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“PRAY AND ACT FOR CHANGE”

President's Message

CAPE TOWN – a city of contrasts; from extreme wealth to absolute poverty, notable where ever you travel in South Africa. There are still traces of a divided society in many sections of Cape Town mainly due to corruption within government, attitudes of supremacy and a generation recovering from apartheid but reassuringly the Catholic Church is 'alive and thriving' and an example of people working together regardless of skin colour.

The dichotomy between the black, whites and coloured is still evident in many areas of South African society but not at mass. Sitting in a very packed church, the parishioner next to me commented on the renewed vigour in the Catholic Church after apartheid, “during apartheid there was a sense of disconnectedness and division in church life; now we pray together, we sing together, we work together and we are one people of God,” She went on to praise the attendance of young children and teenagers at mass and the working relationship between school and church. Her parish was committed to providing aid to single mothers and collecting educational resources to give to poorly resourced schools regardless of their faith.

Your book contributions have been packed and transported for delivery to Africa for libraries and schools via Library Aid International. THANK YOU to all members who donated, there were some very beautiful children's books and educational resources donated.

The spirit of the Catholic Women's League is still alive and well in the St Leonard's

Branch; Jose, Ruth and Stephanie, the remaining members, share prayers and reflection every month and maintain their financial commitment to the League.

Not deterred by their small number the ladies manage to commit regularly to a local social justice cause. Their shared anecdotes and warm welcome are a gentle reminder of the friendship of the CWL.

The organisational skills of our members were evident at the recently celebrated WUCWO Day, held in St John's Church, Richmond. Deirdre and Mary, with the support of their branch members, organised mass, a WUCWO service and a beautiful lunch with contributions from members.

I encourage you to attend the many and various guest speakers currently being organised by the Archdiocese, the Dawson Centre and several parishes. I look forward to listening to a lecture by US lawyer, Catherine Glenn Foster, speaking on the topic of euthanasia and assisted suicide on Tuesday 26th May 7:30pm at St Francis Xavier Hall. Later that week there will be a concert in St Mary's Cathedral, performing will be Rebecca Gora one of our Anima Members, please come along and support Rebecca. For updates on this and other events – go to the web site at <http://www.cwltasmania.org.au/> - click on the “blog” section.

Please let the Executive know if there are any issues that need attending to, our next meeting is at Ross in June.

God Bless
Sandra Harvey

Reflection**June 2015****Reading John 7:37-43**

On the last day and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood there and cried out:

“If any man is thirsty, let him come to me!

Let the man come and drink who believes in me”

As scripture says,

From his breast shall flow fountains of living water.

(39) He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Several people who had been listening said, ‘Surely he must be the prophet’ and some said, ‘He is the Christ’, but others said, ‘Would the Christ be from Galilee? Does not scripture say that the Christ must be descended from David and come from the town of Bethlehem?’ So the people could not agree about him.

Consider these questions.

1. What image of Jesus do you have after you read verses 37-38
2. As you ponder these verses what is the response that you feel to Jesus?
3. What do you understand by the words “rivers of living water”

Re-read verses 40-43

We notice here different kinds of responses to Jesus.

There are divisions of thought just as there are today.

So.....(a).Who is Jesus for you?.....(b) Who is Jesus for CWL?

Answer Jesus question, “Who do you say I am?”

4. What “rivers of living water” might the CWL continue to offer to our church.....our World?

Clare Kieley-Hoye

A London Priest in a hurry parked his car with a note on the windscreen which read,

‘Have been round the square ten times, I have an appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.’

When he returned, there was a ticket together with another note saying, ‘Have been round the square ten years, if I don’t book you I will lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.’

Reflection**July 2015**

I invite you to join Thomas Merton 1915 – 1968 Cistercian-Trappist monk, Prophetic writer, social commentator, 20th century spiritual master, as he prays.

MY LORD GOD

I have no idea where I am going.
 I do not see the road ahead of me.
 I cannot know for certain where it will end.
 Nor do I really know myself, and the fact
 that I think that I am following your will
 does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you
 does in fact please you. And I hope I have
 that desire in all that I am doing.
 I hope that I will never do anything
 Apart from that desire.
 And I know that if I do this you will lead me
 By the right road
 Though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost
 And in the shadow of death. I will not fear,
 For you are ever with me, and you will never leave me
 to face my perils alone.

Pause for few minutes to reread this prayer... Reflect quietly.....

Consider/discuss these questions.

1. What sort of a person do you think wrote this prayer?
2. What do you think this person was feeling? Why?
3. Have you ever felt this way?
4. If you have ever felt this way, what was going on in your life at the time?
5. Did you feel God's presence at the time you were feeling this way?
6. What assurance do we have that God will never leave us to face our perils alone?

You might like to conclude your reflection time with this Psalm – Prayer. There is not a flower that opens, nor a seed that falls into the ground, and not an ear of wheat that nods on the end of its stalk in the wind that does not preach and proclaim the greatness and mercy of God to the whole world.

There is not an act of kindness or generosity, not an act of sacrifice done, or a word of peace and gentleness spoken, not a child's prayer uttered that does not sing hymns to God.

Clare Kjeley-Hoye

From The State Secretary

Most branches have held their Annual General Meetings by now; Oatlands will be held on May 27, having been postponed from May 13 because of the terrible weather conditions. When reading of the activities of these branches – some with only a few members – we are filled with hope and optimism.

With regret we have to report on the death of Maureen Early, who was a loyal member of the now closed Deloraine branch. I recall when I first joined the League and was attending a State Conference in Launceston, Maureen and her friend Sheila McBain were very kind to me and made me feel most welcome. These memories stay with us forever!

Many will remember Mary Berger from Perth, who was a member of the now closed Longford Branch. Mary’s husband died a few months ago and Mary herself has been very ill and is, at the time of writing, in the Launceston General Hospital, but is expected to make a good recovery. Her many friends will remember her in their prayers.

Please let us know the good news as well as the sad news of members and their families, so we can join with them in our prayers.

I have just re-read our State President, Sandra’s words in the last “Review”, which could well apply to the sad events I have mentioned above.

National and State Raffle tickets have been forwarded to branches. I hope these are not too much of an imposition – we can only do our best to sell them and hope someone from Tasmania wins the National raffle of Visa Cards worth \$1000, \$750 and \$250 respectively and a Tasmanian member wins one of the many prizes offering in the State raffle.

The **National Conference** will be held in the Sydney Parramatta Novotel Hotel from 22-24 September 2015. Full registration is \$285, one day \$200 (includes the Conference Dinner and Conference Book) or one day with Conference Book \$135. Dinner **only** \$75. Registration and payment is due on August 21.

Please pray for our State Chaplain Father Southerwood.

To all members – keep warm!

Lillian Dean

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From The Treasurer

Reminder to all members that your membership is due. Due to postage costs reminders will **not be sent out**.

Diocesan members and ‘Review only’ fees are due now

Diary orders for 2016 as soon as possible please so they can be delivered at the AGM.

WUCWO collections to be forwarded to me soon after WUCWO day as these have to be forwarded to the National Treasurer. Thank you

Jan Lawler

Northern Vice-President

As I sit to write this on such a cold evening two things come to mind:

One - that I am so thankful that I have a roof over my head and a cosy home with all comforts required; and Two – that my health is reasonably good.

I learned lately that Tuppy McCann and Susan Finnigan both members of Launceston Branch, are on the “sick list.” Also, in my own Branch, George Town, there are members who are still struggling with not-so-good health, Maria D’Orazio and Rosa Veronese. Special prayers too, for Carmel Girvan’s daughter, who is gravely ill and Fr. Terry Southerwood. May you all, through the intervention of a healing, loving God, experience a speedy restoration to good health.

Recently I was pleased to be able to attend the Launceston Branch meeting and A.G.M. Some interesting discussion followed from the May Reflection and Launceston members expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Keily-Hoye for her work in preparing these reflections for the League.

President Bernice McKenna presented an excellent report, detailing a busy year filled with multiple spiritual and charitable deeds, among other activities. It is good to see that in spite of an aging membership, so much has been able to be achieved. I take this opportunity to congratulate the committee members who were nominated unopposed to take on the executive roles in the Branch for 2015-2016: President – Mrs. Bernice McKenna; V. President – Mrs. Jenny Smith; Secretary – Mrs. Rozanne Neskovicin and Treasurer – Mrs. Pat Cameron.

Following the AGM we attended Mass at Church of Apostles and then shared each other’s company and a delicious lunch at Hog’s Breath Café.

George Town will hold their “election meeting” as this Review is prepared for print and the combined George Town and Lilydale - Karoola Branches’ A.G.M. will be held in June following Mass at St Anne’s, Lilydale and lunch.

Sadly George Town Branch bids farewell to Carmel Girvan who has been a very capable Secretary since the Beauty Point Branch closed and their existing members joined George Town. Carmel has found it necessary to resign from the League in order to be available to care for her daughter and granddaughter.

On a brighter note, it was wonderful to be able to wish Nan White (George Town Branch) and Doug happy 60th Wedding Anniversary in May. Congratulations, Nan and Doug and many blessings on you both.

On May 25th Launceston Branch will celebrate Mass at St Francis’ Church, Riverside for Our Lady Help of Christians, followed by morning tea.

All the Northern Branches are looking forward to visits from our State President, Sandra Harvey in the near future.

Wendy Fittler

From the Southern Vice-President

How the two months have flown since the last report. I am sure you have all been busy preparing for annual meetings and WUCWO Days in May. Members of all southern branches attended the WUCWO day service at Richmond on 1st May.

It was very successful with about 30 present. Members of the State Executive present included President, Secretary, Treasurer, International Secretary and Southern Vice-President, as well as past Executive members. It was wonderful.

The AGM's of the Eastern Shore branches, i.e. Lindisfarne/Risdon Vale, Sorell, and Richmond was also held that day.

All branches unanimously voted to continue with their present executives. All reports were most interesting revealing the amount of work members do in their churches and in needy groups.

I must congratulate Richmond's president, Marjorie White, for the amazing work she did to prepare for this day for without her enthusiasm the day would not have run so smoothly. A special mention also to Mary Walsh, the International Secretary, who arranged the WUCWO service in St. John's church following mass. I thank all members of the three branches for helping on the day.

I am looking forward to attending the annual meetings of Oatlands and Hobart - Kingborough later in May. I will send a report to Review as soon as possible after the AGM's.

President Sandra will attend St. Leonards meeting late May. Sandra and I are gradually meeting members throughout the state which is so worthwhile as it is nice to be able to put names to faces. Please keep up the good works, the smallest acts of kindness are special and I am sure others recognise this in CWL members.

May God be glorified in all we do.

Deirdre Reid

Editor's Note – Congratulations to Deirdre, she has bought herself a laptop and now has an email address which will appear in the information on the back cover. Apologies too for the incorrect spelling of her name.

Deirdre's Report of Hobart and Kingborough Branches, the CWL Centre and Craft/Office Committee.

The combined meeting of these three groups was held on May 19 in the Nell Pascoe room of Criterion House in the City. A good crowd gathered for mass celebrated by Father Gerald Quinn at 10.30 am followed by the three Annual Meetings. The Hobart Branch President Mary Excell OAM reported on the various activities of members including participation in the State Conference in October 2014, working in the Craft shop, attending World Day of Prayer and Australian Church Women services. Special thanks to Lucia Werner for her work with refugees and to Peter Toohey for auditing the books. Donations are made to Bethlehem House, Catholic Missions and Pregnancy Support. A special donation was made this year to Brother Sean McManus to assist his work with refugees. The only change to the executive was the appointment of Mrs Eris Smyth OAM as secretary.

The President of Kingborough branch was unable to be present due to illness, her report was read by Mrs Margaret Batchelor. Though few in number members are

active within the parish in many ways, such as, the sacristan roster, attending to the grotto of Our Lady and St. Vincent de Paul. Members participated in the Australia Day mass arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross and catered for morning tea. They also joined in the Day of Retreat held at "Maryknoll" organised by the Legion of Mary.

All members of the Executive were reappointed.

The report of the Centre and Craft/Office Committee prepared by the chairperson Lola Phillips was read by Lillian Deane. Disappointment was expressed at the lack of support from members, many of whom have not visited the craft shop, Lola outlined some of the stock for sale. Financially the shop is holding its own, with takings between \$4000 and \$5000 annually. The shop retains 20% of all articles sold, with the exception of some which are donated, the shop then retains the full value.

The change of the telephone service provider from M2 Commander to Telstra caused concern because it is not possible to install the internet in the office due to the NBN not being rolled out in this area. January 16th could be the earliest date we can expect this.

The TV/Video recorder has been sold as there is no further use for it. The Hobart City Council has taken over the former dining room (which has become the Nell Pascoe room) where it was proposed to use it for social and educational gatherings.

The funds from the sale will be used to purchase a roving microphone. The archives are still kept in the office and as each section is completed it will be transferred to the John Wallis Centre in North Hobart.

Oatlands Branch. Their annual meeting will be held on May 27th and a report will be printed in the next Review. Unfortunately due to hazardous weather conditions the AGM was postponed from May 13th.

General Business:

The Social Issues and Bioethics Convenor, Anna Matuszek, addressed the meeting and spoke of her work. She told members much had been achieved by working with representatives of other church based organisations, such as Christian Catalyst Association (CCA), Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) and Family Voice on various issues, prostitution, abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, pornography. She spoke of the anti-abortion commercial, "Not born yet" appearing on TV and was pleased to note that many members were aware of it. She mentioned a luncheon to celebrate the anniversary of Rachael's Vineyard in Hobart on June 6th. She also recommended members to view the Calvary Cross recently installed in St. Mary's Cathedral.

A special mention was made of "Anima" sponsored by Catholic Women's League and the involvement of mainly younger women.

The International Secretary, Mary Walsh, also addressed the meeting and spoke of the work of WUCWO.

A collection was taken up for donations to the Cancer Council's 'Biggest Morning Tea'

Deirdre Reid

From the North West Vice-President

Devonport and Ulverstone Branches met together at Sacred Heart meeting room Ulverstone on Friday May 15th at 11.30 am for their WUCWO service followed by the AGM.

Mrs Clair Kiely-Hoye was invited to lead the service prepared by the North American Region, the usual collection was taken up.

President Kath read Devonport's annual report in which she said that sadly two members have passed away during the year which reduces the membership to six.

We are active in parish and community involvement and foundation member Mrs Lorna Jones makes welcome baptismal cards for newly baptised babies which are greatly appreciated by the parents.

Unfortunately Ulverstone had no annual report as president Marjory was unable to be present.

There was no election of office bearers.

Prayers were said for Father Southerwood, our State Chaplain, who is very ill.

Kath Pearce

From the Social Issues and Bioethics Convenor

Exciting things are happening within our diocese, the most recent event being the installation of the Calvary Cross at St Mary's Cathedral. The rood cross was donated by the Harradine family in memory of Brian. The cross came from St Catharine's in Nottingham.

Fr Ken Geraci, from the Fathers of Mercy in America, came to Hobart and held a 5 day mission at St Bernards in Claremont. Every night there was a talk about a different topic. Fr Ken was agnostic for many years, but after much struggle, study and questioning, came back to the Church. As a result he knows what it's like to 'hate coming to church' and one of his talks was based around that and how to overcome it.

The arrival of the Sisters of the Immaculata in 2013 sparked much interest in the young about our Catholic faith. They are young, vibrant, enthusiastic and a great blessing to our community. They have already been very involved and have run mission and retreats aimed at young adults. My own children have come back from these saying how amazed they were at the beauty of our Catholic faith and how much there is to learn.

Sister Mary Michael was kind enough to write a letter introducing the Sisters of the Immaculata and their work, which I have attached along with photos.

Anna Matuszek

Redefining Marriage. The pressure continues.

From Pat Gartlan

The campaign to redefine marriage shows no sign of letting up, but neither does our opposition. Throughout Australia, the Churches and many other groups are alert, and are responding to all the attacks. It is vital for Australia that we succeed.

Proponents of same-sex marriage are targeting local government councils across the country for support, and after the Launceston Council's rejection, it was Hobart's turn last month. Without prior notice to residents and ratepayers the Council voted unanimously to lead a charge on their behalf to pressure the Federal Parliament to change the Marriage Act.

As a resident who was scheduled to speak on the matter at a special meeting held beforehand, I had asked weeks before to be given the motion that was being proposed. This arrived just on 5pm on Friday evening before the Monday meeting. I must say this felt like an insult. Rev Campbell Markham also spoke to support marriage.

Several things were notable: the Council called on their Social Inclusion Strategy to justify their support. A few Aldermen stated they did not regard the issue as Council business but voted in favour. I wonder whether the vilification of Launceston aldermen who rejected it there as being disgraceful intolerant bigots, might have influenced them. Name calling of anyone who opposes is the usual response, rather than debate about the consequences for society, just spiteful name calling. No-one likes to be called a bigot. Also we learned that a few years ago when same sex marriage was being debated in the Tasmanian Parliament, the council had sent a similar message, so they claimed it was logical to do so again. There was no consultation with Hobart residents then either.

Declaring that she is a Catholic who went to a Catholic girls' school, Lord Mayor Sue Hickey strongly supported the motion.

The same sex marriage lobby acts with cunning, first by appealing in a big way to emotion and the good old Aussie 'fair go' principle. I felt the Aldermen were being swamped by a sea of emotion. Secondly they make misleading statements which confuse people. Thirdly they target small groups that have power, like politicians and councils. By convincing them it is not necessary to convince large numbers of the population, though at the same time they repeat the lie that they have the support of the majority of Australians.

The law relating to marriage is a Federal Government matter. The Prime Minister maintains that it is Liberal party policy to retain the present definition of marriage, though he has given Liberal MPs a free vote. Opposition leader Bill Shorten has said that while the party supports same sex marriage he will not penalise Labor MPs who vote against it. (Labor has a rule that MPs are not permitted to vote with the opposition). However Deputy Leader, Tanya Plibersek, is calling for all Labor Members to be required to vote in favour of same sex marriage. It will be interesting to see how this conflict becomes resolved and what it will mean for the Labor Party.

I recommend studying the brochure entitled 'What is Marriage?', which has been circulated to parishes. Copies can be obtained from the Office of Life, Marriage and Family Archdiocese of Hobart.

NOVENA OF PRAYER - CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF TASMANIA INC.

Once again this year CWL Tas. members are asked to join in a novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary to intercede against any harmful influences of the upcoming festival *Dark Mofo*.

The festival has its roots in the pagan winter solstice rites. It begins on 12th June and continues until 22nd June and promises to be "weirder and darker" this year.

In its promotion of the festival last year RACT, a sponsor, stated that there would be "*more after-hours debauchery at Dark Faux Mo*" ('Journeys' - June/July 2014).

In 2013, in advertising this "debauchery", Dark Faux Mo presented an image of a naked woman with a hood covering her head - reminiscent of the hoods used in Iraq during the torturing of prisoners.

Last year, with much publicity, the festival ended with the usual nude solstice swim. Yet, the "Red Death Ball", the centrepiece of *Dark Mofo*, strangely remained closed to all media scrutiny.

The novena will commence on 12th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart) and include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed on rosary beads -

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed.
2. Then on the Our Father Beads say the following:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
3. On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

4. Conclude with (three times):
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Zucchini or Carrot Quiche

350g zucchini or 220g Carrot – grated, 1 onion – chopped

1 cup grated cheese, 5 eggs,

3 rashers bacon or small tin salmon, ¼ cup oil or butter

1 cup SR Flour, S&P

Chop Onion and bacon and cook in a microwave for 2-3 minutes (between paper towel) Mix all together and place in an oiled dish. Garnish with slices of tomato or paprika. Cook nearly 1 hour

Dear Anna,

I am writing to let you know about our community of the Sisters of the Immaculata – our charism and what works we do.

Our Charism:

We the Sisters of the Immaculata are Eucharistic, making Jesus the heart of our prayer life and Apostolic works; it is only by sitting at the feet of Jesus that our life and work is fruitful.

We entrust ourselves to Mary our Mother as our special model and guide as religious sisters and seek to imitate her example of humility and faith. Through entrusting ourselves into the hands of Mary, we seek to be the hidden presence of Our Lady in the parish – quietly leading others to Jesus. We live the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and embrace a fourth vow of charity, in response to the Lord's command to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength, and our neighbour as our self, and mindful that it is only love which can truly evangelise parishes, because Jesus said it is by love that all will know that we are His disciples.

We desire to see spiritual renewal in parishes through Adoration, faith formation and building a sense of community, because it is the parish which is the heart of the Church. It is in the parish that people receive the sacraments, hear the Word of God proclaimed, and become a community of believers.

By encouraging holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration in the parish setting, we seek to provide parishioners with an opportunity to go deeper in their prayer life and relationship with Jesus. We also provide faith formation through giving catechesis to all ages and levels of faith. Although we work with families and people of all ages we have a particular focus on youth and young adults – bringing them to an encounter with the love of God, giving them formation and also helping them to have an awareness of their gifts and how they can use them to serve in the parish and the wider Church.

Our current apostolate/works:

Currently we are serving in St Bernard's parish in Claremont, through a number of initiatives. We established Eucharistic Adoration in the parish in mid 2014, through organising a roster of holy hours, where people commit to a weekly holy hour of prayer before the Lord. This has been very fruitful, with many parishioners being happy to have the Church doors open again, and to have the opportunity to pray. Many of our parishioners are retired, and find that Adoration has been a great blessing, which has helped them to have a time and space to pray, especially for the needs of their families.

We have also been trying to engage young people and their families with the aim of seeing them become active members of the parish community, living a life of faithfulness to the Gospel. One way we have done this here is by teaching young people to grow in a prayer life, primarily through Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary – which are both very effective ways of teaching young people a love for Jesus and a reverence for the Sacred. To this end we introduced the primary school children of Holy Rosary Catholic school, and St Paul's Catholic school, Bridgewater, to led times of Eucharistic Adoration, appropriate to their age

level. Over 200 children participated in the times of prayer in class groups led by a visiting priest and lay leader of children's Eucharistic Adoration, and assisted by the Sisters.

We also run a weekly Junior Youth Group in St Bernard's parish made up of children from Holy Rosary Catholic school, as well as others from the parish. The Youth Group incorporates times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament – with times of meditating on the Rosary and of silence; short teachings on the faith – including the sacraments, the virtues, the saints; and lots of fun and games. The children participating in the Youth Group are mainly primary school age, with some older youth assisting the Sisters. Since beginning the Youth Group we have seen the children grow in their desire to pray – for their own needs and the needs of others.

We have been assisting in the sacramental program of the parish, as a part of the team teaching the children preparing for first Holy Communion and Confirmation. We also run another program of RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) for children who desire to be Baptised who are of "catechetical" age – that is, old enough to have faith-formation and make a mature faith-commitment (around 7 years and over). Both the children and their families come and receive formation from the Sisters in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism, through prayer, teachings on the faith, and formation similar to that of the RCIA process for adults.

In all these initiatives we desire to see families become connected to the parish community, and through the participation of the children there has been an opportunity to establish relationships with the families, which we hope will lead to a full and active participation in the life of the parish.

Fire Retreats:

Another initiative that we are involved in running is called the "Fire retreat" – this is an initiative of the Archbishop and is a parish based weekend retreat for young adults, which aims at fostering an encounter with the love of God, and a love for the richness of the Catholic faith. These retreats are open to all young people, whatever their faith background and they seek to encourage them to discover the meaning of their lives.

So far Fire retreats have been run in Moonah, New Town and Ulverstone, with a view to having them in parishes all over Tasmania, to help reconnect young people to the Church, and to a parish community.

Mission Schools:

Aside from our work with the Claremont parish, and serving the youth of this Archdiocese, we also run an annual Mission School which is a live-in 9 day retreat held in Melbourne, which has participants from all over Australia. This year's Mission School had 87 young people come and participate in a program which included daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, talks on the Catholic faith, and times of fellowship and fun. The participants are nourished through prayer, the reception of the sacraments, teachings, and they are encouraged by the presence of other young people who are seeking to go deeper in their faith. Through these schools the young people discover the joy of the Gospel and the freedom of living an authentically Catholic life. The counter-cultural message of the Gospel, borne out by the love and unity of the team leading the school (the Sisters assisted by young

lay people) is refreshingly attractive to the young people – who often comment on how much they love the times of Adoration, the Rosary and other prayer, and also how struck they are by the joy and love of those on the school.

Evangelisation:

Through all our works there is a commitment to evangelisation, to bringing people to an encounter with the God who loves them and to inviting people to discover the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith.

We have run special events in Claremont, South Hobart and Devonport, with visiting guest speakers including Fr Anthony Mary Prendergast and Paul and Juliana Elarde, who spoke on Our Lady and the Divine Mercy devotion, respectively, in order to bring about opportunities for evangelisation, and the strengthening of the Catholic faithful. These nights included a talk on the faith, a time of prayer and Adoration, as well as a light supper and opportunity for fellowship. These events are a great opportunity for Catholics to gather together and be formed in faith, whilst also providing a way to evangelise others, as they are special one-of events to which friends and family can be invited.

We run these events to give people an opportunity to learn more about their faith, be connected with other Catholics and also provide a way for Catholics to evangelise others.

What we hope to do in future:

As well as continuing to build up our ministry to youth and activities in the parish, we also hope to run more family retreats, which we have done previously at our parish in NSW. These retreats give families an opportunity to come and receive teachings on the faith and have times of prayer and fellowship with other families. The parents are able to really receive not only through the teachings, but also through establishing friendships with other couples who face the same challenges of trying to live a faithful Catholic life. The Sisters provide care and activities for the kids, which help them to grow in faith, while also giving the parents time to listen and be present to the times of prayer, talks and in engaging with others. We also hope to run different retreats for people of all ages, so that they can be strengthened in faith and nourished in prayer.

Thank you Anna,
please let me know
if there are any
further details
needed.

Yours in Christ,
Sr Mary Michael



WUCWO: WORLD UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN’S ORGANISATIONS.

We are a non-profit international association, open to Catholic organisations recognised by the ecclesiastical authority

WUCWO’S aim is to promote the presence, participation and co-responsibility of Catholic women in society and the Church, in order to enable them to fulfil their mission of evangelisation and to work for human development, particularly in increasing educational opportunities, poverty reduction and the advancement of human rights beginning with the fundamental right to life.

WORLDWIDE PRESENCE in more than 60 countries through women’s organisations and federations in 5 regions- Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin-America and the Caribbean, North America.

In our organisation more than 5 million women are represented from all over the world, from many different races, cultures, conditions and lifestyles.

Founded with the approval of the Holy See in 1910, we have worked faithfully as part of the Catholic Church.

In 2006 WUCWO was erected by the Holy See as a “Public International Association of the Faithful” This canonical status honours the efforts of faithful Catholic women active in our Union at the parish, diocesan, national and international levels.

WUCWO is YOUR organisation, as a member of **Catholic Women’s League** You are invited to Own it and work more strongly and effectively for and within it for the good of all in Church and Society.

Mass Crusade June: Oatlands

Prayer Intention:

Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

July: Sorell

Prayer Intention

Universal- That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

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