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## THE SPIRIT WORKING THROUGH US

A focus of the Church's teaching today is *lay ecclesial ministry*. This refers to the growing number of ministries that are being exercised by lay people in the contemporary Church. Ministry is different from simple Christian action: it carries with it the element of being commissioned by the Catholic Community to act in its name. The catechist exercises a ministry in the name of the local Church, and therefore needs to appreciate what lay ecclesial ministry really means.

All ministries are a share in the one ministry of the Church. The sacraments of initiation, which incorporate us into the mystery of the Church, are the foundation of lay ecclesial ministry. In this initiation we are empowered by the Spirit, enabled and equipped to exercise ministry within the Church. The Spirit not only prepares us, but also is continuously present in us, so that our ministry is the Spirit working through us.



30 year Service awardees with Bishop David at the 2003 Diocesan Mass in October



Bishop David presenting the keynote address at the CCD Parish Coordinators Gathering in February

When we feel inadequate in ministry, we need to remember that the Spirit has made us the presence of God to the children we serve. This is God's work, being done ultimately by God through the Spirit. We are the instruments, and we must use our talents and skills as well as we can. But it is not the latter that ultimately bring about success: it is the power of God that does it.

We can always approach our ministry with hope, confident that God will bring to fulfilment what has been begun in these young people. Hope is not a feeling; it is a choice, a decision, something that we embrace. We choose it because we believe that God is in our ministry, and the power of God will bring about what God wants. Our own inadequacies can simply serve to help us cast ourselves into the hands of God, where our strength really lies. Like St Paul, when we are weak, then we are strong; we can do all things in him who strengthens us.

*Bishop David Walker*

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**DIARY DATES 2004  
TERM TWO**

**April**

- 27 **Term 2 Commences**
- Northern Region:** Parish Coordinators Meeting *Thornleigh*  
(Secondary) 1 – 3pm
- 30 CCD Executive Meeting *The Entrance*

**May**

- 3 ICCOREIS Conference – Classroom Management *Parramatta*  
9:30am – 2:30pm
  - 6 *Annual Statistical Returns Due: Diocesan Office*
  - 10 **Manly Warringah:** Parish Coordinators Meeting *Narrabeen*  
(Primary) 10am – 12:00pm
  - Pymble/West Pymble Parish Resource Display *Pymble*  
1pm – 2:30pm
  - 11 **Manly Warringah:** Parish Coordinators Meeting *Narrabeen*  
(Secondary) 1pm – 3pm
  - 12 **Central Coast:** Parish Coordinators Meeting *Gosford*  
(Primary) 1pm – 3pm
  - 14-16 **Diocesan: Catechists' Retreat** Commences 6pm *Kincumber*  
(See Page 10)
  - 18 **Central Coast:** Parish Coordinators Meeting *The Entrance*  
(Secondary) 1pm – 3pm
  - CCD Advisory Council Meeting 5pm – 7pm *Thornleigh*
  - 20 Ascension Day  
*Nominations for 2004 Service Awards Due: Diocesan Office*
  - 21-23 Diocesan Lighthouse Festival – Year 12
  - 24 **Northern Region:** Reflection Day *Arcadia*  
9:30am – 2:30pm (See Page 10)
  - 28 CCD Executive Meeting *Thornleigh*
  - 29 **Manly Warringah:** Reflection Day *Terrey Hills*  
9:30am – 2:30pm (See Page 10)
  - 30 Pentecost Sunday
  - 31 **Central Coast:** Reflection Day 9:30am – 2:30pm *Toukley*  
(See Page 10)
- June**
- 11 **Central Coast:** Level Three – Primary/Secondary *The Entrance*  
commences 9:30am – 2:30pm
  - 25 **Northern Region:** Parish Coordinators Meeting *Thornleigh*  
(Primary) 10am – 12pm
  - 28 CCD Executive Meeting *Narrabeen*
- July**
- 2 *Applications for Award of Level 1 & 2 Certificates Due: Diocesan Office*
  - Term 2 Concludes**
  - 5-9 CCD Offices Closed

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

A recurring theme in newsletters written for catechists is the importance of community. For example, the local church community commissions the catechist to go into the State school to teach Religious Education and share the faith of that community with the children in their care. Another community is that established by the catechists themselves in the local parish. Under the leadership of the Parish CCD Coordinator, catechists gather in that local CCD community to pray together for the continued success of the ministry in the parish, share ideas and experiences and celebrate significant events, such as, welcoming new recruits, farewelling retiring members and acknowledging the achievements in training and formation and service of each individual.

It is from a personal experience of such community in my local parish that an invitation was extended for me to share my experience and skills as an educator in this important ministry. The love, acceptance and encouragement of my fellow parish catechists has given me a great enthusiasm for the work of Religious Education in the State Schools of the Diocese. It is my hope that each of you have had a similar experience to my own in your parishes.

As you read this edition of *Connections* I invite you to reflect upon the experience of community described in the different reports and articles and the significance of those experiences for you.

May the season of Easter and Pentecost be your inspiration as you work in the spreading of the Good News to the children in State schools.



**ANNOUNCING:  
CATECHIST MINISTRY  
CERTIFICATE COURSE**

**Commencing June 2004**

**A course for those who have successfully  
completed the CCD Level 3 Diploma.**

**The initial unit to be offered is  
*FOUNDATIONS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:*  
*The basis of Religious Education today.***

**For full course details, structure, mode of delivery  
etc contact the CCD Diocesan Office  
(see details in the Directory on page 2)**

**Voices from the Past:  
CCD Director's Letter in  
GO Spread the Good News  
Gazette of the Sydney Diocesan  
Committee  
Vol 1, No. 13, April 1983**

This letter deals with the running of catechist meetings. Please do not switch off and say that it therefore only applies to catechist secretaries. It has particular emphasis for the secretary who runs and organises the meeting but it also applies to all present at the meeting. Meetings run well when all participate well.

Anyone who organises a meeting for the sake of having a meeting needs psychiatric attention. There are objectives to be achieved by the catechists and they need to meet to review whether those objectives are being achieved and plan ways of improving their work so that they attend well to the needs of the children and their families, and advance their skills and pattern of work to progressively develop the children's relationship with God.

If the meeting is to work well, it needs to be planned well, and members need the agenda in advance of the meeting, so that they can prepare for the matters to be discussed and are ready to introduce their own planned ideas.

Most people are not good at planning alone. They need others to draw out their own ideas and add fresh thoughts. Together they plan reasonably easily what may well have produced frustration to the lone worker.

An executive is normally the best for planning the catechist meeting, plan the general issues to be discussed and then forward those general plans to all the catechists who will come to this meeting with forethought. The ideas can then expand, change or be rejected in favour of something more profitable. The meeting will thus be productive and satisfying and the executive becomes a natural training ground for future secretaries.

*Rev C Grew  
Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine*

## REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

### Recruiting “Sunday”

**Recruiting “Sunday”** this year was a four week programme of stories about the catechists and the children they teach, the support and training that is available for the teachers and personal witness of what it means to be a catechist for some of the people who are a part of this ministry. It culminated on the first Sunday in February with a display and morning tea. This was hosted by the parish catechists for those who were interested in finding out more about what it means to be a catechist or a Special Religious Education Teacher in the government schools in the parish of Our Lady of the Rosary at The Entrance on the Central Coast.

*Week One:* Introduction of the recruiting programme for volunteer teachers to go into either the Primary state schools or the Secondary high schools in the parish to take the Good News to the Catholic children of these schools.

*Week Two:* Current SRE teachers related to the

congregation their personal story as a catechist. This was a powerful witness to the parish with many people saying that they were moved by it.

*Week Three:* A presentation in PowerPoint on the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Interested people were invited to take an application form home with them to consider becoming a catechist.

*Week Four:* All present at each of the parish Masses were invited to come to the display and share a cuppa and conversation with the catechists. In this way they could get a better idea of what is involved in the ministry, what support they could expect and where to come for assistance when needed. These gatherings were well attended.

The overall outcome of this programme was that several people came forward to participate in the CCD ministry in the parish in a variety of ways. It is hoped that as the year progresses, the parish will be kept informed about the work of the catechists through the parish newsletter.

*Michael Tebbutt*

*Regional Coordinator: Wyong*

### My Start to Teaching

After some encouragement from my sister Caterina and Catechist Coordinator Jenny, I decided to try Catechist work with my Parish.

My name is Teresa and I am part of St Benedict’s Parish of Arcadia and have been an active member for almost all my life. I work for myself as a designer and therefore it is possible to put time aside each week to teach my class.

My class is Year Two at Galston Public School and in this first term we have learnt a lot about God’s love for his children.



*Ingrid (St Ives) and Teresa (centre) with Michael Tebbutt during a Level 1 Lesson Planning workshop*

I spend about an hour in preparation for the lesson each week and during the lesson I implement techniques of classroom management that I learnt from the course at the CCD, Thornleigh.

It is a joy and I look forward to learning more about teaching our faith to little children.

*Teresa Gambino*

*Arcadia Parish*

### Catechist Sunday in the Manly Warringah Peninsula Region

Catechists in every Parish across the region, were thanked, inspired, affirmed, and encouraged when they were commissioned and prayed for during the Sunday Liturgies on Catechist Sunday. Many Parishes used this day to invite new persons to join the ministry and several have answered the call, especially where catechists spoke about their work with the young people in Government Secondary Schools.

As a visible sign of an evangelising church, spreading the good news in word and action,

Catechists were named as “Valiant”, “Courageous” “The Gold of the Church”, “Parish Treasures”, and “Friends of Jesus”. Some Parishes used this day to display the work of the students, the Joy for Living Programme, and to have a morning tea as part of the recruitment and celebration.

As this becomes an annual event in the life of the church, parishes will be enriched by the visible presence of all who carry the message of Love and Hope from their community to the children in State Government Schools.

*Eulalie O’Keefe*

*Regional Coordinator: Manly Warringah*

## REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

### A Tribute to a Retiring Catechist

This year the Secondary Schools Ministry in the Manly Warringah Peninsula Region is the poorer because of the retirement of Yolande Halbert. We celebrate the work of one who calls herself a “Vintage Teacher”, and who has taught in Religious Education classes for over 60 years. Yolande began her teaching career in Noumea.

The following are her reflections:

*“When I began as a Catechist helping the Priests in 1940 in New Caledonia, I saw the pupils daily and was really able to get to know them.*

*As an SRE teacher in High School today I only see my students five times a year, and with no background history or knowledge of the students, or time to form a relationship, the task is Herculean.*

*In children we have both fragility and resilience. The art of a good teacher is being able to balance these two. A good teacher needs to know how to connect with a student.*

*Since many fragile or misbehaved children are bearing the problems of a family environment, it is hard to form a positive relationship. And so, I do the best I can, prepare my lessons diligently, keep a*

*great sense of humour, always explain “why” with a large dose of patience, remind them that all their actions have consequences. Then I pray that the Holy Spirit will do the rest.*

*I remember that words carry 7% of the message, the tone of voice carries 38%, and the body language carries 55% of the message.*

*I often think that a good teacher has to be like a railroad track: firmly anchored and leading in the direction of human fulfilment with the powerful humility of one endeavouring to help God’s plan for each of these youngsters entrusted to our care.*

*Each one is known to God by name. As catechists we pray for one another to be given a better memory for the art of recalling our pupils’ names, a must for a trustful relationship.”*

*Yolande Halbert*

Yolande’s wisdom, experience and faithful dedication will be sadly missed by the students of Narrabeen Sports High, and by the Catechists in the region, but we are comforted by the knowledge that her prayer continues for all of us.

*Eulalie O’Keefe      Regional Coordinator: Manly Warringah*

### NOREEN ELIZABETH McGARRY . . . . . A TEACHER OF GOD

Noreen died on 18<sup>th</sup> March after a courageous and inspiring battle with cancer over several years.

Wife, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. Noreen was involved in many facets of parish life at Holy Name, Wahroonga, which included her work as a catechist, which was a very special ministry to her.

Noreen taught Years 3 and 4 at Warrawee in the Library with Margaret MacMillan and myself, who had the other Primary classes. Such close proximity meant that there was more team teaching than individual groups and so we were a very close team - students, catechists and the school library staff and it was FUN.

Noreen continued to teach throughout her encroaching illness with a peace and commitment that was an inspiration to us all. She was never melancholy or sorry for her situation.

As she arrived every few weeks wearing her chemotherapy bag (nothing stops this gal!) it was amazing to watch her students who had this

incredible opportunity to walk with Noreen on her journey. They were never fazed by the experience, accepting it as a natural part of living and dying. When Noreen was unwell or in hospital they wrote words of encouragement and not sympathy. Organised by Margaret, the students made Noreen a quilt from individual blocks that they designed themselves, the theme: Hang on in there Mrs McGarry! The Library teachers from the school also made blocks and would often say: “Hang on, are you praying for Noreen? Wait for me.”

Noreen was a very special lady.

She is with her God but her husband Brian, her children, family and friends will miss her always until we are united.

*Annette Stuart-Robertson      Wahroonga Parish*





# REPORTS FROM THE REGIONS

## Training and Formation

### Central Coast

Once again CCD courses are attracting good attendance with between 10 and 12 participants enrolling in both Level 1 and 2 courses this term.

At the Level 1 course (Woy Woy) there is a retired state schoolteacher who saw the notice in her parish bulletin on Sunday and enrolled on the Monday in order to simply find out about the ministry. There are a few experienced catechists, one who is training for the first time and another who is updating. A young mum is travelling down from Gwandalan, as well as a few locals who are taking advantage of a course conducted in their parish. Two of the regular attendees teach SRE for their Protestant churches in the region.

In all this diversity there is a growing sense of collegiality and respect. The standard of presenters has been high and already the variety of topics and styles has made it possible for everyone to gain great value from participating. From what our evaluations feedback tells us it is the opportunity to learn and discuss which most appeals to people.

Some courses are very theoretical and others very practical but all begin from acknowledging the wealth of experience within the room and then seek to extend us into new areas of learning. This learning is not always cognitive; it often involves skills development as well as the affective domain.

At Terrigal a Level 2 course is being offered at night in order to cater to the needs of other catechists. The strong sense of community that was developed last year in Level 1 is still very evident and has been extended to the newcomers to the group. Some of the sessions such as Vatican II and the Renewal of the Church proved so appealing that requests have been made to invite the presenter, Sr Libby Byrne, back for a whole day workshop. Stay tuned for details of this day.

The Parish Centre at Our Lady Star of the Sea is proving to be a great venue for CCD training and formation activities and the parish community at Terrigal continues to support this ministry with tremendous enthusiasm. Fr Carol Grew frequently manages to join the group each week in the midst of his busy schedule of meetings and appointments. His presence is both encouraging and highly supportive.

John Donnelly

Regional Coordinator: Gosford

### Northern Region:



Yvonne van den Berg assisting Catechists in a Lesson Planning workshop.



### Manly Warringah

Sixteen enthusiastic Special Religious Educators have been enjoying the Level 1 Training and Formation program at Narrabeen on Fridays. Significant learning is evident from the great discussions that take place before, during and after classes and in the written evaluation feedback.

*“There are numerous ways to add visual props and creative drama into my lessons to make them more appropriate for the children’s individual learning style...I will include more activity-based exercises in my classes and will attempt to be more dramatic with my storytelling.”* Angela Spencer Davidson

*“We are seed sowers; I realise that other catechists experience the same fears and challenges that I do, but that we **are** teachers teaching God’s Word, God’s love. That thought helped me when I was in the classroom; I let God’s Word take over me, and my lesson. I am just a representative. I wasn’t as nervous and felt confident that I would be helped. I was. I was very happy with my lesson, and so were the children.”* Lisa Williamson Avalon

*“I found the explanation of the Joy for Living Teachers Manual and how to use it very rewarding. I learned the importance of following the Manual as well as adding your own ideas and life experiences . . .As a result of this lesson I have gone through the JFL Manual and researched the appropriate Unit and Lesson plan, I have put to use what I learned in this workshop.*

Rina Cipri Manly Vale

Eulalie O’Keefe

Regional Coordinator: Manly Warringah



Level One Workshop at CCD Narrabeen during Term 1

## Integrity in Leadership: CCD Parish Leaders Gathering 2004

On Friday 27 February 65 CCD Parish leaders from 34 Parishes across the diocese attended a workshop and planning day at St Francis Centre, Somersby. The day commenced with a Mass celebrated by Bishop David Walker using the readings of the day to develop the theme “Integrity in Leadership”. The Bishop then spoke on the importance of Theological Reflection for Ministry and the nature of Lay Ecclesial Ministry in the Church today with particular reference to the Ministry of the Catechist (A part of the Bishop’s talk is on the cover page of this edition of *Connections*).

Priests of the diocese, members of CSO Mission Services team, joined parish coordinators and Centacare staff for the afternoon workshop discussion groups. The workshop topics centred on key planning themes for 2004: Formation of Catechists; Curriculum Development; the Secondary Ministry and Involvement of Parents.

John Donnelly reports from the Secondary Workshop:

*“An enthusiastic group of catechists and priests discussed the strengths and weakness of the current models of delivery, as well as sharing ideas for the future of this branch of the ministry. The group included some very experienced catechists, two priests, a State School Principal and a couple of parish coordinators who specialise in the Secondary Ministry. This wealth of experience produced some most interesting insights in the hour-long workshop. The feeling was that this discussion could have gone another hour.”*



*Amanda Hickey (Primary: Narrabeen; Advisory Council member), Jim Wade (Collaroy Plateau) and John Jamieson (Narrabeen)*

*Whilst everyone recognised the special challenges of this ministry there was a prevailing attitude of optimism and hope about its future. Acknowledging the amazing achievements of the past decade we all communicated a strong commitment to a work that we find most rewarding. With curriculum revisions in hand and greater cooperation with paid SRE teachers a solid future is predicted.”*

A summary of the notes from each workshop will be distributed to Parish Coordinators during Term 2 meetings. Copies are available from the Diocesan office on request.

Ann Maree Whenman

CCD Director



*John McGrath and Chris Comerford (CSO), Fr Carol Grew (PP Terrigal) and Ann Maree Whenman (CCD Director)*

### Catechist Sunday at Gosford

The congregation had been engrossed in another fabulous Sunday night Youth Mass when Fr George called upon the catechists present to be blessed for their ministry in the coming year. A small band of very different souls moved reluctantly to the front of the church when at the instruction of the pastor the congregation extended their hands and prayed a blessing for them.

As a catechist I usually go quietly about my lesson each week happy in the knowledge that I can make a small contribution to religious education of my delightful class at Valley View Primary. The prayerful action of my parish community was very moving. As I stood there nervously I actually felt

the power of their words upon me. Then returning to my seat with the praise of Father still resounding in my ears I was encouraged and buoyed by the admiring eyes of fellow parishioners who seemed to saying, “good on you and well done.”

Feeling quite chuffed I left the church to the joyful strains of “Shout to the Lord”, and then I felt the tap of a tiny hand on my back. I turned to discover the smiling face of one of my charges from my SRE class. She wanted me to meet her mum who was at Mass with her that night. The grateful parent extended her hand in thanks and told me how much she appreciated the commitment I had made to her child. This type of acknowledgement is never expected, but it sure gave me a big lift and has inspired me to continue in this rewarding ministry.

Anonymous Catechist

# FOR THE CLASSROOM

## A Pentecost Lesson: A Prayer Experience for Children Years 3 to 6

**Aim:** To assist students to experience the presence and action of the Holy Spirit.

**Key Concept:** Liturgical season: Pentecost

**Lesson Focus:** God is always with us, as close as the air we breathe.

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-4

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Knowledge:** Students will have knowledge of the story of Pentecost as it is recorded in the Scriptures.

**Understanding:** That we, as a community of believers, celebrate the Presence of God's Spirit amongst us now.

**Resources:** Bible, red and white crepe paper, cardboard, ruler, scissors, hole punch, red wool, stapler, large red marker, tape player, cassette tape of classical music.



**Step 1:**

- 1) Ask the students to describe the word "wind".
- 2) Ask: Have you ever seen the wind? How can you tell when there is a wind blowing? What sound does it make? What does the wind do?

Invite the students to pretend they are the leaves of a tree and the wind is blowing them around gently. Invite the students to be a wave that catches a breeze.

(Note: Teachers: Use your imagination here and your knowledge of your class.)

**Step 2:**

- 3) Gather the children together and read or tell the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost from Acts. (See paraphrase for young children at the end of this lesson plan)
- 4) Ask the students how they think the people gathered there might have felt.
- 5) Older students may be able to speak about a time when they felt some change because of prayer.

**Step 3**

- 1) Invite students to make a Pentecost Windssock. (Pattern at the end of Lesson plan)  
**Note:** Have one completed and have all materials cut out and ready on desks.
- 2) When the Pentecost windssocks have been completed, play some classical music and invite the students to hold the windsocks high in the air and move to the music.
- 3) Invite them one at a time to stand back and watch how the wind created by the movement of the children causes the windssocks to move. Tell them that God's Holy Spirit moves in us like the wind moves the windssocks.
- 4) Gather the students to sit around you on the floor. Ask them to take a deep breath and to hold it for as long as they can. Practise several ways of breathing. Ask students how they can feel their breath: e.g. as a soft breeze on their hands; as their lungs expand. Tell them that the Holy Spirit is as close to them as their own breath and that this is the gift that Jesus promised to help them to be good and happy and brave at all times. God is with them at all times and loves them at all times.
- 5) Teach the students a breath prayer. A breath prayer is a prayer of very few words that is repeated as we breathe in and out. E.g. "Dear God," on the in breath "You are with me" on the out breath. Or "Jesus", on the in breath "thank you" on the out breath or "Holy Spirit" on the in breath "come, come." on the out breath.

Tell the students that they can say this prayer anywhere anytime, and know that God is with them and loves them.

**Pattern for a Pentecost Windssock**

Cut a strip of white cardboard 5cm wide and 25cm long.

Write the word **PENTECOST** in red marker all the way around.

Punch 3 holes equally spaced around the top of the strip.

Cut 3 pieces of red or white wool, each 30cm long.

Tie 1 piece of wool through each hole and knot it.

Gather the three pieces of wool at the other end and tie them together in a knot.

Cut streamers of red and white crepe paper 55cm long.

Staple strips of crepe paper along the bottom of the cardboard strip.

Staple the cardboard strip at the ends to form a ring.



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# FOR THE CLASSROOM

## A Pentecost Lesson (continued)

### Script for Paraphrase of Acts: 2;1-4

**Step 2** Today I am going to tell you a story; a story about a promise that Jesus made.

The night before he died Jesus made a promise to his special friends. He told them that when he went back to his Father in heaven, he would send them his spirit to be with them always and to be with them in their work for God's Kingdom.

About forty days after Easter, Jesus' friends were gathered together in a meeting room. They were sad that Jesus was no longer with them and afraid of the soldiers who put Jesus to death.

Mary, Jesus' mother was with them in the room and they were praying together. As they prayed they heard a sound like a mighty wind. They began to feel brave and happy, and really warm, as if there was a lovely fire in the room.

They knew that Jesus had kept his promise. He had given them His Spirit to help them in their work.

They unlocked the doors and went out into the street. They were not afraid any more. They began to tell the people about Jesus. Many people listened to them and they also believed in Jesus.

### Years 4, 5, 6:

#### Students could be questioned about content of text:

When did Jesus make his promise to send his Spirit to his friends?

Where were Jesus' friends gathered?

Who was with them?

What were they doing?

How were they feeling?

Can you remember a time when you were feeling a little bit like Jesus' friends?

How did they feel when they knew Jesus' Spirit was with them?

What did they do?

What happened?

What do you think would happen to you if you prayed and asked for the Spirit of Jesus to come when you need help to be a friend of Jesus?



**Older students could be helped to understand:** Each year in our church family we remember this special day. We call this day Pentecost Sunday the day God sent his Holy Spirit to be with Jesus' special friends and helpers. We sometimes call this day the birthday of our church family. We think about how God loves and cares for us all. We think about ourselves and thank God for the gift of his Holy Spirit who we received in our own lives on the day we were baptised. God's Spirit is always with us. There is a prayer we can say to praise God for his love for us:

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit".

**SECONDARY TEACHERS NOTE:**  
A Lesson for Secondary SRE on Pentecost (written by Michael Tebbutt) is available from the CCD Diocesan Office on request.

Ref: 7 Ways of Teaching the Bible to Children: Barbara Bruce  
Publisher: Abingdon Press (USA) 1996

Eulalie O'Keefe

Regional Coordinator, Manly Warringah Region

## Update: Child Protection 2004

It is now four years since the current Child Protection legislation was enacted. During this time several amendments have resulted in some significant changes to Child Protection requirements. In Semester Two (Terms 3 and 4) 2004 the CCD will be running Child Protection Workshops to update all SRE teachers (catechists) in this important area. *Ann Maree Whenman CCD Director*

### TEACHING TIP#2/2004:

#### DISCUSS AND SHARE IDEAS WITH FELLOW CATECHISTS AND SRE TEACHERS:

Teaching is a community activity. The best ideas are those that are shared, discussed and developed in a community of fellow teachers.

How do you share your ideas and discuss teaching successes? A meeting after teaching with other SRE teachers and/or a regular Parish CCD meeting (once an month, once a term).

Give some time to sharing teaching ideas with fellow teachers this term and broaden your teaching horizons!!!

**Basic Training Program 2004: Full Details from your Regional Office**

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2004 Basic Training		Central Coast	Manly Warringah	Northern
Level 3: Terms 2 / 3	<b>Time:</b>	Friday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Friday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Monday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
	<b>Location:</b>	The Entrance Parish Centre	Narrabeen CCD Centre	Thornleigh CSO Meeting Rooms Unit 11/1 Central Ave
	<b>Dates:</b>	June 11, 18, 25 July 2, 23, 30	July 30 August 6, 13, 20 September 3, 10	August 2, 9, 16, 23 September 6, 13
Level 1: Terms 3 / 4	<b>Time:</b>	Tuesday 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Wednesday 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Monday 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
	<b>Location:</b>	The Entrance Parish Centre	Narrabeen CCD Centre	Normanhurst Queen of Peace Parish
	<b>Dates:</b>	July 27 August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 September 7 October 19, 26 November 2, 9, 16	July 28 August 4, 11, 25 September 1, 8, 15 October 20, 27 November 3, 10, 17	July 26 August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 September 6 October 18, 25 November 1, 8, 15

**Regional Reflection Days**

**Semester 1**

**Theme: Pentecost  
(BYO LUNCH)**



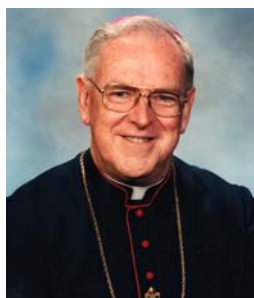
**Manly/Warringah Region**  
Presenter: Sr Margaret Colles  
Saturday 29 May  
9:30am – 2:30pm  
St Anthony in the Fields, Terrey Hills

**Northern Region**

Presenter: Fr David Orr  
Monday 24 May, 9:30am – 2:30pm  
St Benedict's Monastery, Arcadia

**Central Coast Region**

Monday 31 May  
9:00am(Mass) – 2:30pm  
St Mary's, Toukley



**Semester 2**

**Presenter: Bishop David Walker**

**Northern Region**

Friday 15 October, 9:30am to 2:30pm  
Mary Immaculate Parish, Killara

**Manly/Warringah Region:** Friday 17 September

**Central Coast Region:** Friday 22 October

Enquiries/Registration: Contact your Regional Coordinator (contact details - page 2)

**CCD Diocesan Retreat**

**Theme: Finding God in All Things – The Spirituality of Everyday Life.**

Friday 14 May (6pm) – Sunday 16 May (1pm)

St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Kincumber Cost: \$120 (incl. accommodation & meals)

Enquiries/Registration: Jackie Hanson 9473 4550 (Limited places available)

**Pymble/West Pymble Parishes present a**

**Resource Display Afternoon**

**Monday 10 May 2004, 1pm – 2:30pm**

**You are welcome to join them for Mass at 12pm, followed by lunch (BYO, drinks provided)**

**RSVP: 1May Deirdre/Mary Ph: 9488 7216**

**The Gosford Shire CCD Regional Office and Resource Centre have moved from Kincumber to 58 Victoria St, East Gosford (St Patrick's Parish). Ph: 4323 7090**



## Letters to the Editor ...

After completing the lesson with my Year 4 Scripture group on Maximillian Kolbe from their *Joy for Living* books, it occurred to me that here was a great opportunity to present the stories of some of our other great saints.

Talking to the children about St. Therese, stating that she was a Carmelite nun, I tried to give a little more information on her life. I went on to explain that she wasn't a teaching nun or a nursing nun, as many of the nuns of her time were, but belonged to a closed order.

After answering all the questions that one comes to expect from young inquiring minds, I was quite unprepared for the next hand that shot up. "Mrs. Kennedy, my auntie used to be a nun, but she escaped from them. The head nun thought she might have drowned in the river."

Desperately trying to keep a straight face, the rest of the lesson was spent in explaining that if a woman had become a nun but then had serious doubts that she was not serving God in the best way she could, it was all right for her to leave the convent.

This was, of course, after she had spent much time thinking about it, praying to God about it and, of course, consulting with the "head nun" about it.

Valerie Kennedy  
Toukley/Lake Munmorah Parish



## Mixed Messages!!!!!!

From a Central Coast Catechist:

*Whilst giving a lesson before Easter on Holy Week a Year 2 teacher is discussing Holy Thursday:*

Catechist:  
"Why is the special meal Jesus had with his friends called the Last Supper?"

Year 2 boy:  
"Because after that they ran out of food."

*Having discussed this further:*

Catechist:  
"Who were the friends that Jesus shared this special meal with?"

Year 2 girl: "The recyclables."



## A Quick Quiz for Catechists: Test your Religious Knowledge! Pentecost



1. What is the English meaning of the word Pentecost?
2. From which event, traditionally, is the number of days counted
3. What was the original Jewish name for this festival?
4. What is another name for Pentecost Sunday?
5. What did this feast originally celebrate?
6. What do the initials 'W K U C P F FOL' stand for?
7. Traditionally, how many fruits of the Holy Spirit are there?
8. The fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs of what?
9. Which prophet, (OT), is associated with Pentecost in *Acts 2*?
10. What phenomenon do we, as Church, celebrate each Pentecost?

*Send your entry to the address below!! Answers will be published in the next edition of Connections and on the CCD Web site.*

CCD – Connections Quiz  
By Mail: PO Box 125      By Fax: 02 9473 4599  
Wahroonga NSW 2076  
By e-mail: [amwhenman@brokenbay.catholic.org.au](mailto:amwhenman@brokenbay.catholic.org.au)

Answers to Connections Quiz v9i1: **World Religions**  
1. c 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. c  
Congratulations to Christine Formosa, Karla Heggie and David Hamilton - 100% on the Term 1 2004 Quiz!!!!

## Attention E-mailers!



If you would like to receive information regarding *Courses, In-Services, Workshops etc.*, run by the CCD, please e-mail us at:

[ccd\\_info@brokenbay.catholic.org.au](mailto:ccd_info@brokenbay.catholic.org.au)

Note: In accordance with the Privacy Act, this information will only be used for the above purpose and will not be distributed to any other organisation.



# CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), have been commissioned by the Bishop of Broken Bay to bring the message of God's Kingdom to Catholic students in government schools through effective evangelisation. We are supportive of each other and those we serve in our ministry. We are inspired by the Holy Spirit and united in Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth and at the centre of our lives and ministry.

As the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, we:

### PROCLAIM

Proclaim the Good News of Jesus in our words and actions to Catholic students in government schools.

### RESPOND PERSONALLY

Respond personally to God's unique love for each of us through an integration of our life experience and a spiritual and educational formation that is based on the scripture and tradition of Catholic faith.

### LOVE EACH OTHER

Live and work with each other and those we serve in the CCD ministry in the love of Jesus, modelling this love in collaboration and support with mutual respect for the dignity, gifts and talents of all.

### CELEBRATE

Celebrate and share our Catholic faith and experience with all members of the community, in order to demonstrate God's presence in every aspect of life.

### EDUCATE

Educate students and catechists in our Catholic story and beliefs, and their implications for our lives, through provision of SRE classes, training programmes and other activities.

### SERVE

Serve each other, the Catholic community and all creation in justice and love by being present to the needs of the CCD Community in living out our commission.

### SEEK UNITY

Seek unity within our Diocesan Community and with our fellow Christians by working cooperatively to provide SRE in government schools, have meaningful dialogue with people of all faiths and seek to open the hearts and minds of all to understand the need for unity, wherever possible, in today's world.



*Karen Lunney (Youth Ministry), Michael Tebbutt and Secondary Catechists from The Entrance Parish planning 2004 Seminars*



*Christine Formosa (Forestville), Mary Sardelic (Davidson) and John Taylor (Forestville) at the Parish Coordinators workshop in February*



*Eulalie O'Keefe (right) with participants of the Level One Training Course currently underway at CCD Narrabeen Office*

**Do you have something to share of your experience as a catechist?**  
One or two lines.... a good lesson...a story...a great resource. ...some special event at your parish or school?  
Send it to: The Editor, Connections, CCD, PO Box 125, Wahroonga 2076  
or E-mail: [amwhenman@brokenbay.catholic.org.au](mailto:amwhenman@brokenbay.catholic.org.au) **Deadline: Friday 18 June 2004**