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*"Ordinary people helping other ordinary people with ordinary tasks"*



Catholic Outreach, an agency of the Perth Archdiocese since 1990, assists Parishes in the implementation and development of Parish Pastoral Care Programs.

*"As long as you did this to one of the least of my brethren you did it to me." Matt 25<sup>40</sup>*

*"It is in that awareness of the demands of our faith that Outreach operates within our parishes.*

*People volunteer to be at the service of others in need.*

*Their selfless service not only deepens their own faith, it is a powerful witness to God's love and a way of evangelising, that is, of spreading the good news that God's love embraces all."*

*Archbishop BJ Hickey*

## Co-Ordinator's Job

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- Organising a volunteer to do the task
- Assessing whether any further help should be offered
- Supporting volunteers
- Disseminating information about the program (e.g. notices in the Parish Bulletin, newsletters, flyers, posters etc)
- Organising annual commitments
- Organising thank you functions for volunteers

If you would like further information or help with any of these tasks please contact Peter McMinn.



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## Co-Ordinator's Job

We all know Co-Ordinators play a vital role in the successful running of a Pastoral Care Program, but what does the Co-Ordinator do and how does this help to build community?



As the name suggests the primary task is to coordinate the satisfactory completion of tasks by the linking of volunteers with those in need.

The role of the Co-Ordinator can be seen then as: -

- Identifying those in need
- Taking calls for assistance
- Assessing what action to take (sometimes by visiting or telephoning the person requiring help)

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## Co-Ordinators Gathering August 20 2003



The next gathering of Co-Ordinators will be held at the Cross Roads Community which is a charitable support service for those suffering the effects of addiction.

For further details please refer to the enclosed flyer.

## The Shopfront

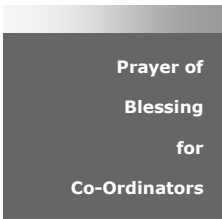


Photo courtesy of George Jacob

The Shopfront Gathering in April was attended by approximately 30 Co-Ordinators and volunteers.

Participants were able to attend Mass celebrated by Fr Morris Toop before being addressed by Derek Boylen, Sr Claude McNamara, Kate Diamantopoulo and various shopfront volunteers.

Participants also had the opportunity to visit the Shopfront.



## Commissioning Mass

A Prayer of Blessing for Sacred Heart Care Co-Ordinators was included at a recent Commissioning Mass at the Highgate Parish.

Details of the Blessing can be seen in the enclosed flyer.



## Day of Prayer and Reflection

In response to the Archbishop's request for organisations to celebrate the Church's Year of the Child the Catholic Pastoral Workers Association is hosting a day of Prayer and Reflection on August 28 2003 at the Convent of Mercy Tuart Hill.

For further details please refer to the enclosed flyer.

## South Area Mental Health Support Group



Photos courtesy of Gerald Smith



Fatima Care (Palmyra Parish) hosted the June South West Regional Co-Ordinators Meeting.

Attendees from Applecross, Bateman, Palmyra, Port Kennedy, Rockingham and Yangebup were addressed by Maria Gaglia and Elspeth O'Connor from the South Area Mental Health Support Group.



## Successful Conference

Twelve delegates from WA joined participants from around Australia at the National Pastoral Associates Conference in Adelaide in May. The general consensus was that the conference was energising, affirming and empowering.

Detailed comments from participants can be seen in the enclosed newsletter.

