



Catholic Outreach

Newsletter

Christmas 2015

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!

Pope Francis announces Year of Mercy

'I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its centre. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)'

Archbishop Costelloe on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

"But, this year, we are being invited to look into the eyes of Jesus and discover there the look of mercy: to see in the eyes of Jesus the compassion, the forgiveness and the love which the Father has for each one of us. And, in the light of that contemplation, gazing into the face of Jesus, we are also being asked, and challenged, to unite ourselves with Jesus so that, in Him, we too can be to each other the face of the Father's mercy."

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 Laudati Si' Praise Be To You

"The universe unfolds in God,
who fills it completely.
Hence, there is a mystical
meaning to be found in a
leaf, in a mountain trail,
in a dewdrop,
in a poor person's face.
The ideal is not only to pass
from the exterior to the
interior to discover the action
of God in the soul, but also to
discover God in all things."

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Year of Mercy
to usher in a "Revolution of
Tenderness"

Pope Francis

Retirement



We would like to take this opportunity to say a very fond farewell and thank you to Sarah Manfield who joined the Committee of Management in 2010 undertaking the role of Chair since July 2014. During her term of office, Sarah drove from Secret Harbour for meetings bringing her delicious baked goods for us to enjoy. She brought many other skills such as her ability to quickly identify challenging issues, her willingness to listen and her common sense practical pastoral solutions. We will miss her infectious smile.

Sarah and her husband, Michael and their two sons are moving to Canberra with Michael's work. We wish them well in their future endeavours.





Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will run from the feast of the Immaculate Conception 8 December 2015 to the feast of Christ the King 20 November 2016.

In the special Jubilee prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

Gentle revolution: Pope wants Year of Mercy to tenderly transform world

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service



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Pope Francis prays during his August 26 general audience in St Peter's Square at the Vatican.
Pope Francis says he wants the Year of Mercy to usher in a "revolution of tenderness."
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The Pope's very first Angelus address and homily in 2013 centered on mercy, as he explained God always waits for that day of awakening and conversion, then forgives everything. The real problem is people -- not God -- who give up on forgiveness, he said. But mercy changes everything, he said; it "makes the world a little less cold and more just."

Once people realize "I'm wretched, but God loves me the way I am," then "I, too, have to love others the same way," the Pope said in an interview published just a few days before the December 8 start of the jubilee year.

"I believe this is the time for mercy. We are all sinners, we all carry burdens within us. I felt Jesus wants to open the door of his heart."



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Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.
Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.
We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of
Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.





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Chair



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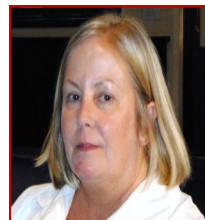
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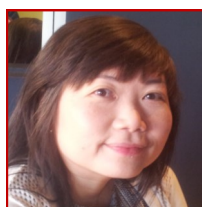
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On behalf of the Committee of Management and Staff we would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a holy, joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



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