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CCD NEWSLETTER

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Catechist Spirituality and The Year of the Eucharist

Made in the Image of God, each one of us is a living temple, a sacred vessel of the indwelling presence of God. From this beautiful reality, we can reflect on the way in which we express the Presence of Jesus, our brother, Redeemer, Healer, and the Presence of the Creator God who fathers us tenderly. We can reflect upon our relationship with the Holy Spirit who transforms all that is not yet whole within us, and upon how we are allowing the Holy Spirit's love to move within us.

Soon after instituting the *Year of the Eucharist* in October 2004, Pope John Paul II wrote:

Through the new life, which Christ has bestowed on us, we can recognise one another as brothers and sisters, despite every difference of language, nationality and culture. In a word, by sharing in the one bread and the one cup, we come to realize that we are God's family, and that together we can make our own effective contribution to building a world based on the values of justice, freedom and peace.

December 8, 2004

Eucharist is the Sacrament of unity. The Eucharist is a living expression of the values of Justice, Freedom and Peace.

Jesus' words echo across the centuries and find a resonance today in the hearts of catechists:

"Peace be with you: As the Father has sent me so am I sending you." (John 20:20-21)

This is both our privilege and our challenge as catechists. Peace is something we all want. Peace can be most difficult to achieve. It is intrinsically linked with justice. Without justice there is no freedom, and there is no peace.

As in every encounter within a relationship, each Eucharist should leave us a little changed. Injustice resides within us, disturbing our inner peace. Knowledge of ourselves, a willingness to examine our own heart's motives, standing (metaphorically) in another's shoes in an attempt to understand differences, forgiveness for self and others is the key to receiving the nourishment



*Eucharist: A Gift with Responsibility
CCD Retreat - May*

that is Jesus in Holy Communion. This is how we make an ever-expanding place for the living presence of Jesus.

Pope John Paul II reminds us:

Through our Communion in His body and blood Christ grants us his Spirit. St Ephrem writes: 'He called the bread his living body and he filled it with himself and his spirit.' Therefore he, who eats it with faith, eats FIRE and SPIRIT. Ecclesia De Eucharistia (17)

As missionaries and evangelisers, catechists are empowered to carry "FIRE and SPIRIT" to all with whom they come in contact and specifically to the children, teachers and parents in State Government Schools.

We have each day a new opportunity to accept our responsibility of contributing with the Light of the Gospel, and with the Fire of the Holy Spirit to the building of a more human world fully in harmony with God's plan for peace, and for relationships between people based on solid premises of justice and solidarity.

Together we pray:

***'Let there be Peace on Earth
And
Let it begin with me!'***

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DIARY DATES: TERM 3

See 'Noticeboard' on page 10 for further details of major Training and Formation events of the year.

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TERM 3 COMMENCES

CCD Executive Meeting *Thornleigh*

20

Manly Warringah: Level Two - *Narrabeen*
Primary/Secondary commences

12:15pm – 2:45pm

22

CCD Staff Reflection Day

25

Manly Warringah: Parish Coordinators *Narrabeen*
Meeting (Primary) 10am-12:30pm

Central Coast: Parish Coordinators Meeting *The Entrance*
(Secondary) 1pm – 3pm

26

Manly Warringah: Parish Coordinators *Narrabeen*
Meeting (Secondary) 12:00pm – 2:30pm

28

Northern Region: Level One – *Normanhurst*
Primary/Secondary commences

12:15pm – 2:45 pm

29

Central Coast: Parish Coordinators Meeting *Gosford*
(Primary) 1pm – 3pm

Aug

5

Manly Warringah: Level Three – *Narrabeen*
Primary/Secondary commences

9:15am - 2:45pm

9

Central Coast: Level One – *Toukley*
Primary/Secondary commences

12:15pm – 2:45pm

12

CCD Executive Meeting *Gosford*

15

Central Coast: Level Three - *Warnervale*
Primary/Secondary commences

9:15am – 2:45pm

23

Northern Region: Regional Mass *Normanhurst* 7:30pm

30

Manly Warringah: Regional Mass *Dee Why* 7:30pm

31

Central Coast: Regional Mass *Warnervale* 7:00pm

Sept

7

Diocesan: Year 10 Social Justice Forum *Oxford Falls*
9am – 3pm

16

CCD Executive Meeting *Thornleigh*

20

CCD Advisory Council Meeting *Thornleigh*

5pm – 7 pm

23

Diocesan: CCD Catechists' Conference *East Gosford*
9:15am – 3pm

TERM 3 CONCLUDES

26-30

Diocesan: CCD Catechists' Retreat *Kincumber*

Oct

4--7

CCD OFFICES CLOSED

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TERM 4 COMMENCES

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The focus for CCD activities during this term has been Training and Formation. Since March over 200 catechists have participated a variety of events offered in the Training and Formation Program.

The Basic Accreditation Courses have provided all new volunteers with a solid foundation at the beginning of service in their local Parish as a catechist (SRE teacher). Level 1, 2 and 3 Courses have commenced at Regional locations with others scheduled for Term Three (see page 10 for details). On Wednesday June 22 five Central Coast catechists completed the first unit of the advanced Catechist Ministry Certificate.

The Reflection Days and the Diocesan Retreat

drew from the Year of the Eucharist for their themes (See report on pages 6 and 7).

At the conclusion of the preparation of this newsletter I commence a ten week period of Study Leave. I will be attending a six week Summer School in Boston and visiting New York and Washington DC to meet with parish and diocesan leaders in the CCD ministry in the USA.

I will return to the CCD Office on Monday September 5. During my absence Mr. John Donnelly has been appointed Acting Director.

Ann Marie

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2005: PILGRIMS FROM STATE SCHOOLS

The CCD has arranged the sponsorship of two students from State Secondary schools to join the Diocesan World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Cologne in August. Monica Loftus (Gosford High) and Melanie Brown (Henry Kendall High) were selected through application and interview in March. They share with us some of the excitement as they prepare for pilgrimage:



Monica (left) and Melanie at a WYD Meeting

My name is Monica Loftus and in August this year I will be travelling to World Youth Day in Cologne. I was lucky enough to secure almost a full sponsorship from the CCD and the rest of the money I am hoping to fundraise. I will be going on pilgrimage with other youth from the diocese and, apart from the 6 days in Cologne, we will be visiting places such as Ars, Taize, Mon san Michel and Canterbury.

To prepare for World Youth Day, I have been fundraising, attending monthly meetings and I recently attended the Broken Bay Lighthouse Festival. It was an awesome experience and gave me the chance to get to know some of the people I will be travelling with, as well as learn more about social justice issues and my own relationship with God.

I think that World Youth Day will be similar (but on a much larger scale) and I hope that I can strengthen my faith by joining with people from all over the world in worship.

Monica Loftus

Wyoming Parish

There were a couple of things I had to do after I was accepted to the Broken Bay WYD Pilgrimage. One of them was to attend preparation meetings which told me and the other pilgrims about what WYD Pilgrimages are all about, what to expect from the pilgrimage, where we were going, what to pack and what not to pack, what we would do once we arrived there. The meeting also taught us how to prepare for the trip spiritually.

Another thing I had to do to prepare was to raise \$500 by June 17th. My fundraiser, like many other people was to sell Cadbury chocolates. I sold them at school and was able to raise the funds I needed to go.

I hope to gain from the experience of WYD an insight - the insight of the Catholic religion, and also the way people live in European countries.

I'm glad I was chosen.

Melanie Brown

Gosford Parish

POSITION VACANT:

Administrative Assistant CCD Regional Office: Central Coast (Wyang)

15 hours per week - Monday, Wednesday and Friday Commencing: September 2005

Applications Close: Wednesday August 24

For an Information Package and Application Form Contact Jackie Hanson (9473 4550) or Maria Whitton (4334 3367)

CURRICULUM NEWS

Faith Sharing: Responding like Disciples

Special Religious Education in State Schools provides us with a great opportunity to share our faith with the young people within our parish. The new curriculum will endeavour to facilitate this process within the learning environment.

The range of faith experiences of Catholic children attending State schools in our diocese is extensive. It includes those whose families participate in local parish as well as those whose families do not. Many children have received the Sacraments of Initiation and many more have not been fully initiated. Whatever the circumstances, the role of the catechist is to share their experience of faith with the students they teach.

The new curriculum will employ *Discipleship Responses* as the focal point of its design. They will articulate the nature of the desired outcome of the program in terms of a student's relationship with God and the Church. As disciples we are called to respond to the person of Jesus and participate in the mission of the Church. This is how the Kingdom of God is realised.

Discipleship responses will shape the teaching/learning experiences for the catechists, the students and their families. For example if the discipleship response is: "*Students are challenged to pray,*" the catechists may be invited to engage in sharing about their own prayer life. They may share knowledge about the prayers of heroes in our tradition as well as present set prayers from our Catholic tradition.

The *Shared Christian Praxis* model of Religious Education has long been the basis of Special Religious Education curriculum and the use of *Discipleship Responses* is very much in keeping

with this practice. Catechists will be familiar with *Step 3: Students Response* in the *Joy for Living* lesson plan. As the name implies this section focused upon a response by students to the material presented in the lesson. The new curriculum will include this element at every level of planning so as to ensure continuity and development from Early Stage 1 through to the end of Stage 6.

Catholic School religious education syllabus has provided the diocese with a rich source of *Discipleship Responses* suitable for use with children and young people at every stage of their faith development. These responses will be used extensively within the Special Religious Education program we are preparing.

Here are some samples of *Discipleship Responses*:
Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)

- ❖ *hear and celebrate stories about Jesus*

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

- ❖ *show reverence to and appreciation of the Bible*

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)

- ❖ *respond as Christians to the presence of God in the world*

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

- ❖ *embrace Catholic liturgical and sacramental life*

Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8)

- ❖ *recognise mystery and awe as dimensions of their relationship with God*

Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10)

- ❖ *assimilate characteristics of Jesus into their own lives*

Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12)

- ❖ *assume responsibility for moral choices and social action based upon Catholic discipleship*

John Donnelly Special Project Officer: Curriculum

CCD Curriculum Consultative Committee: A New Stage in the Curriculum Project



From left to right: Chris Comerford (CSO), John Donnelly (CCD Project Officer) Luanna Fletcher (CSO), Paul Brady (CCD Wollongong), Jenny Hildebrandt (Parent Rep), Paul Worthington (CCD Parramatta), Jackie Hanson (CCD Broken Bay), Dorothy Fulton (Catechist, Woy Woy), Jan Donnelly (Catechist, Davidson), Pat Slattery (Advisory Council)

The first meeting of the CCD Curriculum Consultative Committee was held on Tuesday 21 June at Thornleigh. The committee has been formed to guide the SRE Curriculum Project as it enters the next exciting and challenging stage. Representatives of the Priests, Parents, other Dioceses (CCD), Primary and Secondary catechists, CSO, Diocesan and CCD Administration will critique the project documents and processes during the next eighteen months. Further meetings for 2005 are planned for September and November.

FROM THE REGIONS

CENTRAL COAST: WYONG

Catholic SRE in the Newest School in NSW

Woongarrah Public School



Woongarrah Public School – the newest school in New South Wales is the first of the Government’s initiative of Privately Funded Project (PFP) schools. Situated in the suburb of the same name on the Central Coast, the school opened its doors to primary students from the beginning of Term One 2005 with 162 students enrolled from Kindergarten to Year 6 divided in 8 small classes.

The Woongarrah School website states:

“We look forward to developing a close parent, school and community relationship...”

In keeping with this ideal, the School SRE coordinator contacted the CCD Regional Office at The Entrance during Term One 2005, to enquire as to the possibility of Catholic SRE classes for their students. Catechists were sought, found and trained

from Warnervale Parish. These dedicated volunteers attend each week taking small groups of children in Kindergarten, Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6). They continue to be delighted by the school as a whole. The Sign-On Book is in place, relevant messages are on the book, the students are directed to the appropriate rooms and a teacher is in the room as support - sometimes even participating.

We thank the staff for the welcome we received and for the continuing support we receive each week and we look forward to a continued “close parent, school and community relationship”.

Maria Whitton
Regional Coordinator: Central Coast (Wyong)

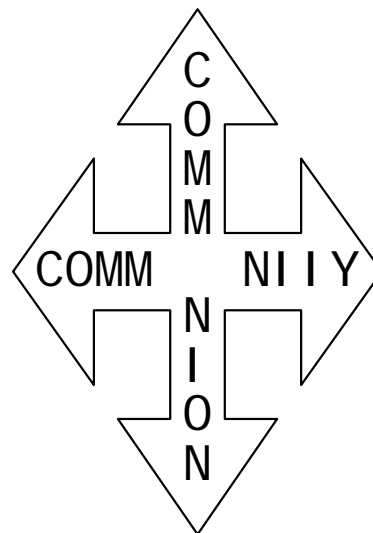
SECONDARY SEMINARS: INTO THE SACRED ZONE

For those secondary school students whom we teach once a term we offer high impact seminars designed to engage them with the truths of Catholicism. Last term these seminars focused on the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8), Eucharist and Reconciliation in Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) and Marriage and Holy Orders in Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12).

Year 10 students were invited to grapple with the mystery of Christ’s presence in Communion and Community. In clever play on words, students were challenged to respond to the question:

Where are U?

As expected students had varying degrees of experience with the Sacrament of Eucharist, but all were familiar with the notion of Christ’s presence. It was from here that Church teaching was developed. Using the statement, *Jesus is really present in Communion*, catechists engaged their young charges in conversation, sharing their understanding of this profound mystery. The teaching of Pope John Paul II in the Apostolic Letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (2004) was



foundational in the ideas exchanged during this seminar.

The seminars concluded with each student being given a memento of the visit, which encouraged them to be present at Mass in their local parishes. Our hope is that they will be present at Eucharist so that they may in turn be *Eucharist* to others.

John Donnelly Special Project Officer: Curriculum

FROM THE REGIONS: TRAINING AND FORMATION

Eucharist as Gift Diocesan Retreat



**Gift of Love -
That I may live within you**



**Gift of Promise -
Bread of eternal life**



**Gift of Self-giving -
On the night he was betrayed**



**Gift and Responsibility -
Lord, I am not worthy . .**



**Gift of Presence -
Faith leads to adoration**

**Gift of Unity
One bread, one body**



**Gift with a Mission -
Bread for the word**

**Gift of New Life -
The bread of life**

***Kincumber
27-29 May***

MANLY WARRINGAH PENINSULA:

Reflection Day

May 7

The Reflection Day given by Brother Jeff Daly was inspiring. His down to earth, practical, approach was easy to follow. The presentations throughout the day, were thought provoking. As he has been a catechist himself, I found myself taking notes on his approach to the children. "*Let the children teach you*", was advice I could follow and, in fact, now do.

Children can speak through the image of a bird or puppet. We were invited to write a song of praise to God from the perspective of a bird. The prayers that were shared by some of the participants were beautiful and simple.

Brother reminded us of the different ways in which children learn, through their senses.



Br Jeff Daly

From the beginning of the day, until the final beautiful blessing, bestowed on each participant by his/her neighbour, it was a faith-filled experience.

Sincere thanks to all those who provided this memorable day, especially Eulalie O'Keefe & Brother Jeff.

Cecilia McCreton

Terrey Hills

FROM THE REGIONS: TRAINING AND FORMATION

The Person and Symbol of Mary: Marian Spirituality

CENTRAL COAST:

Twilight Reflection

June 9

Forty-two catechists from the Central Coast Region attended a Reflection Evening at St. Francis of Assisi Centre Somersby on Thursday 9th June. The theme of the Reflection was “The Person and Symbol of Mary: Marian Spirituality” and was presented by Dr. Sandra Carroll from the Australian Catholic University. Sandi is an expert in Marian Spirituality and presented input on Mary from several different perspectives, including *Images of Mary in Art throughout the ages*, *Mary in Scripture* and *Mary and the Communion of Saints - a context for the 21st Century*.

Sandi’s presenting style allowed for much spirited discussion to unfold as the evening progressed and she presented Mary in a style that would have been new to many of the participants. There appeared to be a great feeling of warmth and a sense of community in the room and the joy was evident as people entered into the spirit of the evening with much enthusiasm.

At the suggestion of the catechists from the Mountain Region, many of those in attendance provided hot food for the evening meal and the pleasure of sharing a meal together added nourishment to the body and the soul.

There was a great sense of togetherness evident at Somersby that evening and we congratulate the Central Coast catechists for their enthusiastic participation in the event.



The overall success of the evening resulted in a building-up of community in the entire Region, as many people encountered each other for the first time.

Many thanks also to Dr. Sandra Carroll for sharing her wealth of knowledge and insight into Mary who is indeed a woman for all ages.

Alison Newell

Regional Coordinator: Central Coast (Gosford)



NORTHERN REGION:

Reflection Day

June 17





THOUGHTS ON LEADERSHIP: "Let Your Light Shine"

FOR THE CLASSROOM

You may not have realised it but catechists are all *leaders*. Letting your light shine in the classroom models great *leadership* to the children you teach.

- Leadership* is unselfish.
- Leadership* is generosity in action.
- Leaders* take responsibility when the opportunity is at hand.
- Leaders* are always on the move.
- Leaders* are alert to situations that might call for help.
- Leaders* speak with confidence, integrity and sincere honesty.
- Leaders* listen with respect and empathy.
- Leaders* know there is a time and place for everything - a time to be serious, a time to joke, a time to relax, a time to work, a time to play and a time to hustle.
- Leader* dare to be different.
- Leaders* embrace the gift of LIFE.

Do you recognise yourself in the classroom as you read through this list of leadership qualities? Catechists use them regularly in their work without even realising it. The ministry of the catechist is one where we are "called" to show *leadership* to the children we work with in order to give them the opportunity to let their own lights shine.

Recall Jesus' disciples huddled together in fear before the Spirit came upon them at Pentecost and then their amazing transformation after they had been "*filled with the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 2:4). Let us follow the example of this early Eucharistic community and without fear let our lights shine as we witness to the children we teach.


"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we're liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."

Nelson Mandela

Alison Newell
Regional Coordinator: Central Coast (Gosford)







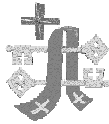
TERM 3
WEEK 1 Ordinary
WEEK 2 Ordinary
WEEK 3 Ordinary Transfiguration of the Lord
WEEK 4 Ordinary Mary MacKillop
WEEK 5 Ordinary Assumption of the Virgin Mary
WEEK 6 Ordinary Queenship of Mary
WEEK 7 Ordinary
WEEK 8 Ordinary Birth of the Virgin Mary
WEEK 9 Ordinary Triumph of the Cross
WEEK 10 Ordinary
TERM 4
WEEK 1 Ordinary
WEEK 2 Ordinary Mission Sunday
WEEK 3 Ordinary
WEEK 4 Ordinary All Saints All Souls
WEEK 5 Ordinary
WEEK 6 Ordinary
WEEK 7 Ordinary Christ the King
WEEK 8 Advent
WEEK 9 Advent Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
WEEK 10 Advent

Seven Sacraments to Nourish the Spirit

Objectives (CSO RE K-12)	Early Stage 1 Outcomes	Stage 1 Outcomes	Stage 2 Outcomes	Stage 3 Outcomes
A knowledge and understanding of Catholic prayer, sacraments and liturgical action as expressions of an ongoing relationship with God	Participates in ways Catholics communicate with and celebrate God's presence. 	Identifies Catholic symbols and signs, naming sacraments as sacred actions. Plans and participates in communal celebrations.	Explains sacraments as celebrating the presence of God. Plans and participates in communal celebrations.	Explains how prayer, sacraments and liturgical action are integral to the faith life of a Catholic. Explains how Catholics are nourished and sustained as they reach out in service to each other.

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For the Classroom

	SYMBOLS	ACTIVITY	CCC	SCRIPTURE
BAPTISM		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Show explain/ identify Symbols. *Share photographs / stories *Hold mock Baptism *Role-play Scripture stories: Baptism of Jesus; John the Baptist, River Jordan 	nn. 1213-1243 <i>Sacrament of Baptism</i> nn. 1223-1225 <i>Christ's Baptism</i> nn. 1229- 1233 <i>Christian Initiation</i>	Matthew 28:19 Romans 6:3-11
CONFIRMATION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pass the Parcel – Gifts of the Spirit. *Define “Grace” eg: Use the story of John Newton – who wrote hymn <i>AMAZING GRACE</i> *Draw, write a simple prayer 	nn. 687-741 <i>Holy Spirit</i> nn. 726,731-732 <i>Pentecost</i> nn. 1091-1109 <i>Holy Spirit and the Church</i> nn. 1163-1178 <i>Liturgical seasons</i>	Luke 24-49 Acts 8:14-17 Acts 19:1-6 1 Cor.12: 4-11
EUCHARIST		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Create symbol from craft material *Stories of meals Jesus shared eg: Loaves and Fishes, Last Supper *Plan a Celebration, Liturgy 	nn. 1322-1323 <i>The Last Supper</i> nn. 1333-1336 <i>Signs of bread and wine</i>	Luke 22:19-20 1 Cor.2: 5-11
RECONCILIATION		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Students work in groups to write and perform an echo mime based on one of the ‘forgiveness’ scripture passages. (See example in Wintour- <i>Just Imagine</i> p.57- Zacchaeus passage). 	nn. 1485-1488 <i>In brief</i> nn. 1491-1492	Luke 15 John 20:21-23 2 Cor. 2:5-11
ANOINTING OF THE SICK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *View, discuss and record the signs and symbols of the sacrament of Anointing. *Tell, read, draw, depict, stories of Jesus “healing” actions! 	nn. 1506-1509 <i>“Heal the sick...”</i> nn. 1520- 1523 <i>The Effects of the Celebration of this Sacrament</i>	Mark 1:32-34 Mark 6:13 James 5:14-15 Other Bible Stories
MARRIAGE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Using words and cards to match and order the Sacraments. *Recite and sing age appropriate traditional prayers and hymns. 	nn. 1641-1642 <i>The Grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony</i> nn. 1650-1666 <i>In Brief</i>	John 2:1-11 Matthew 9:15 Mark 10: 11-12 Ephesians 5: 21-33
HOLY ORDERS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Play “Celebrity Heads” using Sacraments and or Symbols *Wedding Feast at Cana! *Draw, write, retell, role-play 	nn. 1536 nn. 1585-1551 <i>The Grace of the Holy Spirit</i> nn. 1590-1600 <i>In Brief</i>	2 Timothy 1: 6 Titus 1:5-9

Music: Michael Mangan’s – *Turn Back to God-Renew and Rejoice, Sorry-As One Voice for Kids* and/or other suitable hymns in *As One Voice / As One Voice for Kids*

Meditation An excerpt adapted from “*To God on a Magic Carpet*”. *Meditating with Children. Sr. Anthony* Excerpt available from CCD offices. This resource has been distributed to Parish Catholic schools. (You may be able to borrow!)

Maria Whitton Regional Coordinator: Central Coast (Wyong)

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2005 BASIC TRAINING		CENTRAL COAST	MANLY WARRINGAH	NORTHERN
Level 2: Terms 2/3/4	Time:	Wednesday 12:15pm – 2:45pm	Wednesday 12:15pm – 2:45pm	Monday 7:15 pm – 9:30 pm
	Location:	The Entrance Parish Centre	Narrabeen CCD Centre	Normanhurst Queen of Peace Parish
	Dates:	Commenced Term 2 July 20, 27 August 3, 10, 17	July 20, 27 August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 September 7, 14, 21 October 12, 19	Commenced Term 2 July 18, 25 August 1, 8, 15
Level 3 Terms 2/3/4	Time:	Monday 9:15am – 2:45pm	Friday 9:15am – 2:45pm	Thursday 12:15pm – 2:45pm
	Location:	Warnervale MacKillop Parish	Narrabeen CCD Centre	Turrumurra Uniting Church
	Dates:	August 15, 22, 29 September 5, 12, 19	August 5, 19, 26 September 2, 9 October 14	Commenced Term 2 July 21, 28 August 4, 11, 18, 25

BASIC ACCREDITATION COURSES

Manly Warringah	Manly Vale	27 June	Monday	9am –3pm
	Terrey Hills	16 July	Saturday	9am –3pm
Northern	West Pymble	25 July	Monday	9am –3pm
	Chatswood	5 August	Friday	9:30am - 3pm

Contact the Regional or Diocesan Office (Directory Page 2) for Registration and Information

REGIONAL MASSES

Northern Region
Tuesday 23 August, 7:30pm
Our Lady Queen of Peace
Parish, Normanhurst



At these Masses,
5, 10 & 15 Year Service
Awards and Level 1 & 2
Certificates will be
presented.

Manly/Warringah Region
Tuesday 30 August, 7:30pm
St Kevin's Parish, Dee Why

Central Coast Region
Wednesday 31 August, 7pm
Mary McKillop Parish, Warnervale

CCD DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

Friday 23 September

9:15am – 3:00 pm

St Joseph's Catholic College EAST GOSFORD

THEME: CREATIVE ARTS IN THE SRE CLASSROOM

See accompanying flyer for details



DIOCESAN RETREAT

Monday 26 September - Friday 30 September

Style: Directed Retreat

Cost: \$200

Includes full board and direction

LOCATION: St Joseph's Spirituality and Education Centre - Kincumber.

For further information contact Jackie Hanson on 9473 4550

DIOCESAN MASS

Sunday 30 October, 2pm
Corpus Christi Cathedral, St Ives
(Followed by afternoon tea)



At this Mass, Papal Blessings (20
years) and Service Awards (25
years and above), as well as CCD
Diplomas will be presented.



Some Questions about God

I am new to the role of a catechist at Epping North Public School since the start of 2005.

Both the children and I are discovering together the effect **God has on our daily lives**. It is indeed a privilege to assist these children with their enquiring and curious minds.

Here are some words from the children themselves about the questions they need answered about God:

- *Why can't we see God?*
- *How did God come alive?*
- *Why did God send Jesus and not himself?*
- *Why am I so small?*
- *How old are you God?*
- *Why did you die for us?*
- *Did you make aliens?*
- *Where do you live?*
- *Why did you die for us?*
- *Why is God, God?*
- *How is it like in heaven?*
- *When will we see Jesus as well?*
- *How did he make us?*
- *Why can't we see you?*
- *How did God make the world?*
- *God, please tell me how to sail?*
- *Can you see God?*

Christine Beasley

Epping



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



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A Quick Quiz for Catechists: Test your Religious Knowledge! THEME: The Church

1. In the past, the country from which the most cardinals were chosen was
(a) Spain (b) The USA (c) France (d) Italy
2. On or about his 75th Birthday, a bishop is expected to
(a) receive a bonus (b) offer his resignation to the pope (c) become a cardinal (d) move to a new diocese.
3. The only English pope was
(a) Adrian IV (b) John XXIII (c) Gregory the Great (d) John Paul I
4. The field in which Protestant and Catholic scholars work together most regularly is
(a) liturgy (b) Scripture scholarship (c) sacramental theology (d) Mariology
5. The saint who established the first monastery in the Western Church at Monte Cassino, Italy, was
(a) Ignatius (b) Benedict (c) Francis of Assisi (d) Maximilian Kolbe
6. The Pope who convinced Michelangelo to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling was
(a) Julius II (b) Peter (c) John Paul I (d) Benedict XV
7. The title given to the leader of Eastern Christians is
(a) chancellor (b) vicar general (c) matriarch (d) patriarch
8. The name for a major gathering of Bishops which is not a full ecumenical council is a
(a) synod (b) snood (c) conclave (d) concatenation
9. The event that occurred in the 1500s that resulted in the split of the Western Christian Church into Protestant and Catholic Christians is called
(a) the Avignon Papacy (b) secular humanism (c) the Reformation (d) Zoroastrianism
10. In the fourth and fifth centuries, the city chosen as the centre of the Church in the East was
(a) Alexandria (b) Constantinople (c) Jerusalem (d) Tel Aviv

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
Mail: PO Box 125
Wahroonga NSW 2076

Fax: 02 9473 4599

Answers to Connections Quiz v10i2:

1. d 2. a 3. a 4. d 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. a
Congratulations to all who sent in their answers. Well done to Yvonne Cregan (Epping) – a perfect score!!!



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.

The Essence of Community at O.L.R. The Entrance

Pope John Paul II declared October 2004 through October 2005 as the "Year of the Eucharist." In his Apostolic Letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* he urged for the procession on Corpus Christi:

"This year let us also celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings."

In days gone by, our belonging to a Community was focused around Church and family to meet our social needs. Many of our social gatherings revolved around meeting, greeting and welcoming each other. They often concluded with a shared meal.

On Sunday May 29, The Feast of Corpus Christi, the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary at The Entrance celebrated our Eucharistic community during *Corpus Christi 40 hour Adoration*. The Culmination of this was held within the liturgy of the Eucharistic Sunday Mass. Every group within the parish was invited to process into the church displaying their own banner. Participating were ALL schools in the parish, both Catholic and State. It was a wonderful sight and atmosphere of reverence, devotion and excitement as the banner carriers placed their banner on the side of the altar for all in the church to see.

Following the liturgy, the congregation were invited to share further in a morning tea and to continue building our community spirit.

Maria Whitton Regional Coordinator: Central Coast (Wyang)

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

Deadline: Monday 5 September