant award from Diane Kargas Bray

families engaged in the program, with a total of 16 children aged from 6 to 13 years old participating," said Mr van Wyk.

So far this year the young people have been on five outings including a bush walk, indoor rock climbing, visits to the National Art Gallery and

Questacon, and some snorkelling lessons at Lakeside Leisure Centre in Tuggeranong.

Hands Across Canberra currently support over 160 charities and community organisations.

They create campaigns to encourage philanthropy and make it easier for Canberrans

to give – to the community as a whole or to their charity of choice.

In their eight years, Hands Across Canberra has donated over \$2.65 million to 100 projects aimed at making a difference to some of our most vulnerable people.

## Archbishop's impassioned address about Spiritual power

ARCHBISHOP Prowse made an impassioned address to the Catholic Leaders' Formation Symposium at St Christopher's Pastoral Centre in August, emphasising the Catholic Church in Australia's need to improve its use of spiritual power.

"What we're about today is not about egos, and showing off and talking about infrastructures, yes of course we need to have the plan... but it's God's work. It's GOD'S WORK," Archbishop Prowse said.

"We're not managers, we're not a corporation... WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST, and from that body comes spiritual power, and from nowhere else."

"Spiritual power comes from Jesus Christ, and our encounter with Jesus Christ, alive in his church."

The Archbishop's address set the tone for the passion and direction of the Symposium attended by more than 140 leaders of the church from within the Archdiocese and from as far afield as Darwin.

The purpose of the Symposium was to establish a professional formation network for leaders engaged in evangelisation.

See related story on page the video of Archbishop Prowse's address on the new Catholic Voice website

## Ambassador leaves with fond memories

ARCHBISHOP Prowse recently had the chance to catch up with Mina Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, and her husband Luis Cruz, a retired diplomat himself, ahead of their departure back home at the end of Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz's term in that position.

Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz, a devout Catholic, has been an active parishioner of St Christopher's during her stay here and

said she would miss Australia, and the parish, greatly.

"Two and half years is short. But I would say it's been a very fulfilling time for us in many aspects," Mrs Calaguian-Cruz told Archbishop Prowse.

"Our spiritual life in Australia has been further enriched, having been part of the parishioners here in St Christopher's.

"Australia has been so welcoming... as your church, particularly your parish, has

been very welcoming and that has been the word I have been receiving from many Filipinos. They felt very welcome. And the beauty about this is, with a huge community, we are able to do our share, being a constructive part of multicultural Australia."

Ambassador Calaguian-Cruz and Mr Cruz will be returning to the Philippines and said they'd love to see more Australians visit their country and see how they live out their faith there.



Archbishop Prowse with Mina Calaguian-Cruz, Philippine Ambassador to Australia, and her husband Luis Cruz



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

# Mass in the Snowy High Country

BY JOHN MCLAURIN

A LARGE shovel greets Fr Peter Miller at the door of the aptly named Our Lady of the Snow Church in the Perisher Valley as he negotiates a large dump of snow which often covers the building's entrance making it very slippery in the winter months.

The Perisher Church is just one place of worship for Catholics in the Kosciusko High Country with the Pope St John Paul II Ecumenical Centre at Thredbo also catering for snow and high country enthusiasts on the Eastern side of the mountain range.

The local priest, Fr Miller, is based at Jindabyne and has been for the past 21 years.

It's a long way from where he grew up on the wide open plains of Ungarie but further exemplifies the rich diversity of landscape and demography within the Archdiocese.

For someone who openly despises the bitterly cold elements, Fr Miller, sure does embrace his unique ministry.

"I always arrive an hour earlier so as to prepare for Mass and the first thing I do is turn the electric heaters on," he said.

"They take a while to warm up but naturally they make it a lot more bearable."

Once the heaters are on, Fr Miller sounds the very audible Church bells.

They happen to be electric and are a most prominent fixture within the villages come the weekend.

The bells chime for the best part of an hour before Mass and children can be seen throwing snow at each other within the vicinity of the Church.

The high decibels are required to remind snow enthusiasts on the slopes that Mass is on for those who wish to partake.

Parishioners in the snowy high country are a very transient community and often can be seen arriving on foot or by snowboard and skis.

Over the course of a weekend, Fr Miller, also travels to the historic St Thomas' Church and Cemetery at Moonbah (1893), Our Lady Star of the Sea at Dalgety (1878) and St Joseph's Berridale. They are also prone to the odd dump of snow, while black ice on the road at other times sees the high country priest get around in a four-wheel drive vehicle.

He is required to carry chains at all times and sometimes he



## The Snowy High Country Mass Centres

St Columbkille's, 24 Kosciusko Rd, Jindabyne  
Mon 5:30pm  
Tues-Thurs 8am  
Fri 5:30pm  
Sun 8-8.25am Reconciliation  
and on request at other times  
Sun 8:30am

John Paul II Ecumenical Centre/ Mary MacKillop Chapel, Crackenback Drive, Thredbo  
Sat 5pm

St Joseph's, Cnr Mary and Oliver Streets, Berridale  
1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sun 10:30am

Our Lady  
starting at the long weekend in June, continuing to the end of the long weekend in October  
Star of the Sea, Cooma Street, Dalgety  
5th Sun 10:30am

St Thomas, Barry Way, Moonbah  
Please phone presbytery for summer Mass times

Our Lady of the Snow, Kosciusko Road, Perisher  
5pm every Sunday

requires specific permission to use the road when it is shut to the public. Aside from being mindful of kangaroos and wombats on the road, these days Fr Miller might encounter the odd deer which are known to come out in front of vehicles. Better still he keeps an eye out for pesky Wild Brumbies who also wish to share the road at various times.

As part of his ministry, he regularly visits the Cooma prison as the Catholic chaplain.

"I enjoy visiting the gaol because it is a different aspect of ministry and one that can be

very rewarding," he said.

Closer to Canberra, Cooma Parish Priest, Fr Mick MacAndrew, and his assistant, Fr James Onoja, have also been known to 'say Mass in the Snow' at times. They too have four-wheel drives for their run which includes Adaminaby, Bombala, Numeralla, Jerangle and Nimmitabel in addition to Cooma.

To see Mass times for the High Country parishes and missions of Cooma and Jindabyne go to <http://cgatholic.org.au/parishes-and-mass-times/>

Our Lady of the Snow: Pray for us!





On the path to Sainthood

# An outstanding role model for youth

AUSTRALIA is one step closer to getting its next saint with the Vatican advancing the cause for Sydney woman Eileen O'Connor to the title Servant of God.

The significant announcement comes just months after Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, began the formal process for the beatification of Eileen when he appointed Rome-based priest Father Anthony Robbie in March as postulator - the person who guides the cause for beatification or canonisation through the Church's rigorous processes for recognising a person as a saint.

"Eileen's was a life of immense suffering and judged by today's standards many would have viewed it as lacking in dignity, value or hope," said Archbishop Fisher.

"That she is on her way to possibly being our next saint shows even a short life, marked by incredible suffering, can be an inspiration to all and reminds

us of the dignity of every human life."

Fr Robbie said this significant declaration of the Holy See means the task of formally presenting Eileen to the world as an outstanding Australian example of holiness and charitable care can now begin.

"With every passing year since her death a century ago, Eileen O'Connor has grown in the love and devotion of the people of Sydney and of all Australia.

Always thinking of others in need despite her own severe hardships, she is an outstanding role model for today's Australian youth and for the lay apostolate in particular," he said.

"May she inspire many others to devote themselves to the needs of the outcast and forgotten as her own life becomes better known." Born in the inner-Melbourne suburb of Richmond on 19 February 1892, Eileen Rosaline O'Connor suffered a crippling break in her spine at age three and lived her



short life in constant nerve pain from what was later diagnosed as tuberculous osteomyelitis. The O'Connor family moved to Sydney when Eileen was aged 10 and despite her poor health and immense suffering, she co-founded the religious order of Our Lady's Nurses of the Poor with local priest Father Edward McGrath MSC in April 1913.

## Survey explores young people's hopes and challenges

ARCHBISHOP Anthony Fisher OP, the Bishops' Delegate for Youth, says the largest survey of young Catholics ever conducted will further shape the Church's engagement with young people and help the bishops tackle some of the many challenges young people face in contemporary society.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference last year initiated a survey of people aged 16 to 29 as part of international preparations for the Synod of Bishops on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment, which will be held in October this year.

More than 15,000 young people responded "passionately and earnestly", Archbishop Fisher said, with the survey results highlighting some of their key concerns: mental health issues; questions around identity – ethnic, spiritual and sexual; loneliness; relationships and friendships; the direction of society, politics and the Church; and living out their faith in a secular world.

"These are big issues that affect us all and they are all things about which the Church cares deeply and on which it has much to say," Archbishop Fisher said.

"Even amidst the challenges raised in the survey, there is cause for great hope. For millennials, there has never been a more important time to rededicate themselves to the message and life of Jesus Christ. If ever we needed new John the Baptists to call people to repent and



believe, to offer some really Good News amidst all the bad, and to point people to Christ, it is right now.

"Never in history have young people been more necessary. Never have young people had more opportunities to be the spiritual heroes our nation and our world

needs."

Trudy Dantis, director of the Pastoral Research Office, which conducted the survey, said the overwhelming response from young people created rich data that can help the Church understand where its ministry is bearing fruit and where

additional efforts might best be directed.

"It's clear that many young people highly value what the Church has done for them and is doing for them, while others were willing to share their disappointment in the Church, which is sometimes harder to capture and analyse," Dr Dantis said. "This survey sought to really listen to what young people are saying.

"The bishops and all who work in the Church will better understand the views of young people after considering the findings of this survey and assessing how they can renew and energise the Church."

Malcolm Hart, director of the ACBC's Office for Youth, said the youth survey will help inform the Church's ongoing ministry to young people through schools, parishes, youth groups, ethnic communities and other less formal settings.

"We heard that many young people enjoy gathering in a structured setting, like Mass and liturgical events, others liked the 'big event' approach to their faith and others still preferred the casual nature of meeting in cafes and pubs to consider the big faith and life questions," Mr Hart said.

"The Church wants to continue to engage with young people wherever they choose to gather and help be a focal point for their personal and spiritual growth." Access the Australian Catholic Bishops' Youth Survey at: [www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey](http://www.catholic.org.au/youthsurvey)



BRIEFS

**MEXICO:** The Archdiocese of Morelia confirmed Saturday that the body of Fr. Miguel Gerardo Flores, who had disappeared a week previously, had been discovered. The Morelia archdiocese said Aug. 25 that the body of Fr. Flores was found in Nueva Italia, 100 miles southwest of Morelia in Mexico's Michoacan state. At least four priests have been murdered in Mexico this year.

**DUBLIN:** Pope Francis said Sunday that he will not comment on claims by a former Vatican ambassador to the U.S. that the pope knew about allegations against Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and reinstated him in ministry. The pope said people should make up their own minds about the claims. "I read the statement this morning, and I must tell you sincerely... Read the statement carefully and make your own judgment."

**ROME:** The Italian bishops' conference will accept the majority of 100 African migrants who have spent 10 days stranded on a coast guard ship in a Sicilian port. A total of 190 migrants, primarily from Eritrea, had been found stranded at sea and rescued by the Italian Coast guard on August 16.

# World Meeting of Families

## Celebrating the cornerstone of life

CANBERRA couple, Anna and Keith Linard, attended the 9th World Meeting of Families in Dublin from August 21 to 26.

The World Meetings were established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1994 with the aim of celebrating the Church's role in building the family. Held every three years, this major international event brings together thousands families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

Anna and Keith had the privilege of presenting their testimony at the first World Meeting in St Peter's Square before Pope John-Paul.

Following the second World Meeting they were co-founders of the 'Evangelisation Through the Family Working Group' which, in 2006, the Australian Bishops reconstituted as the Australian Catholic Marriage and Family Council (ACMFC).

Anna and Keith were members of the ACMFC from 2006 to 2012.

In announcing the World Meeting, Pope Francis said:

"I wish to underline how important it is for families to ask themselves often if they live based on love, for love and in love. In practice, this means giving oneself, forgiving, not losing patience, anticipating the other, respecting ... I dream of a merciful Church that proclaims the heart of the revelation of God as Love, which is Mercy. It is this very mercy that makes us new in love. The Dublin meeting will be able to offer concrete signs of this."

The 9th World Meeting began with a three-day Pastoral and Theological Congress reflecting on the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

This was followed by a Festival of Families, where families gathered to celebrate the gift of family from the perspective of the specific theme of the World Meeting.



Canberra couple, Anna and Keith Linard

This was a cultural celebration of music, dance, song, within a prayerful and joyful setting, and with the aid of testimonies given by families representing the five continents. The highlight of the event was the presence of Pope

Francis. The World Meeting closed on Sunday 26 August with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration, that gathered tens of thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

# Catholics taking the slow boat to Panama

CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

TO GET to World Youth Day 2019 in Panama this January, most Catholics will board flights a day or two before events begin. Some will drive, and spend a few weeks along the route on pilgrimage. A few might even spend weeks walking to Panama. But a crew of almost two dozen Catholics will take more than five months to get to World Youth Day, and that's so long as they have calm seas and fair winds.

A French crew of 17 men and women, four skippers, and a chaplain will sail from France to the Central American country, arriving at World Youth Day under sail, and from the sea.

Though a majority of the group has never sailed before, the crew will take three boats and gain hands-on-experience along the way. Stopping at many European pilgrim sites, the crew will spend time as pilgrims, in prayer and reflection as they travel. The boats will carry a statue of Santa Maria La Antigua, the patron saint of Panama.



The voyage is expected to depart from the Gulf of Brest, located in the north of France, on August 31. On behalf of all the country's bishops, the

crew will receive a blessing from Bishop Marc Aillet of Bayonne.

According the Vatican News, the team has labeled the journey a "spiritual, human, and

missionary adventure." The crew-mates cited a variety of reasons for their lengthy journey. Some members are using the trip as a time to discern a vocation, better

understand life's purpose, or to focus on prayer. The pilgrims also expressed desires to immerse themselves in the cultures of other nations, listening to the stories of local people and learning from shared experiences.

Until September 15, the crew will sail through France, Portugal, and Spain, stopping at pilgrim sites like Santiago de Compostela and the apparition site of Our Lady of Fatima.

The boats will reach Morocco by September 30 to retrace the steps of Blessed Charles de Foucault.

In October, the crew will sail to the Canary Islands, a Spanish archipelago, and then to Senegal. The crew will be leading a mission trip in Senegal's capital city, Dakar.

After an estimated 20 days of travel over the Atlantic Ocean, the pilgrims will arrive at the Caribbean islands around Christmas. The crew will sail to Curacao, off the coast of Venezuela. They plan will arrive in Panama before Jan. 22.





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First family member

Where Jerusalem was

\_\_\_ and abstinence

Church assn. for kids

"\_\_\_ my sheep." (Jn 21:17)

Commandment word

Where the Vatican is

"We \_\_\_ for the resurrection of the dead..."

"...and sends \_\_\_ on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45)

Actor and convert Cooper

Catholic Brazilian soccer great

Jericho heroine

"...born of the Virgin Mary and became \_\_\_."

OT prophetic book

Baptism symbol

First King of Israel

US state in which the Diocese of Nashville is found

"...the \_\_\_, raise the dead..." (Mt 10:8)

A biblical sea

First family member

Title for Jesus

Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)

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Renaissance Marian art title

First Catholic US president, familiarly

Jazz musician and Catholic convert

Brubeck

Type of sin

Number of days Jesus spent in the desert

Catholic poet/essayist John Samuel

Samuel's mentor

Bible opener (abbr.)

Spiritual program

Adjective for the Bishop of Rome

Commit a deadly sin

The Inferno

Diocese in Idaho

A religious

Son of David

Catholic apologist and mathematician

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First Catholic United States Chief Justice

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"None of us lives to himself, and none of us \_\_\_ to himself." (Rom 14:7)

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# Coming Events

**SEPTEMBER 5 to 7:** Australian Catholic Communications Congress 2018: Communicating Hope and Trust. Held at Rydges South Bank Brisbane. The congress is open to everyone communicating the Good News across Catholic media or communication channels. For more information go to <https://www.catholic.org.au/>

**SEPTEMBER 9 (11am to 12.30pm):** Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue for the Monaro Deanery at St Joseph's Catholic School Bombala.

**SEPTEMBER 10 to 14:** The National Council of Priests (NCP) is holding a convention in Canberra to discuss matters for the Church following the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and in preparation for the Plenary Council in 2020 and 2021. More details to follow as they become available.

**SEPTEMBER 13 to 16:** The Catholic Cursillo Movement of Canberra & Goulburn is joining with the Catholic Cursillo Movement of Wollongong Diocese in holding a combined Men's Cursillo at Hartzer Park Conference and Retreat Centre, Burradoo NSW on 13 – 16 September 2018. For further information contact: Joe Jambor at [irmandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:irmandjoe@gmail.com) or Mob: 0401 159.852.

**SEPTEMBER 21 to 23:** The Australian Catholic Youth Ministry Convention (ACYMC) will take

place at the Rooty Hill RSL Club. Hosted by the Australian Catholic Bishops Office for Youth and the Diocese of Parramatta. For more information go to <http://youth.catholic.org.au/>

**SEPTEMBER 22 (9am to 1pm):** Garage and Plant Sale at Rheinberger Centre, Cnr of Loch and Weston Streets Yarralumla, ACT.

**SEPTEMBER 29:** DVD presentations from Fr. Thomas Keating renowned Trappist monk and Dr. Judith Simmer- Brown Marian Hall St. Matthew's Parish Chewings Street Page from 10.30 am until 2.30. They will share the importance of the Journey of Compassion and Transformation through the practice of Centering Prayer Meditation. Facilitator: Sr Lorraine Cupitt rsm ph.: 6288 6074. Donation \$10. Please bring a personal lunch. Morning tea will be provided.

**OCTOBER 19 to 21:** Young Men of God Conference. More details to follow.

**OCTOBER 21:** Gala Concert featuring The Australian Rugby Choir. Proceeds to Farmer's Drought appeal, entry by gold coin donation. Artists include Drew Ashley, Julie O'Connor, Rachel Campbell, Harry Cleverdon, , The "Butt" Family, Greg Jamieson, Oscar Smith and Trinity School Choir.

**OCTOBER 24 (2pm to 5pm):** Year

of Youth forum at St Christopher's Cathedral. Open to youth, young adults, clergy and leaders.

**OCTOBER 26 (5pm to 9pm):** Joy of the Gospel Review and Feedback session at Haydon Hall in St Christopher's Pastoral Centre in Manuka. For more information contact Kylie on (02) 6239 9800.

**OCTOBER 27 (10am):** Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue in the Western Deanery. Session will be held somewhere in Cootamundra. Location to be confirmed.

**NOVEMBER 3 (9am to 4pm):** Archbishop's Teaching Day for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. At Haydon Hall in St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka. All are welcome. To register and for more information, call Neda on 0415 266 019 or Susanna on 0419 902 293.

**NOVEMBER 10 (9am to 1.30pm):** Marymead Annual Fete at Rheinberger Centre, Cnr of Loch and Weston Streets Yarralumla, ACT.

**NOVEMBER 15 to 18:** Canberra Women's Cursillo at Greenhills. Save the date.

**NOVEMBER 4:** St Greg's Youth LIVE. Save the date.

**JANUARY 22 to 27, 2019:** World Youth Day in Panama. For more information go to [www.wyd.org.au](http://www.wyd.org.au)

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**GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP:** Meets each Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm in the parish room at St Peter Chanel's Church Yarralumla. Rosary, charismatic praise and worship, teachings, testimonies, prayer ministry, intercession and fellowship. Contacts Susanna on 0419 902 293, Neda on 0415 266 019 and Gabriel on 0432 082 642.

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**IGNATIUS GROUP OF CANBERRA:** Meets fortnightly for discussion and reflection. Based on the international movement Christian Life Community. Contact Steve on 0407 147 540.

**LEGION OF MARY:** Meets on the third Sunday of each month at St Joseph Church O'Connor at 2pm.

**MAN OVERBOARD:** A monthly gathering of young men discerning priesthood. It is a time to gather, reflect; and commune in order to feel supported during a time of such importance. Each gathering will be held on the first Friday of every month (public holidays excepted). Please RSVP to Fr Paul Nulley at [paul.nulley@cg.org.au](mailto:paul.nulley@cg.org.au) For catering purposes or follow the prompts at <http://www.manoverboard.org.au/>

**MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS:** Meets to pray a Cenacle at St Joseph's Church O'Connor each Wednesday following the 8.30am Mass. Contact Maria on (02) 6247 4026.

**menALIVE:** Encouraging authentic Christian manhood, the Canberra chapter of 'Men Alive' meet on the first Monday of each month at St Christopher's Cathedral for Mass at 5pm. Mass is then followed by drinks at 'Public Bar' in Manuka.

**MINISTRY TO THE NEWLY MARRIED:** A mentoring program for newly married couples or engaged couples soon-to-be married. Contact Debbie & Brian (02) 6231 3389 or 0414 878 167 Email: [mnm@grapevine.com.au](mailto:mnm@grapevine.com.au)

**TAIZE PRAYER:** The Canberra Friends of Taizé Ecumenical Group meets regularly for prayer every second Sunday of the month at Weston Creek Uniting Church at 5.30pm. Prayers, songs, Scripture readings and silent meditation as used in the monastery in Taizé, France.All welcome. Enquiries to Annemarie (0421 492 554) or [CBRTaizeFriends@internode.on.net](mailto:CBRTaizeFriends@internode.on.net)

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## Role of Laity focus of forum

THE FOURTH and forthright Bishop of Parramatta, Vincent Long, will lead a distinguished panel at the fourth major forum of Concerned Catholics of Canberra and Goulburn on September 11, 2018.

The forum is entitled: The Future of the Catholic Church in Australia: Role of the Laity in Church Renewal.

Bishop Long, who gave thought-provoking testimony last year to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, will be joined on the panel by Sr Clare Condon, formerly Congregational Leader of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, and Ms Anne Kirwan, CEO of Catholic Care, Canberra and Goulburn.

Bishop Vincent is the first Vietnamese-born bishop to lead a diocese outside of Vietnam and the first Vietnamese-born bishop in Australia. He came to Australia by boat in 1975 and is the Australian Catholic Bishops Delegate for Migrants and Refugees.

Long believes that ordained ministers have too much power in the Catholic Church and too little accountability, and that the marginalisation of women and the laity is part of this culture of clericalism that contributes not insignificantly to the sexual abuse crisis.

**Date:** Tuesday 11 September 2018  
**Location:** Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton, ACT  
**Time:** 7pm for 7.30pm  
**Accommodation:** 0401 731 918  
[www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org](http://www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org)

# Pledging \$100K for Marymead

LAST week Vikings Group launched a partnership with Marymead as its new Charity of the Year, pledging to raise \$100,000 – the largest fundraising goal Vikings Group has set for a single charity.

The money raised will go towards building Marymead's Care Cottages—as part of its Buy a Brick campaign—to provide much needed short-term and crisis accommodation for children and families in the ACT and surrounding region.

The Charity of the Year program is currently in its third year and has so far raised over \$140,000 in support of local charities.

Vikings Group CEO Anthony Hill says introducing Marymead as the new Charity of the Year is a privilege.

“Coming into our third year running the program, we have committed ourselves to our highest fundraising goals. It will be challenging, but it is a challenge worth accepting.

“Marymead provides an invaluable service to the community, which we want to recognise and support. Family values and cohesiveness are at the heart of Vikings Group, and we look forward to building a strong partnership with Marymead,” Anthony says.

The Buy a Brick campaign aims to raise \$1.3 million to construct two Care Cottages at its Narrabundah location.

Marymead's CEO Camilla Rowland believes the partnership between Marymead and Vikings Group will make an exceptional difference to its Care Cottage fundraising initiative and to the families this will support.



Vikings Group CEO Anthony Hill helps launch the Marymead Buy-A-Brick appeal with Marymead CEO Camilla Rowland. Photo supplied.

“We're extremely grateful to Vikings Group for selecting Marymead as its new Charity of the Year. This opportunity will contribute significantly to our Care Cottage project and help us achieve our mission to provide hope and change for children and families in crisis,” Camilla says.

The 12-month Charity of the

Year program includes a variety of fundraising initiatives run throughout the year including trivia nights, Yoga on the Greens and a Vikings Rugby Charity Day to name few.

This year, Vikings are also encouraging Canberrans to ‘Buy a Brick’ as part of the campaign to contribute to the construction of

the Care Cottages.

Marymead has supported the community for over 50 years and continues to provide family and mental health support services, emergency and crisis accommodation for vulnerable children and respite for people with disability. For more information visit [marymead.org.au](http://marymead.org.au)

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## Twin towns to celebrate 150th

THE TWIN towns of Harden Murrumburrah will mark the 150th birthday of one of its historic Catholic churches with a music concert.

The concert to celebrate the sesquicentenary of the Parish St Mary's, Murrumburrah, will be held in its Harden sister church St Anthony's at 2pm on Sunday, 21 October.

The church, which holds about 600 people, has not hosted such an event before. All members of the community are welcome and entry is by gold coin donation, proceeds to farmer's drought appeal.

The Australian Rugby Choir with more than 40 male voices will come from Canberra to feature at the concert.

Other performers will include Drew Ashley, from Canberra, who will perform songs from the Phantom of the Opera and Frank Sinatra, Hilltops soprano Julie O'Connor, musical director of the Australian Rugby Choir Rachel Campbell, teenage artist Harry Cleverdon, Trinity School choir and the Butt family with Greg Jamieson and Oscar Smith.

The then Bishop of Goulburn William Lanigan blessed and laid the foundation stone of St Mary's Church on 27 September, 1868.

In the late-1800s priests travelled on Saturday by train from Cootamundra to celebrate Sunday Mass, returning home the following day.

A parish lunch in September and an anniversary Mass in November will also be held to mark the historic occasion.

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ABOVE: Members of Pat Keough's family travelled from far and wide to be present when Pat was honoured with a special Papal Award.  
RIGHT : It was a celebration worth waiting 180 years for when St Augustine's Parish Yass celebrated the original laying of the foundation stone in 1838.  
BELOW RIGHT: Over 450 students from across the Archdiocese converged on Marist College for the Shine Gathering early in August.  
BELOW: Breaking away for discussions was this group of parishioners at the Bombala and Delegate Plenary Council listening sessions facilitated by Shirley Sullivan.



LEFT: A group of visiting sisters from Vietnam were shown around St Christopher's Pastoral Centre this month.  
BELOW LEFT: Attendees at the Catholic Leaders Formation Symposium took advantage of the sunny weather, enjoying their lunch break at the Plaza in front of St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.  
BELOW: Members of St Gregory's Youth Worship (SGY) from Queanbeyan performed for an hour during the 12 Hours of Adoration at St Christopher's Cathedral on Friday August 3. More than 200 gathered across the 12 hours.



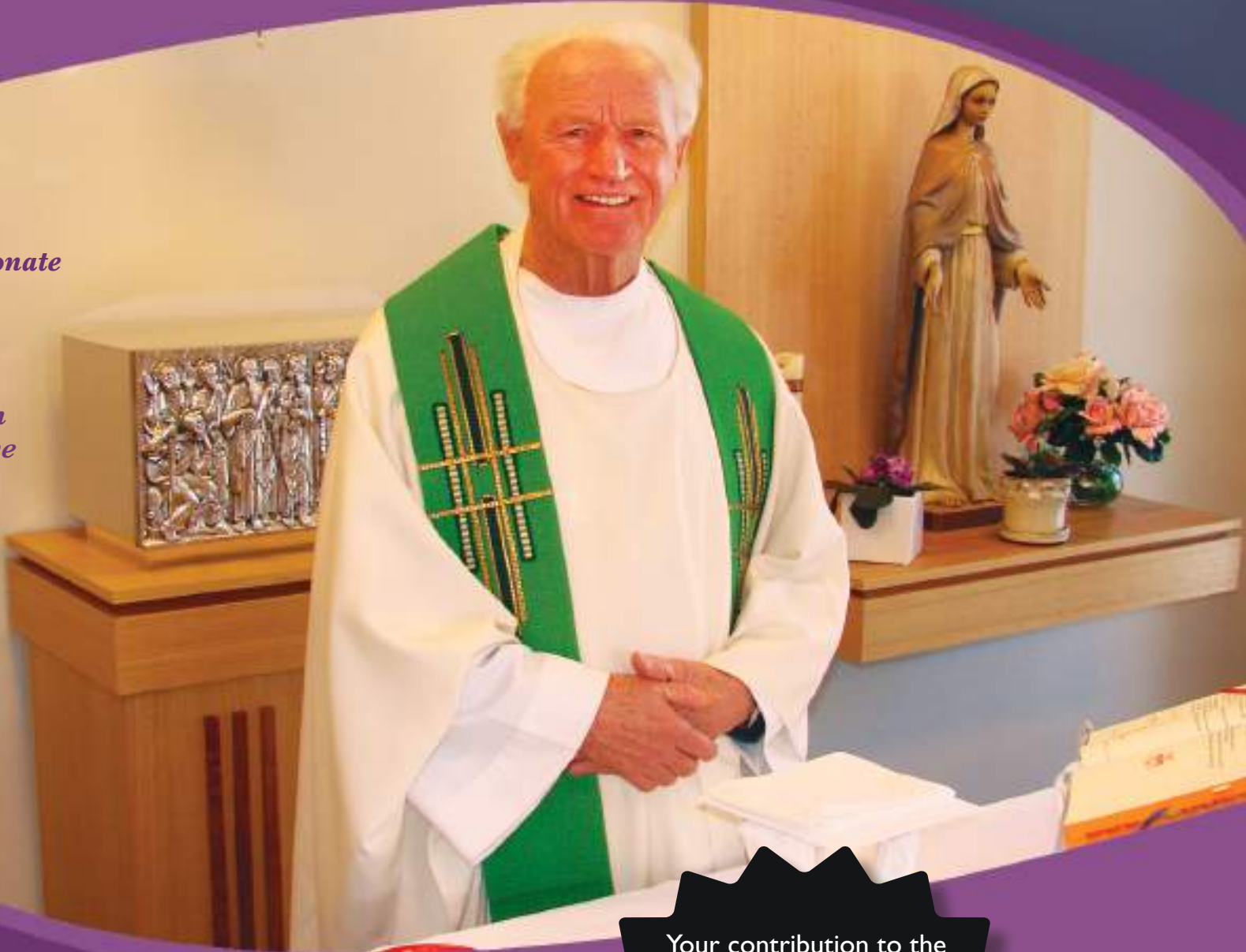


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