



Irish Blessing

*May the roads rise up to meet you
May the wind be ever at your back
And may the sun shine warm upon your face
May the rains fall soft upon your fields*

*Until we meet again
May God hold you
In the hollow of his hand
Until we meet again
May God Bless You*

*May the love, joy, peace
and hope of this Christmas Season
be with you and your
family & friends*

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CATHOLIC OUTREACH CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2007



"Ordinary people helping other ordinary people with ordinary tasks"

An Outreach Story

It seems that someone asked the great anthropologist Margaret Mead, "What is the first sign you look for, to tell you of an ancient civilization?" The interviewer had in mind a tool or article of clothing. Ms. Mead surprised him by answering, a "healed femur" (thigh bone, for those of you who didn't study biology).

When someone breaks a femur, they can't survive to hunt, fish or escape enemies unless they have help from someone else. Thus, a healed femur indicates that someone else helped that person, rather than abandoning them and saving themselves.

Isn't that what we in philanthropy are all about? Healing femurs of one sort or another?

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2008 Conference

Mark your diaries for the next Conference which will be held on March 31- April 1 2008 (Mon-Tues) at the St John of God Retreat Centre in Shoalwater. If there are any topics you would like discussed at the Conference please let us know as we appreciate your feedback.

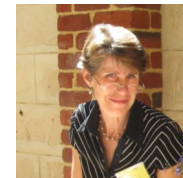
Interactive Website

We have recently applied for a Lotterywest Grant to develop an interactive web site for Catholic Outreach. It will contain information particularly useful for Co-Ordinators who will be able to access many templates which can be used in the operation of their pastoral care programs.



Mental Health Workshop

Amanda Olsen from the Emmanuel Centre facilitated a very successful interactive Mental Health Workshop for Co-Ordinators on September 20 (refer to photos).



In Appreciation

We sometimes take for granted in the rush of all we do, and forget to say a special thanks to volunteers like you.

Your gifts of time and self are very special and really appreciated. On behalf of the Board we wish you and your family a happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.