



REVIEW

GATHERING IN CHRIST

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The voters of Tasmania have elected a Liberal government for the next four years. We congratulate them and wish them wisdom and strength to carry out their responsibilities.

Lent is almost over and many of us have attended scripture meetings in preparation for Easter. Enjoy the celebration of one of the most important and beautiful feasts of our Church. Happy Easter to all!

May is Our Lady's month. We could do no better than say a daily Rosary in her honour.

Hearty congratulations to Devonport Branch on their 70th Birthday anniversary, which we celebrated on February 25. Our State Chaplain, Fr. Terry Southwood OAM, together with the Parish Priest Fr. Mike Delaney and his Assistant Priest, Fr. Augustine Ezenwelu concelebrated Mass at Our Lady of

Lourdes Church at 11am for a congregation of about fifty people.

Following the Mass we adjourned to the Gateway Motor Inn for a lovely lunch and reminiscences. A beautiful birthday cake was cut by 90-year old Lorna Jones – the only surviving member of the original committee. As archivist, Lorna also presented a short history of the branch to everyone present, to which was added comments in a letter from past State Secretary, Margaret Summers. What a lovely celebration it was!

I sometimes wonder if we really appreciate our history and those who have gone before us. Recently, as I was polishing the brass candlesticks in my local church St. Thomas' Sorell, my own family history came to mind. The candlesticks are engraved in memory of my grandmother and one of her sons (my un-



cle), who was killed in World War 1 in France. My grandfather, John Henry Bresnehan, presented them to our church nearly 100 years ago. I am humbled and proud to be amongst so many of his descendants who have and still are worshipping and looking after this 1864 Henry Hunter Church, which our forbears also cared for many years ago - long before most of us were born. May they all be reaping the rewards of their steadfast faith, which probably did not include celebration of the Mass very often or other support and opportunities that we enjoy today. God bless them all!

No doubt many of you have similar memories and stories to tell. Never forget those past generations who have handed the faith down to us. We pray it does not stop with us, but will continue for evermore.

Lola Phillip

REFLECTION FOR APRIL

GOSPEL DISCUSSION (PREPARED BY SR MARJORIE BOUTCHARD PBVM)

*The Women Who Followed Jesus***Introduction**

The following Gospel passages name specific women who followed Jesus and ministered to him. They were from many levels of society and accompanied Jesus during his healing and teaching ministry. They followed him to Calvary, standing by his Cross and then witnessed his resurrection, a wonderful image of our sharing in the teaching and healing of Lenten following of Jesus, remembering and sharing the death of Jesus and rejoicing in the Easter resurrection. Also an image of our Christian life.

Luke 81: 3

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, of God. The Twelve were with him and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

John 19: 25-27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son" and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

Luke 24: 1-12

Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: The son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." They remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the others with them, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Discussion

These women mentioned were probably well known in the early church. What do you think attracted these women to Jesus? Lent is the season of listening to God's word in our lives and becoming aware of the healing needed in our lives. To do this we need to look at, listen to and follow Jesus like these women. How might we achieve this? Sadly for our Australian society Good Friday is just another holiday. How can we make it a holy day?

We may not all be able to take part in the Easter ceremonies of Holy Saturday, when the Easter fire is lit and the Christ candle blessed and lit and our lighted candles fill the church with the light of Jesus' presence in our lives.

How might you celebrate Easter joy? Attendance at Mass! Getting in touch with family! Easter eggs, much commercialized, but a symbol of new life!

Homework: Take some time and reflect on how you have followed Jesus in your life.

MASS CRUSADE – April**Richmond**

Universal. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.

For Evangelization. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.

REFLECTION FOR MAY

GOSPEL DISCUSSION (PREPARED BY SR MARJORIE BOUTCHARD PBVM)

Introduction

As May is Mary's month, a Gospel discussion featuring Mary would be appropriate. I thought this story of the Visitation would show us Mary – the very human woman.

Mary Visits Elizabeth – Luke 1: 39-56

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why I am so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me. As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Mary's Song (The Magnificat)**And Mary said:**

"My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me -
holy is his name.
His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
He has brought down rulers from their thrones,
but has lifted up the humble.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
but has sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
to Abraham and his descendants forever,
just as he promised our ancestors."

Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

Discussion:

What stands out for you in this Gospel? There may have been many reasons for Mary to visit Elizabeth –

- ◆ to help her
- ◆ to tell Elizabeth about the angel's visit
- ◆ to get advice

to.....

Why do you think Mary visited Elizabeth?

Luke's Gospel is sometimes referred to as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit.

What are the Holy Spirit moments in this Gospel reading?

Mary's Magnificat glorifying God is not an original prayer. It was Hannah's pray at the birth of Samuel in the Book of Kings in the Old Testament. I think it shows the value of having traditional prayers in our lives for when we cannot find the words to pray.

What are some of your favourite prayers?

Mary helped Elizabeth in her need.

What are some of the pressing needs of our day?

What can we do about them as CWL women?

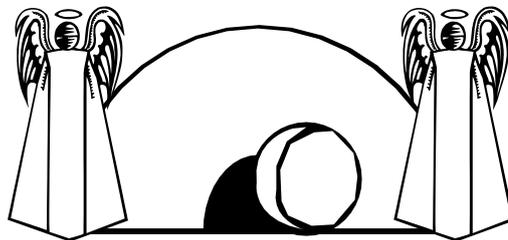
Homework - Pray Mary's Song

MASS CRUSADE – May Kingborough

Universal: That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

For Evangelization: That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the church in proclaiming Christ to the nations. Churches.

AN EMPTY TOMB INSTEAD



They came to the quiet garden
In the early morning gloom,
And there in the shadowed darkness

They thought all hope had ended
With Calvary's dying breath,
But they found a powerful Saviour,

They brought their scented spices
To anoint the hallowed dead,
But found, to their amazement,
The living Lord instead.

On that wonderful Easter morning,
In a garden sweet with dew,
He came from the grave –
A world to save –
To live and reign anew

Their hearts were heavy-laden –
Bowed down with deep despair –
But when they lifted tear-dimmed eyes,
Lo, Jesus was standing there.

So oft in the midst of sorrows
When hope seems cold and dead.
With lifted eyes, we too may see
An empty tomb instead!

ABORTION

Thoughts and words from our State Chaplain, Father T Southerwood

I would like to share my story. Although not aborted, as at least 80,000 Australians are every year, I was left to die by my mother's obstetrician. He believed I would not survive because I was very premature and weighed only 3 pounds - unviable, it was thought, in the days before neo natal care and humidified cribs. He informed my father: 'I have managed to save your wife's life, but the child won't live!' He put me aside and left for his holidays. I only survived because a caring nurse wrapped me in cotton wool, bathed me in olive oil and fed me milk from an eye-dropper. 75 years later I am still alive, but no one asked me as an infant if I wished to live. No one asks the aborted child whether he or she wishes to live. Life is cruelly snuffed out.

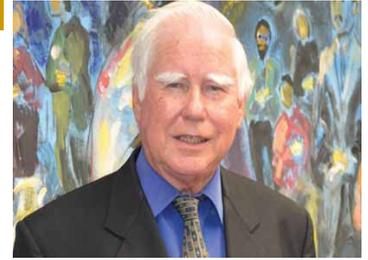


Photo courtesy of the Tasmanian Catholic

I contend that the embryo as a person must be defended in its integrity. For this reason, while the utmost compassion and respect should be offered to a woman under pressure to abort her baby, this 'choice' cannot be approved of or condoned. Termination of pregnancy, for the reasons I have indicated, is morally wrong – an injustice towards the unborn child. Even if done in the perceived interest of the mother's health, whether physical or psychological, abortion is a direct attack on innocent human life. Nor is it true to suggest that the foetus is not human until it has been delivered at full term.

Doctors with whom I have spoken assure me that abortion conflicts with the highest ideals and principles of the medical profession – which exists to protect human life and promote healing. The obstetrician has two patients – the mother and her unborn child. The doctor should not take the life of either. The life of the child should not be preferred to that of the mother. Nor should the life of the mother be preferred to that of her child. Neither life should be directly taken.

Finally, I feel very sad – even angry – that the Australian Government has put the abortion pill RU 486 on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

Editor's note:

Congratulations to Father Southerwood who was the recipient of a Medal of the Order of Australia in this year's Australia Day honours. Father Southerwood was recognized for his services to the Catholic Church and as an author of 27 books mainly on historical topics. A graduate with Honours in Arts from the University of Tasmania he also wrote and contributed to articles in a diverse range of professional journals.

Love Life & Liberty Seminar
Emily's Voice
 Saturday 31 May 2014 at 9:00am - 3:30pm
 At
 Hope Christian Centre, 25 Tasma Street North Hobart.
 Or
 Saturday 5 April 2014 at 9:00am– 3:30pm
 Legana Christian Church
 1 Gerrard Close



SOCIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT

Well, the bright new year of 2014 is well on the way and once again we are confident of the presence of God, guiding and encouraging us, and giving us plenty to do!

We can be thankful that the ranks of newly elected State Government contain men and women who are likely to listen to representations from the League, and also likely to be less energetic than the previous government in pushing an agenda so out of step with Christian values.

The last important move in that respect was the passage of the Reproductive Health (Access to Termination) Bill which was a real letdown; a letdown for both mothers and their babies. However there are now copious records of all kinds of information on this issue, available for future research. We can be thankful for that at least.

Sexpo

The Mercury reported last week that Sexpo would be staged in Hobart, for the first time in Tasmania. Run in other states for some years, it promotes pornography, sleaze and deviant sexual practices. Unfortunately the Lord Mayor has spoken out in personal support, which he may be regretting by now.

On behalf of the League, I contacted the ABC radio news room, with part of an interview going to air. (My daughter in Melbourne phoned to say how taken aback she was to hear my voice coming to her as she did the housework! My poor kids suffer a lot of embarrassment per kind favour of their mother!) The Mercury published a letter (see below) and emails expressing our concern went to all Hobart City Aldermen.

Many responded saying they knew nothing about this event till they saw the Mercury report, and were not happy that the Lord Mayor seemed to have given the impression that it has Hobart City Council support. They explained that the area at the Hobart waterfront where it will be staged is the property and responsibility of the State Government. So perhaps the OK came from the previous government. We are checking on whether any funds came too. We have researched Sexpo and found a copy of its description in Sydney by Melinda Tankrad-Reist, from the ABC's The Drum. (Google Sexpo The Drum, but prepare yourselves first). It really celebrates pornography, sleaze and deviant sex.

With the encouragement of Archbishop Julian and with other Christian groups, we will continue to try to stop this happening, but even if we don't succeed in doing that, the more messages that go to members of the Council the better. We encourage our members to do so. After all, even if they are not responsible for hiring out the area, they have a vested interest in maintaining the family friendly ambience after working so consistently in recent years to establish it. Several have already said they are not happy about it all. But the buck really does stop with them.

Letter published in the Mercury on 25 March 2014:

As demonstrated in Sydney, the Sexpo event proposed for Hobart promotes pornography, sleaze and deviant sexual practices. It is a commercial venture to make money for the people organising and promoting it and for the exhibitors taking part. It would be best if it were not brought to Hobart, especially to the important public area of the Sullivans Cove waterfront. In recent years the Hobart City Council has worked hard to create a family friendly atmosphere in that location and it seems a great pity to reverse that.

Promoting interest in pornography and deviant sex at a time when our community is struggling to create a safe environment for the welfare of vulnerable children is illogical. We are fearful for the wellbeing of young children growing up surrounded by adults who think that Sexpo is a normal, healthy display of sexuality.

Pat Gartlan



FROM WUCWO

The following information is from Jane Munro, CWLA National International Secretary.

During the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women 58 held in New York from 10-21 March, 2014, Jane Munro, together with Sue Fryer, conducted a practical workshop entitled 'Natural Fertility, Gender Equality and Environmental Sustainability'.

Millions of women around the world now use modern natural fertility methods to prevent pregnancy, to pinpoint when they are most fertile when trying to become pregnant, and to safeguard their reproductive health. The subjects covered were to:

- ◆ Delve into the science of natural fertility
- ◆ Empower women with vital information about their reproductive health
- ◆ Explore the complementarity of the sexes and the benefits of natural fertility control
- ◆ Discuss the adverse impacts of synthetic oestrogen, a common ingredient in hormonal contraception, on women's health and the environment.

Jane and Sue are highly experienced natural fertility tutors who have empowered countless women with knowledge of their bodies that every woman, everywhere, should have.

Mary Walsh

FROM THE NORTH-WEST VICE/PRESIDENT

Congratulations to members and past members of Devonport Branch of Catholic Women's League for being active in their branch for 70 years; we hope and pray that Devonport will continue to be part of the League for many years to come.

The birthday celebration was a very joyous occasion, an account of which is printed elsewhere in this "Review".

Ulverstone Branch is now looking at past records, as some members feel sure Ulverstone began the same year as Devonport. I wish them luck in their search.

During the last half of 2013 Ulverstone changed their meetings to bi-monthly, mainly to cut travel for President Marjory who was living at Forest at the time, but now Marjory has been able to move to Ulverstone so it was decided at the last meeting to revert to monthly meetings.

WUCWO Feast Day will be celebrated in May. Ulverstone and Devonport Branches usually combine to hold their AGM's, also in May, and therefore WUCWO Feast Day is also celebrated that day. Devonport will be the host branch this year and the date will be Wednesday, May 14. (This date is not confirmed, as Ulverstone Branch is yet to be consulted).

Kath Pearce

STATE CONFERENCE—OCTOBER 10-12

Accommodation Venues. The two hotel/motels nearest to the CWL Centre, where the conference will be held, are the Great Western (formerly the Mercure) on the corner of Bathurst and Harrington Streets. The accommodation there is \$170 per twin room. The MidCity where the last State Conference in Hobart was held has twin rooms for \$115. No rooms have been reserved, so it would be advisable to make a booking as soon as possible.

Themes and Motions. Listed below are the themes and motions submitted by various branches for the next State Conference. Please discuss them within your branches and return your choice of **theme** to the State Secretary, Patricia Leamey, 2/63 Brent Street, Glenorchy, 7010, by April 30.

MOTIONS

No. 1 – from Ulverstone Branch

“That the Catholic Women’s League Tasmania, meeting in Conference in Hobart in October 2014, requests the State Executive to consider subsidising membership fees from State funds to members. This will see Branches survive and memberships continue and increase”.

Rationale. As the membership is declining due to age, ill health and the cost of fees, could the State subsidise membership fees, as there are many members on single pensions trying to meet the costs of daily living. Food, utilities, medical and petrol prices are still on the increase.

Their membership to the CWL Tasmania and their local membership to their branches, their Church, school and the general community is very important to them.

No. 2 – from Devonport Branch

“That CWL Tasmania meeting in Conference wishes to congratulate the Tasmanian Commissioner of Police and the entire Police Service for ensuring Tasmania is the safest State in Australia, and we pray that they continue to uphold the best values and safeguards for this community”.

Rationale. Australian National Statistics have indicated that Tasmania is the safest State in Australia due to our efficient Police Service in spite of reduced numbers of members. Large public functions are held in Hobart, Launceston and other centres with very little in the way of bad or threatening behaviour.

We trust that the Tasmanian Police Force will continue with integrity to uphold the safety and confidence of our citizens as a very high priority.

No. 3. – From the State Executive

“That CWL meeting in Conference urges all members to support Senator Polley in her promotion of Baby Safe Havens”.

Rationale. Unwanted babies are being found all over Australia either dead or neglected. Recently, after only a few months of operation in China, they have had to close Baby Safe Havens because they could not handle the huge numbers

THEMES

1. “The Lord is my Light”

From Psalm 27 – Triumphant Song of Confidence of David – “The Lord is my Light and my Salvation”

2. “Women of Faith, Hope and Courage”

Faith – Defending our Beliefs

Hope – To be strong in direction

Courage – Responding to injustice in our community

3. “Love your Neighbour”

Refugees are a current concern in some communities and they are a section of our community

4. “With God’s Strength we can Rise”

God is with us to help us do **anything**. The symbol of a butterfly was closely linked to this theme.

5. “Pray and act for Change”

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 27

Divine Mercy will be celebrated around Tasmania as follows:

North-West Coast. Sacred Heart Church, Alexandra Road, Ulverstone – 9.00am Mass followed by Divine Mercy devotions.

The Divine Mercy Novena, starting on Good Friday, will be prayed daily in Devonport at 6.30pm at Emmaus House and at 10.00am in the Sacred Heart Church at Ulverstone.

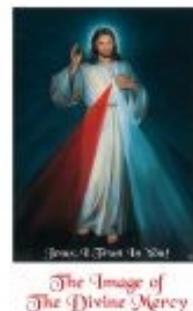
Enquiries: Bruce (03) 6421 0607.

Launceston. The Church of the Apostles, Margaret Street, 2.30pm to 3.30pm hour of prayer with Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. Enquiries: Bernice (03) 6344 1799.

Hobart. St. Mary’s Cathedral, Harrington Street – 2.00pm to 3.00pm Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation and Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.00pm Benediction; 3.15pm Mass.

Enquiries: Maree (03) 6228 7108.

Archbishop Julian Porteous, who last year represented the Australian Bishops at the Second Oceania Divine Mercy Conference, will be the main celebrant for the Divine Mercy Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral.



REPORTS

Devonport's 70th Birthday Celebrations.

Devonport had a wonderful celebration for their 70th Birthday on Tuesday, February 25. The day began with concelebrated Mass at 11am, followed by an enjoyable lunch for forty people at the Gateway Motel.

We were pleased to have the State Chaplain Father Terry Southerwood OAM with us, who, together with the Parish Priest Father Mike Delaney and Assistant Priest Father Augustine concelebrated the Mass. John Lee-Archer, a gifted organist, played the organ, which added to the solemnity of the Mass.

One foundation member was present and that was Lorna Jones. Invitations were sent to two other foundation members – Peggy Richardson and Molly Snare, but unfortunately neither lady was able to attend.

State Office was well represented by the State President Lola Phillips, State Treasurer Jan Lawler, Southern Vice-President Eris Smyth OAM and Northern Vice-President Wendy Fittler.

Branches represented were Launceston, Ulverstone, George Town and, of course, Devonport. Three past members were present, namely Colleen Hill and Betty Sherriff, who now reside in Launceston and Audrey White, now of Lindisfarne; also two members of the one-time Burnie Branch – Maureen Redmond and Judith Jones.

The highlight of the day was the cutting of the cake. The job fell to Lorna Jones, who remarked that it seemed to be her permanent job, as she has cut the cakes at each ten year anniversary.



After the welcome by President Kath, the State President addressed the gathering, followed by Father Southerwood. Father said it was fortunate that he was able to be present, as there was a mix-up in his mail delivery and he only received his invitation the day before. I think it would be correct to say, a good time was had by all!

Kath Pearce



FROM THE HANDCRAFT DESK

By the time this issue of "Review" is received, there will only be six or seven month before the State Conference, so it is well and truly time to get that craft equipment out. Those members who are exhibiting in the Archbishop Sir Guilford Young Perpetual Award may like to be reminded of the following conditions:

Exhibits will be judged on four (4) articles of different classes, e.g. knitting, crochet, needlepoint, ribbon-work, embroidery (different types of embroidery such as crewel, cross-stitch, hardanger, Brazillian).

Presentation will be taken into account. No matter what it is, please follow instructions carefully; make sure seams are neat and well finished, press studs and ties are neat - use the correct thread and matching colour.

Pictures must measure no more than 65 cm square. No novelty or thrift articles will be accepted.

If you require any further information, please contact me on 0422 879 690 or via email plpansy@oneseniors.com.au

FROM THE STATE TREASURER

Levies of \$25 are due to be paid at your Annual Meetings. Would Treasurers please remind members to have the money ready on or before the AGM and then send a cheque for the total amount, together with members' names, addresses, phone numbers (including mobile numbers and email addresses if applicable) to me as soon as possible after the AGM.

All branch financial books are to be closed on June 30 and audited as soon as possible after the receipt of the June Bank Statement, so now is the time to contact your auditor to make sure he is available. The audited statements are then sent to me **no later** than **AUGUST 1**. Your co-operation in adhering to this date of **August 1** would be very much appreciated. **If just one branch is late sending their audited statement, our State Auditor cannot begin his audit.**

Jan Lawler

FROM THE NORTHERN VICE-PRESIDENT

On the International World Day of Prayer, George Town branch celebrated an ecumenical morning service with members from all the churches in the community, hosted by the Salvation Army. This was a beautiful service with some inspiring music and visuals, which gave us all a much greater insight into the life and problems of the women and girls of Egypt. We must continue to pray that things change for these women so they can live in communities that respect them as women.

Members of the Launceston branch also celebrated the day in their own parishes.

The Launceston Branch celebrated a beautiful spiritual day on March 20 at St. Francis's Church, Riverside. The day began with Mass at 9am and was followed by a morning tea and a chat, shared with some of the Riverside parishioners. We then listened to a spiritual talk by Fr. Martin, the theme being "Hope – to be more like God", which was an inspiring reflection on spiritual goals in our lives. Stations of the Cross, with beautiful sung responses, was then led by Fr. Martin.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacred and Holy Hour then followed, during which the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary were recited, and all were invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation individually. The morning concluded with Benediction and a shared lunch.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Launceston Branch and Fr. Martin for the most beautiful day, with inspiring liturgy, great fellowship and a very fulfilling spiritual feast.

By the time this report goes to print I hope that Launceston President, Pat Haines, has fully recovered from her illness.

Wendy Fittler

FROM THE STATE SECRETARY'S DESK

Motions and themes received to date are printed on page 13. Please study them and send your choice to me by April 30, (my address details appear on the back cover of this issue), so that appropriate guest speakers can be contacted for the State Conference.

Most Branch Annual Meetings and WUCWO Day services will be held during May and I wish all members success and a good attendance with these.

Patricia Leamey

FROM THE SOUTHERN VICE-PRESIDENT

A Happy and Holy Easter to all our members and their families.

We have had a busy few months with the Tasmanian election – a good result with many pro-life candidates being successful. Perhaps we can be spared the “progressive” social agenda which threatened the vulnerable over the last few years. However, there is still a threat from some parliamentarians who claim that history is on the side of the “progressives”. Perhaps we can recall some history of the euthanasia debate now that the Belgian Parliament has voted to legalise the euthanasia of children. Malcolm Muggeridge in his article “The Humane Holocaust” pointed out that euthanasia for the mentally ill and physically disabled was introduced in Germany in the 1920s before Hitler came to power. The Nazis extended it to children and to “race”. The phrase “life unworthy of life” was the work of the psychiatrist Alfred Hoche and jurist Karl Binding in 1920. We are now being “groomed” to identify those “unworthy of life” with calls to show compassion towards people incurably ill or unconscious by terminating their lives. (*From Hermeneutic of Continuity website*).

Many members of CWL attended the Requiem Mass of Monsignor Philip Green at Holy Spirit Church, Sandy Bay. “Mons” Green was National Chaplain of CWLA when Tasmania hosted the National Executive. He made a significant contribution to the National Conference, especially with his contacts and practical advice. Father Mark Freeman gave a very beautiful eulogy on Monsignor Green’s life. May he rest in peace.

We need to recall Caroline Chisholm from the grave! **Our postage is set to increase to 70 cents a letter and Postal Orders will cost \$8.95.** Caroline Chisholm’s portrait was for many years on the reverse of the \$5.00 note. She was a wonderful advocate for women and the poor; she arranged with the British Post Master General to introduce a uniform colonial postage rate of four pence for all letters between Britain and the colonies; she then arranged with our Post Master General to introduce “Postal Orders” for amounts less than five pounds, costing only a few pence and organised through the postal system. The average wage was about five pounds and men could not forward home money to assist their families, as a Bank Draft then needed to be five pounds.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meetings in May.

Eris Smyth

ANNUAL MEETINGS AND WUCWO DAY SERVICES

The following dates and venues are all that are available at the time of going to press. Full details will be provided at the April branch meetings.

NORTH WEST - Devonport and Ulverstone combined Annual Meetings and WUCWO Service at Devonport on Wednesday, May 14, commencing at 11am in the meeting room.

SOUTH - Eastern Shore branches Annual Meetings will be held at Richmond on Friday, May 9, commencing with Mass at 11.30am.

Hobart and Kingborough branches and the Centre Annual Meetings will be held in the Nell Pascoe Room of Criterion House in conjunction with the WUCWO Day service, on Tuesday, May 20, commencing with Mass.

Oatlands. Annual Meeting, May 14 commencing at 10.30

NORTH - George Town and Lilydale/Karoola branches Annual Meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at George Town.

Launceston Branch Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13.

HOW OLD IS GRANDMA?

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shooting at schools, the computer age, and just things in general. The grandmother replied, "Well, let me think a minute,

I was born before:

Television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, zerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill!

There were no:

Credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens.

Man had not yet invented:

- Pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers (and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air), man hadn't yet walked on the moon.
- Your grandfather and I got married first, and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother.
- Until I was 25, I called every man older than me, "Sir." And after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title, "Sir."
- We were born before gay-rights, computer-dating, dual careers, daycare centres and group therapy.
- Our lives were governed by the Ten Commandments, good judgment and common-sense. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand up and take responsibility for our actions.
- Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege.
- We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.
- Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins.
- Draft dodgers were those who closed front doors as the evening breeze started.
- Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends – not purchasing condominiums.
- We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CD's, electric typewriters, yoghurt, or guys wearing earrings.
- We listened to Big Bands, Jack Benny, and the President's speeches on our radios.
- If you saw anything with "Made in Japan" on it, it was junk.
- The term 'making out' referred to how you did on your school exam.
- Pizza Hut, MacDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of.

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