

Summary of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council Meeting 16 August 2014



Archbishop Brislin had requested that all PPC Chairpersons attend the meeting. The actual attendance was most encouraging – with representation from all the 8 Deaneries, however there were still some Parishes with no representation. **Date of next meeting: 15 November 2014 at Christ the King Parish in Pinelands at 08h30.**

Please ensure that all the information below is shared with the Parish Priest and Deacons and the whole Parish Pastoral Council.

Phase III of the **Interdiocesan Consultation** was presented to all delegates and the Questionnaires distributed. Each PPC is to complete the questions and return their booklets to the Chancery by **31 October 2014**. We have included the 'soft' text for your convenience.

The new **Ecclesia** Season called **Brave New Church** was also introduced. All facilitators – Adults, Youth, Confirmation Catechists and Children's Catechists as well as RE Teachers will be trained at the **Ecclesia Faith Formation Festival** on 30 August 2014, at Springfield Convent from 09h00 to 14h00.

The Season begins on 14 September. Materials are now available from the CPD office (COD) at the Chancery. Call Sharyn O Connor on 021 462 2417 for details. The Season Trailer can be viewed on You Tube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZemV2Zf0QI>

Fr Hugh O'Connor introduced the **Child Safeguarding Policy for Parishes**. He discussed the broad outlines of this policy. There will be an in-depth presentation and explanation around the implementation and use of the policy in Parishes at the next APC Meeting – 15 November 2014. Follow the URL below to read the Child Safeguarding Policy.

<http://adct.org.za/draft-child-safeguarding-policy-for-parishes-in-the-archdiocese-of-cape-town/>

Ms Estelle Groenewald introduced the **Archdiocesan Catholic Health Care Association** which offers support to all health care workers – doctors, nurses and others who offer care in the health sector. Contact Estelle for further details of meetings and functions. gestelle@telkomsa.net or 083 235 3495.

Br Mike Chalmers from the **Catholic Bible Foundation** introduced us to their new family bible study series called "Bread that will last". This series will be available for order by Parishes early next year. We will send you more details of price etc. as soon as it becomes available. <http://www.catholicbible.org.za/>

Human Trafficking and its effects in our own country was vividly presented to us by the Justice and Peace team. We encourage you to display the posters in your Parishes and to pray the prayer to end this practice. For details of the presentation email Bernie Daries - bernie.daries@gmail.com

Prayer to end Human Trafficking

We ask for the intercession of St. Josephine as we pray ...

For the estimated 27 million women, men and children currently held in slavery-like conditions.

For those exploited and objectified in the commercial sex industry.

For those forced to become soldiers, especially children who are made into tools for violence.

For those exploited for their labour in agricultural fields, factories, restaurants, private homes, or anywhere in the shadows, where they are out of sight.

For conversion of heart for the perpetrators and organizers of human trafficking.

For governments, corporations, and consumers, that we will address the systems that make human trafficking possible.

For the success of efforts to stop the demand for human trafficking.

Loosen the chains, O Lord; loosen the heavy chains! God of hope and freedom, inspire and

strengthen us in our work to loosen the chains of human trafficking in our world, so that like St. Josephine Bakhita, we may stand firm in our resolve to create a slave-free world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen