



Catholic Outreach

Newsletter

Christmas 2014



Christmas Greetings

As I reflect on the past year and look forward to celebrating the coming of Christ at Christmas I know many people in need in our community have come to experience His love through the efforts of Co-Ordinators and Volunteers who have reached out through their pastoral care programs in so many ways.

On behalf of all of the people you have helped ... Thank You!

Following many months of hard work and years of planning we are very pleased to have completed a new DVD which has been designed to promote and explain the work of pastoral care programs and I think it will be very useful, especially during re-commitment weekends, for the recruitment of Volunteers and Co-Ordinators.

During the year we have had the pleasure of working with many people from parishes throughout the Archdiocese including Xavier Care (Armadale/Serpentine), Morecare (Bateman), Notre Dame Care (Cloverdale), Rosary Care (Doubleview), Holy Family Care (Kalamunda), St Paul's Community Care (Mt Lawley), Pater Noster (Myaree), Our Lady of Grace (North Beach), John Paul Care (Willetton) and St Luke's Ministry of Care (Woodvale).

We were particularly delighted to work with Fr Dat Vuong and Co-Ordinators from St Peter the Apostle, Bedford parish, in preparation for the launch of their new pastoral care program next year.

As we contemplate the birth of Christ this Christmas may He lead us to the joy of experiencing and knowing our loving and humble God.

Peter Mc Minn

Reflecting on Evangelii Gaudium

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."
(EG 114)

Pope Francis

Magic of Christmas

"The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's burdens, easing other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the Magic of Christmas."

W. C. Jones





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Have you seen our new DVD?

The DVD, which can be viewed on our website, has been designed to promote and explain the work of Pastoral Care Programs and to assist in the recruitment of Volunteers and Co-Ordinators. It includes encouraging interviews with people who have been helped as well as volunteers.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the following people for their assistance in producing the DVD: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe; Fayann D'souza Media Producer|Communications & Media Catholic Archdiocese of Perth; Barbara Harris Coordinator Emmanuel Centre; Sylvia Dias, Eileen Ryder and Betty Thompson John Paul Care; Margaret Handyside Benedictcare; Fr Kazimierz Stuglik, Helen Lesniak, Kylie Loermans Xavier Care; Bernie Marshall, Margaret O'Reilly Morecare; Donna Moxey Missioncare and John Ryan St Paul's Community Care.



Catholic Outreach website
<http://www.catholicoutreach.org.au/>

Peter Care a new program



Tina and Karen, Peter Care Co-Ordinators

We are delighted to work with Fr Dat Vuong and Co-Ordinators from St Peter the Apostle, Bedford parish, in preparation of the launch of their new pastoral care program next year.

Karen expressed that 'We already have groups running in the parish but we can bring them all together with a care program.'

Tina indicated that 'People are falling through the cracks, the care program will allow us to reach out with genuine care to make our community grow stronger and develop'.



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Faith in Action

Every now and then we come across expressions of gratitude by people who have been helped by a Care Program. This note was received from a family receiving assistance from Rosary Care (Doubleview) and was published in their December 2014 Newsletter.



Beryl now lives in an aged care facility and her husband Fred and son Gerard sent us a thank you letter which we wanted to share with our volunteers:

“This is a letter of thanks for the ongoing generosity of the members of Rosary Care. What a pleasant surprise when originally I received a phone call from your group asking whether I would like a monthly meal to be provided for us. This meal is eagerly looked forward to and greatly enjoyed. Once again sincere thanks and prayers for this wonderful Christian service provided by your group.”



Personal and Professional Boundaries DVD

Have you seen the excellent DVD “Personal and Professional Boundaries” produced by Catholic Community Services NSW/ACT?

We now include this DVD in our training material for Co-Ordinators and Volunteers as it incorporates many of the important aspects of our Volunteers guidelines.

Archdiocesan Strategic Directions

Directors and Coordinators of diocesan service and faith development agencies were invited to an Archdiocesan Strategic Directions discussion hosted by Renay Grech, Manager of Catholic Services Development and James Parker, Communications & Media Manager of the Archdiocese of Perth. The discussion was facilitated by Professor Maria Harries and an extract from Archbishop Costelloe’s Strategic Vision for the Archdiocese of Perth is included on the next page.



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Strengthening Our Parishes

"I see the need for us to strengthen and revitalize our parishes. It is in the parish that our life as Catholics is lived out in the concrete. Among the many things I would hope to see would be:

- i) firstly, we must make the parishes places where, more and more, people can truly encounter God, especially in the liturgy and in the wider spiritual life of the parish;
- ii) we must reassess our efforts at providing adult faith formation and must explore all avenues for meeting the needs of our people in this vital area;
- iii) we need, I believe, to establish a structure for coordinating our evangelisation programmes and efforts across the Archdiocese.
- iv) we must seek to recapture the understanding of the parish primary schools (where they exist) as works of the parish community rather than as institutions independent of the local parish;
- v) we must review the functioning of parish Pastoral Councils and parish Finance Committees and provide ongoing formation for these groups; and
- vi) we must also strengthen social engagement and community support as a practical expression of our Catholic faith at the parish level. Here, I am thinking of such things as the St Vincent de Paul Society, LifeLink and the many parish care programs that already exist."

Extract from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's Strategic Vision August 2014

Reflecting on Evangelii Gaudium

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey." (EG 127)

"True charity requires courage; let us overcome the fear of getting our hands dirty so as to help those in need." (Pope Francis @Pontifex tweet)





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Care Concern Service

... helping you help others



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On behalf of the Committee of Management and Staff we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

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