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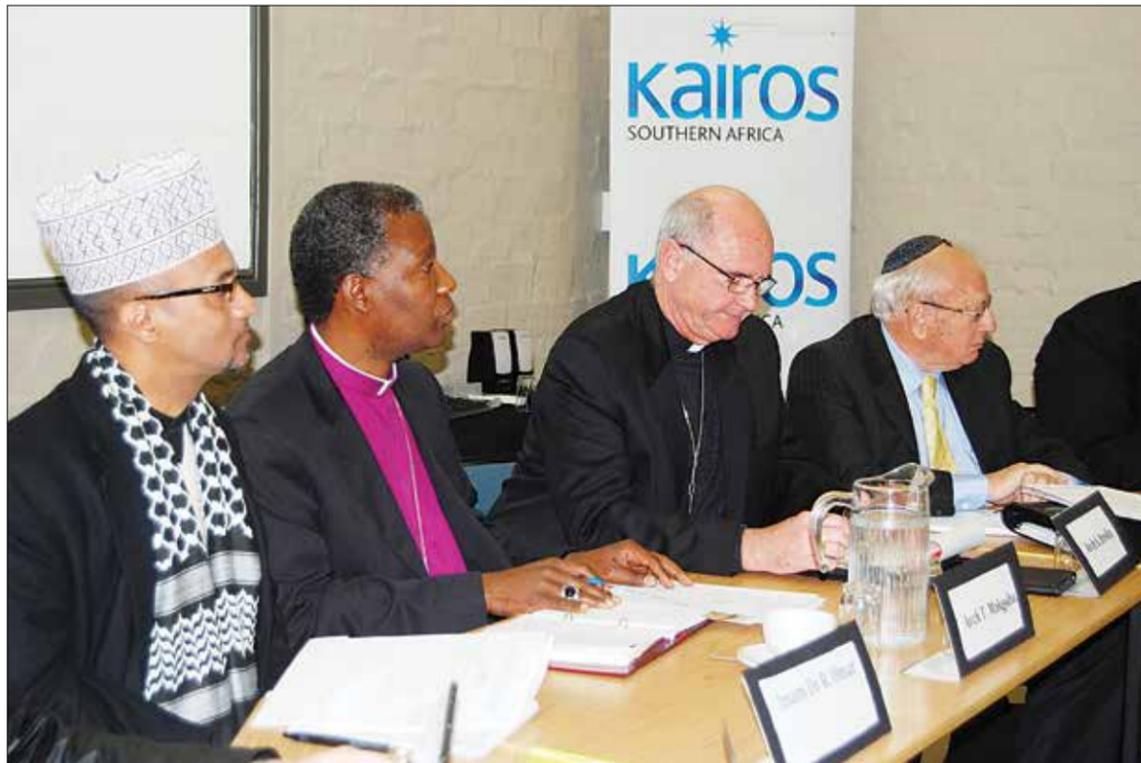


EXPOSE the Corrupt!

A year ago (August 22, 2012) Archbishop Stephen Brislin, together with Anglican Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Chief Rabbi Warren Goldstein and other religious leaders, launched the Call to End Corruption campaign. The Catholic Bishops of Southern Africa are encouraging us to join the international ecumenical campaign against corruption called EXPOSED, which is to be launched in October. In the week of 14 to 20 October there will be prayer services, actions and protests as part of a Global Vigil Against Corruption. The Bishops' Justice and Peace Commission and the Jesuit Institute will be providing suggestions of how your parish can get involved.

Corruption happens when leaders – in business, government, public life and the wider community – misuse their power for personal gain. It happens when traffic police extract bribes from motorists rather than following the letter of the law. It happens when people are appointed to jobs based on family, tribal or political connections rather than merit. It happens when public officials demand money from citizens to speed up access to passports and identity documents. It happens when large corporations bribe parliamentarians to favour their tenders for public contracts.

None of this, I suspect, should be 'news' to South Africans. In the last 20 years or so, few have not been exposed to corruption in one or other form. But we are tempted to point out those



L-R: Imam Dr Rashied Omar (Claremont Main Road Mosque), Archbishop Thabo Makgoba (Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town), Archbishop Stephen Brislin (Catholic Archbishop of Cape Town) and Mr Mickey Glass (Union of Orthodox Synagogues of South Africa) at the Call to End Corruption campaign.

who receive the bribe as the corrupt. What about the 47% of South Africans who have at one time or other paid a bribe? My guess is that there are some Catholics among that number!

All in all, the global cost of corruption worldwide is estimated at US \$1 TRILLION per year, money that could have been much better used.

Above all, it is the poor – the *anawim* to use a biblical term – that pay the price.

The Catholic Church, together with all faith communities, deeply opposes corruption in all its forms, not simply because it is the poor who suffer first and worst – but because it creates a culture of dishonesty and injustice that

flies in the face of faith. Following the example of our church leaders, let us embrace and participate in the Global Vigil against Corruption.

If you want to support EXPOSED as an individual or as a parish send an email to exposed@jesuitinstitute.org.za.

Fr Anthony Egan, SJ.

“Ultimately [corruption] is a moral problem that is indicative of an abandonment of values, such as integrity, honesty, stewardship – values which should permeate not only the public sector but also the private sector.”

“We have been greatly challenged here today with such questions as 'where are the leaders?' and 'how far are we willing to take it in dealing with corruption?' ... Silence is not an option and courageously we must fight this insidious evil.”

Archbishop Stephen Brislin at the Call to End Corruption campaign, August 2012.

THE BIG FESTIVAL SAVE THE DATE



With just three months to the Big Festival the tempo is building up. We all need to contribute in many ways by giving some of our time to helping our parishes realise the hosting of their stalls. Donations, logistics, transport and prayer are just some of the many activities we need to accomplish. We are grateful of the response thus far from parishes who have come forward to partake.

We need **YOUR HELP** in this appropriately named Big Festival. It is the last event for the Year of Faith Building Fund Project for the Archdiocese of Cape Town and we look forward to its success. It's not just the raising of funds that will get us the end results, but by your contribution in planning and physically being part of the activities, we will build community and bonds between parishes. If your parish is not yet involved, then the time is now, as together we work towards one goal, helping our neighbours.

Our **BIG FESTIVAL** takes place on Saturday 26th October 2013 in the school grounds of the Holy Cross Sisters' School, Bloemhof Street, Bellville. We thank the following parishes so far for taking part and the stalls they will be running with:

1) **Durbanville** for desserts and sweets; 2) **The German Community** for German food; 3) **Grassy Park** for Indian food; 4) **Maitland** for the breakfast menu; 5) **Manenberg** for potjiekos; 6) **Matroosfontein** for cakes, tea garden and desserts; 7) **Somerset West** for USA – hotdogs and hamburgers; 8) **Strand** for Cape Malay food; 9) **Strandfontein** for Chinese food & candy floss; 10) **Tafelsig** for boerewors, burgers & chips; 11) **Gugulethu** for African food; 12) **Camps Bay** for Italian food

We are still in need of a few more parishes to complete our food offering and if we have not contacted

you yet, we ask that you come forward and let us know how you can help us. *For more specific information on food stalls please contact Avril Jones, our food stall co-ordinator, at avril@worldstates.co.za, 083 456 3787 or 021 591 9487.*

Transport to the venue will be facilitated by the each parish. We ask you to look out for our posters and brochures and to consult your weekly church bulletin. More information will follow to parishes, so look out for these closer to the time.

For general enquires regarding the Big Festival please contact Joao de Góis at joao@guza.co.za, 083 799 7996 or 021 872 2613.

Follow us on: <http://facebook.com/bigfestival2013>
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Joao de Góis

How you can contribute to the Year of Faith churches

Dinner Dance Gala

Grand West Grand Hall, 23 September 2013

Fr Peter Ziegler 021 694 5355

Email: stmchurch@telkomsa.net

Golf Day

See entry forms on page 3.

The Big Festival

Holy Cross Primary, Bellville

26 October 2013

Joao de Góis 083 799 7996

Email: joao@guza.co.za



The Big Festival

Food stalls from many countries
Music
Arts & Crafts
Cultural events

26 October 2013

Where: Holy Cross Sisters' School
Bloemhof Street, Bellville
from 9am till late

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Visit the Archdiocese of Cape Town's website on www.adct.org.za

List of parish contributions to the Year of Faith Building Project

Cathedral Church of St Mary of the Flight into Egypt, CT		R 2 890.00
Athlone: St Mary of the Angles		R 0.00
Atlantis: St John the Baptist		R 3 884.00
Belgravia: Regina Coeli		R 0.00
Belhar: Sts John and Paul		R 10 000.00
Bellville: Our Lady of Fatima	Bellville	R 34 602.00
Bellville South: Holy Family	Bellville	see above
Bergvliet: Holy Redeemer		R 17 992.20
Betty's Bay: Our Lady of Montserrat	Grabouw/Overberg	see below
Bonteheuwel: St Matthew		R 543.10
Bothasig: Good Shepherd		R 0.00
Brackenfell: All Saints	Brackenfell	R 6 603.90
Bredasdorp	Hermanus	R 0.00
Bridgetown: Our Lady of Good Counsel		R 0.00
Brooklyn: Our Lady of the Assumption	Brooklyn	R 7 670.00
Caledon	Grabouw/Overberg	See below
Camps Bay: St Theresa		R 26 500.00
Cianwilliam: St Maria Goretti	Lambert's Bay	R 0.00
Claremont: St Ignatius	Newlands	R 0.00
Cloeteville: All Saints	Stellenbosch	see below
Constantia: Our Lady of the Visitation		R 11 630.00
Constantia: Schoenstatt		R 0.00
Crossroads (lower) Or Lady Queen of Africa	Crossroads	R 10 651.50
Crossroads (Old) St Josephine Bakhita	Crossroads	see above
Delft: Jubilee Church of St Lawrence		R 0.00
District Six: Holy Cross		R 3 749.00
Durbanville: Our Lady of Perpetual Help		R 4 805.00
Elsies River: St Clare		R 22 000.00
Factreton: St Luke		R 0.00
Fish Hoek: St John the Evangelist	Fish Hoek	R 4 295.10
Gansbaai: St Peter the Fisherman	Hermanus	R 0.00
Goodwood: St Joseph	Goodwood	R 17 150.00
Graafwater: St Augustine	Lambert's Bay	see below
Grabouw: Our Lady of Grabouw	Grabouw/Overberg	R 0.00
Grassy Park: Our Lady Queen of Peace	Grassy Park	R 3 340.00
Green Point: Sacred Heart	Green Point	R 0.00
Green Point: St Margaret Mary	Green Point	R 0.00
Greyton	Grabouw/Overberg	See above
Gugulethu: St Gabriel		R 18 096.75
Hanover Park: Our Lady of the Rosary		R 0.00
Harare: St Therese of Lisieux	Khayalitsha	see below
Hermanus: Our Lady of Light	Hermanus	R 0.00
Hout Bay: St Anthony	Hout Bay	R 0.00
Hout Bay Harbour: Our Lady Star of the Sea	Hout Bay	R 0.00
Huguenot: Our Lady of Divine Love	Paarl	see below
Ida's Valley: St Mark	Stellenbosch	see below
Khayamandi	Stellenbosch	R 1 179.00
Khayelitsha: Site B	Crossroads	see above
Khayelitsha: St Kizito	Crossroads	see above
Khayelitsha: St Raphael		R 8 426.00
Kleinvelei: St Catherine of Siena		R 0.00
Koelenhof: Holy Spirit		R 0.00
Kommetjie: St Joseph	Kommetjie	R 0.00
Kommetjie: St Norbert	Kommetjie	R 0.00
Kraaifontein: St Anthony of Padua	Kraaifontein	R 11 957.60
Kuils River: St Ninian		R 0.00
Laaiplek: St Helena	Vredenburg	see below
Laingville: St Peter the Fisherman	Vredenburg	see below
Lambert's Bay: St Batholomew	Lambert's Bay	R 0.00
Langa: St Anthony		R 2 735.20
Langebaan: Star of the Sea	Vredenburg	see below
Lansdowne: Our Lady Help of Christians	Lansdowne	R 0.00
Lavistown: St Martin de Porres	Lavistown	R 0.00
Lentegeur: St Mary Magdalene		R 350.00
Lingalethu	Malmesbury	see below
Lotus River: St Clement	Grassy Park	see above
Lwandle: St Monica	Strand	see below
Macassar: St Stephen the Martyr	Somerset West	see below
Maitland: St John		R 2 646.30
Makhaza: All Saints	Khayalitsha	see above
Malmesbury: St Francis de Sales		R 3 422.80
Manenberg: Holy Family of Nazareth		R 0.00
Masiphumelele: Bl Isidore Bakanja	Kommetjie	see above
Matroosfontein: Holy Trinity		R 32 213.40
Mbekweni: St Charles Lwanga	Paarl	R 5 193.60
Melkbosstrand: Ascension Catholic Community Centre	Table View	see below
Mfuleni: St Matthias	Crossroads	see above
Milnerton: Our Lady of the Annunciation	Brooklyn	see above
Montana: St Joseph's Home	Lavistown	see above
Mowbray: St Patrick		R 1 200.00
Newlands: St Bernards	Newlands	R 0.00
Northpine: St Kevin	Brackenfell	see above
Nyanga: St Mary		R 5 066.90
Observatory: Church of the Holy Name	Woodstock	see below
Ocean View: St Andrew	Kommetjie	see above
Ottery: Chapel of Ease	Lansdowne	see above
Paarl: St Augustine	Paarl	R 62 440.00
Parkwood Estate: St Gerard	Grassy Park	see above
Parow: Immaculate Conception		R 0.00
Parow Valley: Mater Dei		R 0.00
Pinelands: Christ the King		R 4 071.50
Plumstead: St Pius		R 0.00
Redelinghuys: St Philomena	Lambert's Bay	See above
Retreat: Our Lady of Perpetual Help		R 5 491.00
Rocklands: St Stephen		R 10 250.50
Rondebosch: Kolbe House		R 0.00
Rondebosch: St Michael		R 23 712.60
Ruyterwacht: Our Lady of the Rosary	Goodwood	see above
Saldanha: Mother of Mercy	Vredenburg	see below
Salt River: St Francis	Woodstock	see below
Scottsdene: St Owen	Kraaifontein	see above
Sea Point: Our Lady of Good Hope		R 154 110.00
Simon's Town: Sts Simon and Jude		R 0.00
Sir Lowry's Pass Village	Somerset West	see below
Somerset West: St Paul	Somerset West	R 15 761.90
Steenberg: St Anne		R 10 608.95
Stellenbosch: St Nicholas	Stellenbosch	R 0.00
St James: St James		R 4 867.40
Strand: St Peter	Strand	R 0.00
Strandfontein: St Philip		R 10 000.00
Sun Valley: St Brendan	Fish Hoek	R 1 553.15
Table View: Church of the Resurrection	Table View	R 16 760.00
Tafelsig: St Timothy		R 20 000.00
Tamboerskloof: Villa Maria	Cathedral	see above
Villiersdorp: St Barnabas	Overberg	
Vredenhoek: Nazareth House	Cathedral	see above
Vredenburg: St Jude	Vredenburg	R 4 720.00
Wallacedene: St Elizabeth	Kraaifontein	R 7 721.05
Welcome Estate: St Theresa		R 1 890.00
Westridge: St John Bosco		R 0.00
Woodstock: St Agnes	Woodstock	R 0.00
Wynberg: Corpus Christi	Wynberg	R 23 817.25
Wynberg St Dominic	Wynberg	see above
Zerfontein	Vredenburg	see above
Zwelihle: The Martyrs of Africa	Hermanus	see above
Portuguese Chaplaincy		R 10 000.00
Syro-Malabar Catholics		R 5 000.00
St Annes Sodality		R 35 000.00
Germany Speaking Catholic Community		R 5 640.30
		R 714 208.95
Individual/Contributions		R 156 459.05
Parish /Chaplaincies Contributions		R 714 208.95
TOTAL		R 870 668.00



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

FUNDRAISING

PROGRESS REPORT

In October 2012 Archbishop Stephen Brislin launched the Building Project to commemorate in a practical way the Year of Faith proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI, to run from 11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013.

The Appeal is for R12 million to build churches and other par-

ish facilities for the communities of Wallacedene (in Kraaifontein), Old Crossroads (part of Khayelitsha, Site C parish) and with the restoration to the church in Kleinvelei. Every parish has been asked to make a contribution, and in addition, there are a number of Archdiocesan-wide fund-raising

events being organized in support of the Building Project.

On behalf of Archbishop Brislin and the Archdiocese of Cape Town Year of Faith Building Project Fundraising Committee, I present to you now the financial contributions received to date and the estimated costs involved.

FUNDRAISING INCOME		ESTIMATED COSTS	
Parishes/Fundraising Committee **			
Old Crossroads	R 3 367.00	Old Crossroads	R 4 220 000.00
Wallacedene	R 12 905.00	Wallacedene	R 5 470 000.00
Kleinvelei	R 0.00	Kleinvelei	R 1 500 000.00
Unspecified	R 854 397.00	Contingencies *	R 810 000.00
	R 870 668.00		R 12 000 000.00
less fundraising exps., venue costs	-R 113 893.00		
	R 756 775.00		
Archdiocese Fundraising ***			
Old Crossroads	R 1 117 463.00		
Wallacedene	R 253 750.00		
Kleinvelei	R 1 499 316.00		
Unspecified	R 2 045 272.00		
	R 4 915 801.00		
TOTAL FUNDRAISING	R 5 672 576.00	TOTAL SHORTFALL	-R 6 327 424.00

* Contingencies for furnishings and fittings

** Fundraising under the auspices of the YOF Fundraising Committee and through parishes: collections, individual donations

*** Fundraising by the Archdiocese and through the Archbishop's office: bequest, individual and overseas donations.

Thanks to a generous donation received, Kleinvelei has been taken off the list and the restoration work will hopefully be completed before the end of the Year of Faith.

As is evident from this financial presentation we still have much work to do. I once again appeal for your co-operation and generosity in assisting us in making the building of these two churches a reality.

To those responsible for making deposits: when making a deposit into the Archdiocese Building Fund Account may I ask that you please make use of your parish name and residential location, e.g. Holy Trinity – Matroosfontein. Please do not make use of your our name when making a deposit on behalf of your parish. This makes it so much easier for keeping track of monies received and who to thank for the donations received.

Attached also please find a list of individual parish contributions made as at the end of June 2013.

If you have any questions and or queries please feel free to contact me.

With every good wish and blessing

Yours in Christ

Fr Peter Ziegler

Chairman: Building Project Fundraising Committee

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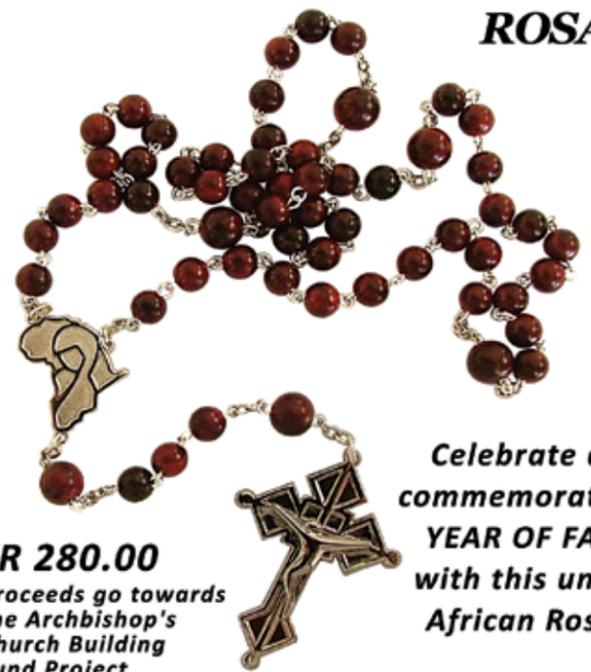
for Old Crossroads	
Pontifical Mission Societies	R 203 750
2 Individual donations (local)	R 60 000
Individual donation (overseas)	R 853 713
	R 1 117 463
for Wallacedene	
Pontifical Mission Societies	R 203 750
Individual donation (local)	R 50 000
	R 253 750
for Kleinvelei	
Individual donation (overseas)	R 1 499 316
for any of the above churches	
Wynberg parish	R 7 760
Constantia parish	R 2 140
Cathedral parish	R 1 630
Anonymous donations	R 2 849
Knights of St Christopher	R 32 102
Bequest (AP Incorvaia)	R 1 998 791
	R 2 045 272
TOTAL	R 4 915 801

How YOU can contribute to the Year of Faith churches

- ✦ Prayer and support
- ✦ Personal Pledges
- ✦ Donations
- ✦ 'Buy-A-Brick Share the Load' Campaign
- ✦ Take part in the Archdiocesan Events
- ✦ Take part in your Parish Events
- ✦ Special Second Collection envelope

Visit the Year of Faith Building Projects website on www.adct.org.za/yof.htm

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Thank you to the following priests for their contributions to the Stewardship Challenge for Priests.

- Bp Reginald Cawcutt
- Mgr Jock Baird
- Mgr Andrew Borello
- Mgr Clifford Stokes
- Fr Telford Bray
- Fr Bogdan Buksa
- Fr Kevin Daswell
- Fr Ralph de Hahn
- Fr Eoin Farrelly SDB
- Fr Edmund O'Neill SDB
- Fr Roger Hickley
- Fr Harrie Hovers
- Fr Mathew Mengistu Ledo AJ
- Fr Mark Pothier
- Fr Audecius Tindimwebwa AJ
- Fr Brandon West
- Fr Douglas Wiseman
- Fr Peter Ziegler
- Fr Breitenstein

To those who have not yet contributed, it is not too late to do so!

**GOLF DAY @ DURBANVILLE GOLF COURSE
11 NOVEMBER 2013**

I (Name) wish to:

- Sponsor a hole (R3 000)
- Enter the competition (R500)

Please indicate choice with a tick.

Section 1: Hole Sponsorship

I would like to sponsor a hole (green to tee) at a cost of R3 000.00.

Company/Individual:	Contact:
Telephone No:	Fax No:
Hole number preference*:	E-Mail:

(*You will be contacted regarding the hole allocated to you as this will be done on a 'first come, first served' basis)

Section 2: Competition Entry

Please enter the following player/s: Contact person:.....

Player's name	Tel No	Member of which golf club	Handicap*
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

*If the player does not have an official handicap a maximum of 24 will be allowed for men and 30 for women.

Section 3: Prize Donations

Name: Tel No

I would like to donate the following prize/s:

I attach proof of payment to the value of R

Bank: Standard Bank
 Branch: Thibault Square
 Branch Code: 020909
 Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ
 Account Number: 07-041-332-0
 Account Name: Archdiocese of Cape Town Building Fund. Account Type: Current
 Reference: Name and Surname – MOWBRAY or DURBANVILLE Golf Day

Please complete and return this form together with proof of payment to:
 Ian Peddie Email: 4pedds@wol.co.za, Cell: 071 895 9593

**GOLF DAY @ MOWBRAY GOLF COURSE
22 NOVEMBER 2013**

I (Name) wish to:

- Sponsor a hole (R3 000)
- Enter the competition (R500)

Please indicate choice with a tick.

Section 1: Hole Sponsorship

I would like to sponsor a hole (green to tee) at a cost of R3 000.00.

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Archdiocese of Cape Town

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE FOR PRIESTS

I, Archbishop, Bishop, Monsignor, Father:

(please print your name here)

hereby pledge to contribute R100.00 or R..... (an amount greater than R100.00) per month towards the Year of Faith building project. I am prepared to start pledging in January 2013 and my commitment will run until November 2013.

Signed:

Date: _____



Encourage your parish / faith group / social group to:

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DEPICTION OF FAITH ART AUCTION

We need your ART

Design and donate your original artwork under the title "Depiction of Faith."

Your artwork can be a painting, a drawing or a sculpture. Please hand your artwork to your Parish Priest before 9th September 2013. The artworks will be auctioned at the Archdiocesan Heritage Day Dinner to raise funds for Archbishop Stephen Brislin's Year of Faith Building Fund.

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Archdiocesan Heritage Day Dinner Dance

23rd September 2013

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 tel : Fr Peter Ziegler 082 433 1511

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Is God calling you? Discerning a vocation to the priesthood

What is a call/vocation?

To be called by God is to experience a deep and personal stirring within one's soul. All who believe in the person and power of Jesus, all who are baptised, are called to walk with their brothers and sisters on their journey to the Lord. This is an open call, a call to all Christians. All people have some kind of a calling or a vocation from God.

But the call of God can take a more specific shape. He calls some men to a service of leadership in the Church as priests.

What are the signs of a call from God to serve as a priest?

The call to be a priest is a very special calling. God is the one who calls. It does not mean that the Lord comes and whispers clearly in your ear that you must follow Him. No. It is not likely that he will call you in a dream either.

The call of Jesus: "Come, follow me" comes in many different ways. In order to help you to judge whether you might have a vocation or call to be a priest, you can ask yourself these questions:

- Do I sometimes feel that I would like to work for God as a priest?
- Do I sometimes feel that I would like to help people to become Christians and be saved?
- Do I feel happy when I think of being a priest?
- Am I trying to live a good Catholic Christian life?
- Do I like helping people?
- Am I generous, do I often do things for people without expecting to be paid?
- Do I have love for God in my heart?
- Am I prepared to live without being married, for the love of God?

If you say 'yes' to most of these questions, God may be calling you to be a priest.

What is a diocesan priest?

Every Local Church is headed by a Bishop. The diocesan priest is intimately linked to this Bishop. He is bound to him by a solemn promise of obedience made at the time of Ordination. He shares in his Bishop's role of service to the Church in that given geographical area.

The call to diocesan priesthood is experienced as a strong attraction to be with the people of a given place or Diocese. The diocesan priest is dependent on the Bishop and is under his authority. Guided by the Bishop's leadership, the diocesan priest serves the people of the Local Church in their immediate experience of church. His community life is primarily and essentially experienced with the people he is appointed by the Bishop to serve.

What is the lifestyle of a diocesan priest?

The lifestyle and ministry of the diocesan priest is shaped by the fact that the Bishop ordains him to serve the Local Church in all her needs.

The diocesan priest is celibate, yet

he stands at the heart of the parish family. The celibate lifestyle reminds him that his deepest meaning and fulfilment is found in relationship to the Lord.

The diocesan priest is a man of prayer. He is called to reflect deeply on the Scriptures and Catholic tradition, to study theology, to act as the designated leader of the parish community in prayer.

The priest is called to leave all things and to follow Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "We have left everything we had and followed you. What will we get?" Jesus replied, "Everyone who has left houses, brothers, sisters, father, for my Name's sake will receive a hundredfold and be given eternal life." (Matt. 19:27-30).

What is the ministry of a diocesan priest?

The diocesan priest ministers by preaching and teaching. He ministers by celebrating the Holy Eucharist, and by leading the community at prayer, especially in the sacramental moments of birth, reconciliation, marriage, sickness and death.

The diocesan priest also ministers by building community, by drawing people together, by challenging them to serve each other. He helps the people to make connections between the Gospel stories and their own lives. In this way he urges them to address the moral and social concerns of our times.

Are you afraid to answer God's call?

If God is calling you to be His priest, do not be afraid. It is a marvellous thing to be called to do the work of God. You should know that through the work of the priest many people will be helped on their journey to the Lord. Some people may try to discourage you from answering the call of God. They will give many reasons - but it is better to do what God

wants than to do what they tell you. Trust in God and He will help you to overcome your fears. "Do not be afraid," He said to Jeremiah, "I will put my words into your mouth." (Jer. 1:8-9). And God supported Jeremiah during all the troubles of his life. He will do the same for you.

In St Luke's Gospel Peter was called by Jesus to follow him and Jesus assured him that he would make him and all his followers into fishers of people (Luke 5:1-11).

What is needed to begin the journey to the Priesthood?

- The right intention: It is God who calls and you who answer.
- You must be baptised, confirmed and trying to live a Catholic Christian life.
- You should be actively involved in the life of your parish.
- You must be willing to live a life of celibate chastity.
- You must have matriculation or its equivalent.
- Speak to a priest about your vocation. He will advise you and put you in touch with the Vocations Director who in turn will explain the process of being accepted to study for the priesthood for your diocese.
- Pray and seek God's help to discern your call.

What then?

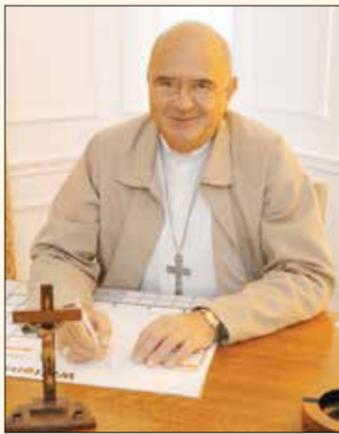
Once you have been accepted by your Bishop you will be sent to study for the priesthood in a place called the 'seminary'.

The normal course of studies for the diocesan priesthood takes seven years.

For further information about the diocesan priesthood write to or contact the Vocations Director:

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From the HEART



YEAR OF FAITH 2012

In his first encyclical letter *Lumen Fidei* ("The Light of Faith"), Pope Francis introduces a wonderful concept: "the memory of the future". On one level it seems to defy logic. After all, "memory" refers to the mental capacity of retaining or reviving facts or events - it is about recalling or recognizing previous experience. How can we recall or retain what has yet to happen?

The Pope speaks about Abraham and the word of God spoken to Abraham. He says that that word contains both a call and a promise. The call was a summons to a new life into the unknown and an uncertain future. The promise was one of life and fruitfulness despite barrenness. The word gave rise to Abraham's faith and he was able to respond to God in faith. His faith was based on remembering God's call - not only as a historical event but also the memory of the promise made to him. His "remembrance" of the promise makes it capable of opening up the future and shedding light on the path that must be taken.

The "memory of the future" means that we are people who look to the future, not with dread or pessimism, but with hope because of the promises made to us.

Every celebration of the Eucharist recalls Christ's words "do this in memory of me". As with Abraham, that "memory" of Christ is not merely recalling the Last Supper or his passion, death and resurrection. It is a "memory" of the present - the abiding presence of Jesus Christ among his people, and it is a memory of the future - of the promise of salvation, of life,

of our own resurrection and share in Christ's glory. It is precisely because we already experience Christ's life now that we are able to anticipate the future with confidence. The memory of the future enables us to discern what way we should travel on the pilgrimage of life and how we should live our lives. It reminds us of the hope we have, which comes to us from Christ, that despite uncertainty, the unknown and the reality of death, we are called to the fullness of life with him.

The memory of the future strengthens our faith, not as an intellectual belief, but as a way of life, which affects every aspect of life. Recently, the bishops of Southern Africa produced a book entitled "God, love, life and sex". The title itself indicates that as believers we understand that all these essential aspects of human existence are integrally woven together. We cannot exclude God from any part of our lives. Young people especially are bombarded with messages that often present a superficial understanding of love and sex that excludes our deeply rooted belief that we are co-creators with God. This valuable book should be used by the faithful at all stages of their lives - for those preparing for Confirmation and in youth groups, young and not so young married couples, single men and women - to guide all the faithful, clergy and people, into a deeper appreciation of life which comes from God and 'the memory of the future' of the fullness of life which is promised to us.

Stephen Brislin

+Stephen Brislin
Archbishop of Cape Town



Letters to The Editor

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Ms Karen Adriaanse and husband (second from left), parishioners from Facteron, worked hard at obtaining two wheelchairs from the Wheelchair Foundation for two Holy Cross Sisters in Parow, Sr Mary Agnes Burggraaf and Sr Margaret Jacobs. The wheelchairs are a great help as they are comfortable and easy to manage. The Holy Cross Sisters are most grateful to the Adriaanse's and pray that their work and that of the Wheelchair Foundation be blessed.

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Making our Catholic Schools Safe Places

As an almost daily occurrence, we read or hear about child abuse in schools, in homes or in the communities. In response to this scourge in our country, the Owners of the Catholic Schools (CaSPA) decided that our Catholic schools should strive to be safer places for our children and that as far as possible care would be taken to ensure that child abuse would not happen in our schools. The first step was the drafting of a policy which was to be presented to all schools, for their acceptance and implementation.

In the Western Cape, we began the roll-out of the policy in July last year with a meeting with each of the 42 School Governing Bodies (SGB) and Boards of Governors (BOG). At these meetings, the members were presented with the policy, which is based upon seven commitments. Included among these are: the employment of teachers and staff who have no record of child abuse, the need for all in the school community (staff, parents and learners) to be aware of the policy and how to respond if they suspect child abuse, and the need continually to evaluate the policy and its implementation.

The SGB/BOG was asked to consider the policy and then to accept it formally as policy for their school. Once it had been accepted by the SGB or BOG, the teaching and administrative staff of each school were led through a two hour workshop, detailing their responsibilities and the procedures to be followed should they become aware of, or suspect abuse. The five types of child abuse were discussed: physical, emotional, neglect, sexual and cyber abuse. The code of conduct both for learners and for staff came under careful scrutiny and schools were encouraged to ensure that their codes were comprehensive and complete. Schools were urged to put in place an unambiguous anti-bullying policy for learners.

Phase 3 was a set of workshops for



ABOVE: Principal Clara Pause and the workers from St Joseph's Home, Montana; TOP: Sr Brid Roe OP and Principal Errol Basson

the support staff: cleaners, security and maintenance people. They too were gathered into eight meetings around the province. The support staff plays a very unique role in the school. They encounter the learners in a very different environment to the teachers and they are sometimes more aware of the goings-on outside the school building than the teachers. But perhaps the biggest challenge facing them is at 5pm, when they want to lock up the school and go home, and they find one child still at school not having been fetched by the parents. They cannot leave the child on the street nor can they take the child home with them. Parents have a responsibility too, to see that their children are safe.

The final stage in the roll-out process was a set of gatherings for the School Management Teams: five were held across the Province. The senior staff members face special challenges. Among these could be the tensions within the school staff when abuse cases are being investigated, and their task to ensure that the correct reporting procedures are followed. They were given a useful information handout which they might need in their work of implementing the policy.

In all the workshops and meetings, emphasis was put on the requirement of SA law that if anyone SUSPECTS

that a child has been abused sexually, they must report it to the South African Police Service; other types of abuse are reported either to SAPS or the Department of Social Services. If an employee of the WCED is involved then the Department must likewise be informed. Neither the principal, nor the staff, nor the Governing Body must conduct an investigation. We hand the investigation over to those trained in this field. It is acknowledged that a policy itself does not prevent child abuse, but hopefully with knowledge and prompt action our schools will be safer places.

Each school that participated in the four stages of the process was presented with a customised framed copy of the seven commitments to be displayed in a public place, so that all entering the school know that child abuse is not tolerated and that we value our children. Each school was also presented with the Child Safeguarding Policy for that school. This has been an extensive roll-out process. It was made possible only by the support of the priests, religious, principals and teachers who assisted the task team in the nearly 100 presentations. Thank you to them, and to all in the school communities for their wonderful co-operation.

Mike Hoare
Catholic Schools' Office

A call to lend skills to the service of the needy

"People often see stewardship as dedicating one's time, talent and treasure; making a contribution with these. But it is far more than that. Stewardship is a spirituality and a way of life," said Archbishop Stephen Brislin of Cape Town in response to Catholic Welfare and Development's (CWD) call on local Catholics to lend their skills to the service of the needy.

The archdiocese's official outreach organization is looking for "skilled volunteers: artisans, trainers, social workers, and bookkeepers" said Malcolm Salida, director of CWD. "We are looking for anyone not employed or retired with some skills to assist the good work of CWD."

"Imagine the success that this could be. There are many that are longing, like me, for a purpose in life" the director told The Southern Cross.

"Stewardship lets one look at the world in a different way. Everything belongs to God and our service is a recognition that everything belongs to God" said Archbishop Brislin. "CWD means for us to show solidarity for people suffering".

It's not just about giving money and charity, said the archbishop, but it's the "recognition in those people that this is my brother and sister and I will stand with them and help change their situation".

The archbishop said South African Catholics were very generous in terms of finances, but in terms of participation were lacking.

He noted the great participation of Catholics in the United States, where stewardship was a big part of parish life. The call from CWD, he said, would be an opportunity for local Catholics to help others and benefit from the fruits of stewardship.

Volunteering for CWD means assisting in welfare; crisis outreach and disaster management, or in the development programmes that give communities skills and training-projects which "have been very successful in helping people get on their feet," the archbishop said. "There are so many programmes running, anybody can find something to help with or do for others"

"This can be quite big, imagine many retired persons, unemployed persons, youth coming forward and volunteering for a few hours a day, how much more we can achieve" said Mr Salida, who also called on businesses, especially Catholic-owned to assist in any way they can. The world could be so much better" he said.

For further information contact CWD at reception@cwd.org.za.

Claire Mathieson
Southern Cross



The PRAYER AND LIFE WORKSHOP group at Corpus Christi, Wynberg chat about their experience of the workshop.

Top Row, from left: Sydney Peffer: "My spiritual pores have been opened. It has taught me to look at people and see God in them." (Paula Howse, the PLW facilitator). Next is Evangelista Msakiwe who said "It's been exactly what I wanted. Since session one with the prayerful reading, then session two the vocal prayer, it excites me. My mantra comes automatically to me now. The surrender prayer helped me so much especially when they broke into our house this past week." Last top; Steve Wertheim who had this to say: "I have always wanted to be aware of my existence and dependence on God, now the gateways have been opened."

Bottom row, from left: Irene Peffer: "I used to read the Bible as history or stories, but did not get that real deep meaning that our Lord is speaking to us. Now I do!" Norma Arendse: Prayer and Life Workshops have "become the highlight of my week. After I retired from teaching due to ill health I looked forward to 'me time.' Now a new relationship with God has become my 'me time' of my future." Mildred Berg: "I joined the PLW workshop hoping to get something out of it. Prayer had become so dry. Praying as I have done all my life, it was monotonous which is why I joined up. Well I did and I have a different relationship with Christ. I have come to know Him better."

Celebrating Youth Day at St Mary's Cathedral, Cape Town



Youth Chaplaincy

Hello there!
I hope everyone is doing well!

Here is some news about what has been happening in the youth department and also to let you know about some exciting upcoming events

We had a record attendance at youth day Mass on 15 June with 47 parishes represented. The World Youth Day pilgrims and others from their parishes assisted with the liturgy. A second collection was taken up for the Year of Faith Building Fund

The next big event on the calendar is the annual youth leadership training course This year it will be taking place from 6-8 September. Any youth leaders who have not attended should make every effort to do so this year. More information and the application form can be found on the youth page of the Archdiocesan website www.adct.org.za/ministries/youth.

Youth Ministry Day will be held at Lansdowne as usual, this year on Saturday 5 October. More details to

follow nearer the time. Altar Servers, Liturgical Dancers, Youth Leaders and other youth involved in ministry should attend this day

Plans are also already underway for the annual Youth Leaders Training Conference in February next year. Bookings will soon be open, and more information can be found at www.sacyltyolasite.com

As always please remember to invite me to youth events in your parishes and deaneries

Fr Charles Prince
Youth Chaplain



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Youth of the Neocatechumenal Way find their vocation in Rio

In the Shrine of our Lady of the Conception of Aparecida, Pope Francis invited the youth gathered in Brazil from all parts of the world to be open, and ready to be "surprised by God". The World Youth Day pilgrimage to Brazil has been indeed for many South African youth a "surprise by God".

Among the many groups of South African pilgrims, the youth of the communities of the Neocatechumenal Way from Cape Town and Pretoria went on this journey, looking for a personal meeting with Jesus Christ that may touch and change their lives. In the days prior to the meeting with Pope Francis they travelled across the country, experiencing God's providing grace through the hospitality of brothers and sisters of some of the 1,000 Neocatechumenal Communities present in Brazil.

Fr Federico Kennedy, a missionary priest in Brazil, led the group. "My true joy in this journey has been to see the explosion of joy of the youth!"

To be spiritually prepared by the meeting with the Pope they stopped along the way announcing the Good News in the Brazilian city centers of Jundiai, Itatiba, Itu!

The vigil with the Pope in Copacabana has been for all an intense moment of adoration and encounter with God. "The Pope spoke about love, during the final Mass", said Elodie, one of the pilgrims, "and this love is what I have been experiencing these days, during this journey together with this group, a love stronger than the one I ever experienced in my family or



Youth of the Neocatechumenal communities of Cape Town

anywhere else".

After every World Youth Day the Neocatechumenal Way has been organizing Vocational Meetings, moved by the desire to gather the first fruits of the event!

This year's meeting was attended by an estimated 50,000 youth from all over the world.

The meeting took place in a Congress Center in Rio, attended by five cardinals and 75 bishops and archbishops.

The youth listened in absolute stillness to the moving preaching of Kiko Argüello, Carmen Hernández and Fr Mario Pezzi and at the end of the meeting Kiko asked all the youth who felt in their heart the call to follow the Lord, to stand up and confirm this calling by coming up on the stage, to receive a blessing from one of the bishops.

An unbelievable crowd of 3,000

young men began a procession to the stage, answering the call to enter the seminary; followed by 2,000 young women who answered the call to enter the consecrated life. Among them, nine men and four women from the South African group!

"This call is just the beginning of a process of discernment. I stood up to do the will of God", said one of the young ladies from South Africa who felt the calling, "but now I know only one thing: I am full of joy and happy!"

"The pilgrimage begins now" said Fr Lorenzo Ricci of the responsible team of the Neocatechumenal Way for Southern Africa, "the real pilgrimage is now to go back home, in our families and environments, and make all people disciples, as Pope Francis asked us to do!"

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Kolping: Towards 2017 and beyond

At the International Convention of the Kolping Society in Bensberg, Germany in 2012, decisions were taken that are to form the direction in which the organisation shall move forward. Since the International Organisation operates in more than 60 countries, it was difficult to name the development process in a common language, therefore the process is called KOLPING2017 and the upward arrow indicates beyond 2017.

The aim of KOLPING 2017 is to update the profile of the International Kolping Society by 2017 and shall be supported by all National Kolping Societies. This also involves taking an "inventory" of the current contents of our work as well as daring to take a look at the future.

This process is necessary because the International Kolping Society has grown continuously in recent years and new focuses of work have been

found in many National Societies. Some of the guiding programmes of the organisation's work are already 30 years old (International Program of 1982).

There is also a need to update the guiding documents which cover the different social areas of work of the International Organisation. Not everything needs to be changed, and some things can surely be maintained and be made conscious, and renewed through participatory processes.

But not only the objectives and contents shall be reframed, the entire process is meant to find new ways of communication and networking, as well as more suitable structures and processes for international co-operation.

It is of utmost importance for the future development of the organisation that as many levels as possible form part of this exchange process. From local Kolping groups, diocesan associations, national associations as well as continental associations will all participate in discussions and debates around the future of the International Kolping Society.

Looking forward to the 200th anniversary of Adolph Kolping's birth this year (1813-2013), this ever so important process KOLPING 2017 is picking up speed. All of you are asked to take part and offer your ideas. Please help to equip the International Kolping Society for the future.

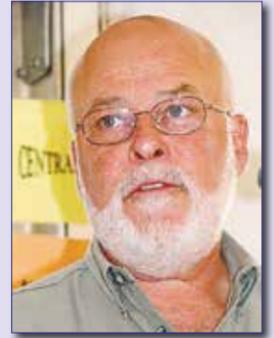
Judith Turner
Board Member

Abortion Warning

"The Pill" can abort, undetected, soon after conception. A medical fact. See www.humanlife.org/abortion_does_the_pill.php

Theology Today

Mrs Andrew Borella



Over the past few months I have encountered a number of people who put off living their lives until it was too late. The fact that I kept encountering them made me think about how we as Catholics look at life. They were people who worked hard, saved money for their retirement, avoided taking holidays or enjoying themselves and who were going to do everything that they had wanted to do when they retired. Retirement came and within a very short space of time they were diagnosed with cancer or chronic heart disease or emphysema – all those retirement plans came to nothing and the hard earned and saved money went to pay medical bills. So they never got to really live their lives and then it was over. In these encounters, I felt a real sadness – what a waste of life.

I believe that life is the most wonderful gift that we are given by God and we are meant to live our lives fully, becoming fully human and fully alive. This is particularly true when we are baptized, since baptism open us to the fullness of life in Jesus. In a very real sense entering into life in Jesus demands of us that we live each moment of our lives. All too often we fail to live the present moment because we are living in the past with its regrets and disappointments or we are living into the future. The past we can learn from without dwelling there and the future is completely unknown. All we have is the present and it is meant to be lived with ourselves fully present and participating.

At the end of our lives we will have to give an account of what we did with this gift of life and this life redeemed and how we lived this gift. All too often we confuse

living with indulging ourselves. They are not the same thing. We indulge ourselves because we are not living and feel the emptiness and loneliness of a life unfulfilled. No amount of indulgence will address these feelings – they will only numb them and often leave us feeling worse about ourselves because they are so pointless. It is here that addictions are so prevalent and destructive.

Rather it is a question of coming to know what God's plan and purpose for our lives is and then living accordingly, using to the full our talents and our time. Clearly there needs to be a continuous discernment of ourselves, the situations we have to deal with and of the Spirit directing us within all of this. All too often we allow circumstances to dictate the course of our lives, simply falling into what presents itself and taking that as what we should do. Family can play an overly dominant role here, shaping us and directing us according to their plans or needs for our lives. Ideally the role of the family should be to discern with us what God intends for our lives and then to encourage us in following this. If this does not happen, then we have to determine what life for us is meant to be and then to follow that, even when there is opposition. Perhaps all of this is most true and can best be understood when a man comes to recognize a vocation to the priesthood.

Life is to be lived fully, a day at a time, savouring the present moment and being present to all that happens and to every person we encounter. So it is as much about the big decisions we have to take and the simple truth of each moment.

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Find me a Mother

A short story by Fr Ralph de Hahn

The one thing Stella did not want was a baby. But that is what she got because of her misbehaviour, her unethical manners and poor company on the streets. This happening was an invasion of her freedom as she had no stable life, no income, no fixed abode and certainly no room for a baby.

Things got even worse when a candle toppled alongside the infant's bed and the fire left some ugly burn marks around the baby's left ear – this would surely scar her face for life. Now Stella had to find a way; she felt the guilt; she needed to abandon the child, maybe find her a home.

It was a dark noiseless night in mid-winter when Stella wrapped her baby in newspapers and a small blanket and left her in the garden of St Joseph's convent with a short note attached to the blanket: It read: 'her name is Benzi.' Surely the nuns and nurses would find a home for the little one, or help her on her way to heaven. She left hurriedly with no intention of returning.

Then she ran from one town to the next – running away from her conscience.

"I am no mother" she convinced herself, "others can do a better job!"

Stella begged a ride on the highway and was fortunate to find a kitchen job in a restaurant in Laingsburg. There she worked for 18 months and made her way to Beaufort West. She found no employment there so she continued on to Colesburg where she found employment in the butcher store, earning a pretty good weekly wage. Now she was free; all fears and conscience had died.

South Africa was a great country to tour and it wasn't long before she landed in De Aar where she found employment with the Municipality, because she was able to read and write. Here she spent more time in the public library, always avoiding any contact with little children or babies.

Even when she found a cozy job in a big family estate in De Aar she was careful to enquire if there were any babies around. Here she was happily employed for three years before meeting a farmer from Carnarvon who was seeking a manager to manage his staff on his huge farm. It was here that she proved her talents and put them to good use. The farmer, Boss van Nayveldt, was delighted with her management skills and paid her a good wage and supplied very pleasant accommodation and nourishment.

With his death, Stella inherited a lovely piece of land, which she in turn sold for a handsome sum, and then made her way to Calvinia on her way to Springbok in Namaqualand. It was here that she was deeply touched by the faith and religious attitude of the nuns and the people. She worked with the nuns, the convent staff and the clinic; often called upon to deliver food parcels to the poorer families, and always very happy attending services at Matjieskloof.

In this environment there was no way of avoiding children and new-born babies in the clinic. It was not long, under the caring influence of the nuns, before Stella came to appreciate the wonder and beauty of motherhood. Surely this was God at work in the order of nature! Her flashbacks only haunted her... she had bundled great opportunities! Maybe... maybe not!

Then came that tragic accident. The foreman, Chris, was requested to collect several bags of corn from a neighbouring farm. Stella and a worker named Skilpad accompanied him in their bakkie. The roads were dry and dusty. The bakkie skidded, rolled over into a ditch, killing both Chris and Skilpad. Only Stella survived the crash,



but only just.

Badly injured, she was moved to the local hospital where the doctors and nurses were exceptionally caring and efficient. More especially, medical nurse Morris. She was a darling to Stella, always available, ever smiling. When Stella was able to speak and eat normally she found Nurse Morris a wonderful friend.

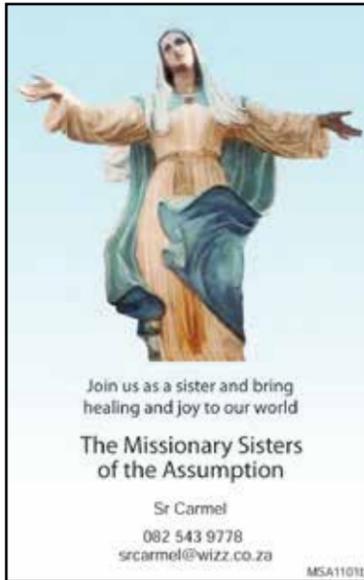
"What is your real name and where are you from?" Stella asked. "From the Cape, an orphan, never met my mom and dad... still, I have lived a wonderful life among the nuns and it was they who trained me as a nurse – I enjoy it so very much!"

Stella looked into her eyes. "Oh yes, that is so obvious. You really enjoy serving others." There was a pause as they exchanged smiles.

"I am curious. We know you as nurse Morris, but you have a baptismal name surely?"

"Oh yes, dear, I am known as Marian Angela Morris, but as a child in the convent the nuns called me by another curious name" and she laughed.

Stella gazed in utter surprise, for there on her left side, under her veil, was the ugly scars around the ear. Speechless and confused Stella began asking the inevitable question. Her dry lips moved... and from her haunted past flowed the soft whisper... Benzi! And the tears flowed.



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- You say you want emotional connection, but if your spouse were



unavailable, you would watch TV instead of calling a friend.

- You despair that things won't get better, even when you know your spouse is trying to change.
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What is Retrouvaille?

Retrouvaille is an international program for married couples, consisting of a weekend live-in experience combined with a series of 12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. The program's X-Factor is that it is presented by married couples who have experienced the same problems as you, and who found each other again at Retrouvaille.

They "have the t-shirts" and have come back to help you. They open their hearts to you, share their lives with you, and they do so voluntarily. All they ask in return is that you put the same commitment into the program. The main emphasis of the weekend is on communication between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Communication lines are re-established between you, the post sessions which follow will provide you with the practical tools to help put your marriage in order again. The Retrouvaille program works for over 90% of those who commit to working at their marriage. Many of those it worked for, didn't think it could help them.

Many of these didn't think their spouse would be willing to put in the same effort, then found later that their spouse thought the same of them. So, call the phone number or send an email to the caring Retrouvaille volunteers in your area. Ask them any of those tough questions that keep nagging at you in the back of your mind. The people answering the phone or responding to your email are people just like you who have been there and survived. They will be able to relate to your feelings of hopelessness and loss. They will do their best to give you the honest answers you need about this program. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples from a number of different cultures and religions, in many countries around the world, and it can help you.

What the Program is not. It is not a retreat, marriage counseling, marriage self help or a sensitivity group. There are neither group dynamics nor

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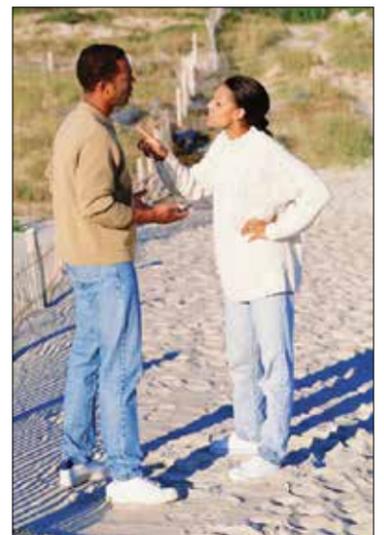
Most of these divorces are unnecessary, these couples can change their situation, and get to know each other and be happy together, again. The fact is that most couples divorce out of hopelessness. They see no alternative. But, the cost of divorce in human terms is incalculable, never mind financially. Don't let your newly-divorced friend kid you with one of society's lies. You are NOT better off divorced. Divorced people suffer more health problems, stress problems, work problems, financial problems, than married couples.

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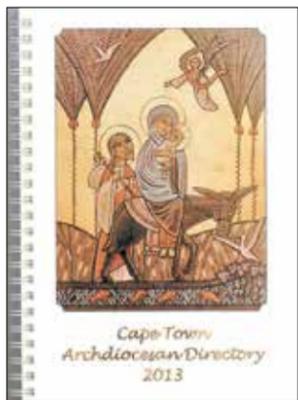
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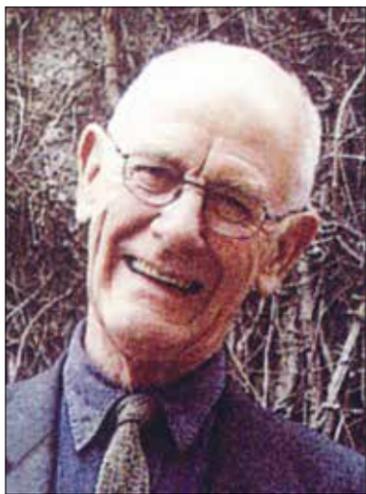
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When I became property administrator, 25 years ago, Mike Foale was already one of the main architects used by the archdiocese. I got to know him well, as I worked with him over the

TRIBUTES TO MICHAEL FOALE

subsequent years. His dedicated expertise, professional advice and knowledge have benefited many church and school communities and building projects. He was totally a "church man" and he loved being involved in church projects. Among his favourite churches were Durbanville and Rondebosch. The latter being his home parish for many years and bearing the name of his patron Saint was also a most fitting site for his wonderful requiem Mass. His many friends and family filled the church, as tributes were paid to him. I am sure that in itself was a great consolation to his wife, Mavis and to his children and grandchildren. These buildings will remain as a lasting tribute to his work, but I am sure that Mike would be very happy that everyone who reads this says a short prayer for his eternal repose! Rest in

peace dear friend.

Fr Eddie O'Neill SDB

Mike Foale's association with Schoenstatt spanned his entire married life. He married Mavis in March 1964 and in December of the same year they visited the Schoenstatt Shrine in Constantia. Mike and Mavis joined a Schoenstatt family group in St Michael's Catholic Church, Rondebosch under the guidance of Fr Albert Ripberger (Schoenstatt Father) and Schoenstatt Sister Mari Clara. In 1969 they expressed their full involvement in Schoenstatt by entering into the Covenant of Love with the Mother Thrice Admirable of Schoenstatt in the Shrine. Mike was renowned for his enthusiasm, optimism and dedication, which he transferred in Schoenstatt to the areas of inter-racial contacts, the music ministry and

Open your hearts and read... The Holy Land Trek

A review of Gunther Simmermacher's guide for pilgrims by Sydney Duval

For some time now The Southern Cross has been venturing out beyond the newsroom to offer readers and the Catholic community a more comprehensive service to deepen their experience and knowledge of their faith. The weekly newspaper, which has not missed an issue since it was established in 1920, has lately organised highly successful pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Italy.

More are to come, with a special pilgrimage being co-hosted with Radio Veritas that would take pilgrims to Rome for the canonisation of John XXIII and John Paul II, followed by visits to Assisi and places associated with St Francis. Indications suggest another sellout as pilgrimages going abroad and to local destinations affirm a growing number of Catholics who are taking to the road and air to discover and renew the roots of their religious heritage.

In addition to pilgrimages, The Southern Cross has also ventured into publishing books. These extracurricular actions are in line with the findings of the recent Catholic Press Association Convention at Denver where some 500 media practitioners explored new ways of sustaining Catholic print media as competition from new sources and technology grows more intense by the year.

A book with a palette of many colours is 'Any Given Sunday', an anthology of the writings of the late Owen Williams, the distinguished critic and journalist who shared with readers over many years his profoundly eloquent and evocative experiences travelling through France, and beyond, and meeting a diversity of characters, both spiritual and spirited. The book is a treasury of lives and places and events lived in the intimacy of Gospel light.

The combined experience of Gunter Simmermacher as The Southern Cross editor and a pilgrimage leader has been poured into 'The Holy Land Trek', researched, compiled and written with care as a companion guide to help pilgrims navigate their way through the

holy places of the Land of the Bible, of the New and Old Testament. Here in words and photographs and maps are the fruits of a journalist's passionate search for the historical Jesus.

The historical, miraculous, archaeological, architectural, political, dramatic and mysterious are woven together to form an enthralling narrative of the places and times where Jesus walked, taught, served, ministered, healed, transformed, suffered, was crucified and rose up again to appear before two disciples on the road to Emaus – that most beautiful of encounters that speaks of Jesus' resurrection and dares us to find renewing hope in welcoming and breaking bread with the stranger in our midst.

The book begins with an eloquent foreword by Archbishop Stephen Brislin, describing the book as an invitation to the reader to embark on a journey of faith, to 'come and see' where the historical Jesus lived and stayed... 'to reflect on – and in some way experience – the great drama of salvation history, centred in this land, so tiny but yet radiating to the ends of the earth'.

Archbishop Brislin concludes with another invitation: 'Open your hearts as you read on and enjoy the journey.'

Simmermacher sets an imaginative theme for his work by introducing us to the idea that the Holy Land is sometimes referred to as the 'Fifth Gospel', a most descriptive term that comes with the caution that one does not need to know this supplementary Gospel to know, understand, love and live the other four Gospels: 'Jesus the Redeemer, his mother and the apostles, and before them the patriarchs and prophets, walked on the ground of this land, breathed its air and ate its fruits.'

Besides details and insights into the holy places and shrines, the book also provides supplementary information to deepen the reader's appreciation of a trek through the Bible country: Chapters begin with 'Pilgrims Through the Ages', continue with 'Jesus: A

Brief Biography' and run on through 'Hometown Nazareth', Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, and the Sea of Galilee and the surrounding countryside. There are watering holes at Mount Tabor, Caesaria, Mount Carmel, Samaria – down from Jericho to Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

The pilgrim moves on to Jerusalem, old and new, to Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives, and on to the Via Dolorosa where the Stations of the Cross so powerfully dramatise Jesus' walk to the Cross on Calvary, before closing with various perspectives on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Here Simmermacher writes: 'We know that the Via Dolorosa is not the geographical route which Jesus took to his death – and that doesn't matter because when pilgrims follow it, they are making a journey of faith, not of fact. Nor is the pilgrim's faith dependent on the authenticity of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre as the site of Calvary. The good news is that the church most likely does mark the place where Our Lord died and rose again. Most serious scholars are persuaded that this is indeed the place of Calvary, because all archaeological, historical and literary evidence points to it.'

In an earlier review of the book Paddy Kearney recommends it to readers as 'a wonderful treat', to which I would add other creative possibilities. If you are among those who have never been to the Holy Land and do not have the means to go in the future, the book is also an all-weather compass for those who simply dream about seeing Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Our dreams can be electrifying signs of hope.

Simmermacher's book is a richly layered trek through the Holy Land – a journey that becomes an experience in making and living your own history, and carrying it back with you as a renewable celebration of lasting value wherever you may go. Turning the pages of the book is a journey in itself.

practical aid to aspiring architects and draughtsmen. His first and foremost interest was his family and the Family Movement. His commitment to the Schoenstatt values of respect for the freedom of choice, love of the Church and loyalty to acting on the truth of Divine Providence made him a true son of the founder, Fr Joseph Kentenich.

Mike and Mavis later joined the Family Union of Schoenstatt to deepen their married life in the light of the evangelical councils of obedience, poverty and chastity. With Mavis he lived in the belief that our society and Church can only be secure on the foundation of holy families.

Fr Ivanhoe Allies



HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY: Sarah Whiteman, who has been in the service of the Church for many years, in parishes as well as for Nazareth House in Cape Town and Elsie's River, turned 100 years on 14 July 2013. She is today the oldest resident at Nazareth House, Elsie's River. The day was celebrated with family and friends. Nazareth House was a hive of activity as a surprise party was prepared for her. Sarah was cheerfully taken back to days gone by as an old friend and co-worker Sister Michael came out to celebrate this milestone with her. We wish her all the happiness and God's richest blessings.

Dedicated to the service and well-being of Gansbaai



Archbishop Lawrence Henry, Fr Bart Walsh, Ingrid Arbuthnot and Fr Eddie O'Neill in St Peter the Fisherman Church, Gansbaai.

The parishioners of St Peter the Fisherman Church in Gansbaai invited several guests to the blessing and opening of their newly renovated parish centre on Sunday 30 June 2013. The gathering commenced with Holy Mass and a blessing, followed by a light lunch, where the parishioners and guests could enjoy a blessed day. Father Bart Walsh delivered the homily along with Archbishop Emeritus Lawrence Henry, who said it was his first visit to Gansbaai.

Ingrid Arbuthnot presented the dedication speech. "It is a great privilege for me because I am able to express in person the great pride and satisfaction that we, the greater parish of Hermanus, Bredasdorp, Zwelihle and especially St Peter the Fisherman feel today for the work of the Catholic Church in the Overberg.

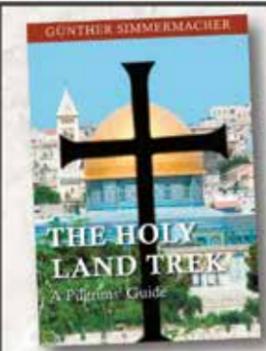
St Peter the Fisherman is not a particularly large or wealthy Church, but one which is devoted to the service and well-being of the people of Gansbaai. Today is not the beginning. We are building on the foundation of a long history of service here," she said and continued: "During the 1960s

Dougie and Frank Rock decided to change an old garage on the property where they lived, into a small church where the Catholic community could celebrate Mass on a Sunday.

Ingrid's expression of thanks on behalf of St Peter the Fisherman Church went to the many people who spent many hours and much time and energy on the renovation, and on its celebration and blessing. "Thank you too to the parishioners who have put up a brave front with the inconveniences that go with building and the support that they have given over the past six months.

Our work is not done now, it is only beginning. Our vision is to use these premises for the greater good of the community of Gansbaai," Ingrid said and concluded: "This project would not have been possible without the combined effort of the parishioners of Hermanus, Stanford and Gansbaai, the wonderful support of the community of Gansbaai, friends and family, and the interest and support of the Archdiocese of Cape Town, Fr Bart and Fr O'Neill."

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CELEBRATING 110 YEARS OF LIFE: A special tea was held at the Chancery on 12 June 2013 to celebrate two birthdays: that of Fr Eddie O'Neill (Episcopal Vicar for Property) who turned 65, and Fr Noel Rucastle (Archdiocesan Judicial Vicar) who turned 45. Here they are seen together with the staff of the Marriage Tribunal. From L-R: (standing) Verona Mitchell, Fr Noel Rucastle, Fr Eddie O'Neill, Janine Canfield; (seated) Julia Reynolds & Kevin Eberlein. Archbishop Brislin looks on from above.

Building the Church Community, Sharing the Faith

Season 3 had fewer groups than Season 2, but the outcome was so much more effective. We only had six groups this season, but the participants (approximately 70) were spread around well, as we had parishioners from all the various ministries and groups in the parish.

The majority of groups opted to meet in the church foyer and this might be the reason for Season 3 being so fruitful and intense (especially where faith sharing was concerned). The magic of Season 3 was that it only dealt with one subject, therefore a lot of emphasis could be placed on the subject itself.

Each facilitator had an opportunity to sit back and experience what the members wanted to achieve from each session. After speaking to most members, the common experience was that we must put everything possible into building our church community. They actually put forth practical ways in which this could be achieved:

- By reaching out and getting to know fellow parishioners
- By getting parishioners back to experiencing fellowship during the Coffee Bar
- By re-initiating the Seniors

group.

- By reaching out to 'non-active' Catholics in our different sections/areas.
- By getting the sections working together and building relationships with each other.

Season 3 also forms part of the Year of Faith, and we are proud to announce that there already has been growth. We have a Bible Study group (which started as a result of Season 1), and now as a result of Season 3 we have a second group.

The facilitators extend a warm invitation to anyone who wishes to join a group, either on a Tuesday at 19.00 or a Thursday at 19.00. Both groups meet in the foyer. We have also formed a parish Rosary group, which meets on a Wednesday after 09.00 Mass. Then there is also a prayer group that has been started. Thus, as a direct result of Season 3 we have three new groups in the church.

We are looking forward to Season 4 and what it will mean for our parish.

In conclusion, Season 3 was all about our Faith as Catholics – Communion and Eucharist.

It has truly been a remarkable jour-

ney, taking us back to our First Holy Communion and through the various sacraments. This gave us an insight as to where and what we need to reflect on in our personal lives and our journey in the church.

Our biggest challenge going forward will be for us to gain courage and faith. This we will need if we are to become true disciples of Jesus and reach out to fellow Catholics, who for some or other reason have become 'non-practising'. It is really required us as lay persons to go out there and spread the Good News and to gather the 'lost sheep'.

We all have a pastoral duty and function to perform in our respective parishes, irrespective of our educational background. We cannot always expect the priest to perform these functions. We as parishioners need to join the various ministries in our churches and become involved, not only our parish, but also the Archdiocese in general.

"Truly, truly, the harvest is great, but the labourers are few":

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came to South Africa as a missionary 50 years ago. He has never lost his Irish accent nor his love for Irish music! He has two Honours degrees in Psychology and in Biblical Studies as well as a Masters degree in Pastoral Studies.

His work as the director for the Office of Evangelisation at the South African Catholic Bishops Conference gives him the opportunity to develop his great love for the laity and to help them develop their role in the work and life of the Church.

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Our archdiocesan Catechetics team are in the process of writing a new catechism series for Confirmation, for the SA Catholic Bishops' Conference. From L-R: Mark Renaud, Bernie Daries, Fr Eoin Farrelly SDB, Sr Patricia Finn (National Co-ordinator of Catechetics, SACBC) and Paul Newton.



Fr Eoin Farrelly SDB giving a blessing at the Parish Catechetics Co-ordinators' course on 27 July at St Joseph's, Montana

Ladies Retreat Weekend

An archdiocesan ladies retreat weekend took place at Bergkroon, Wellington (on Baine's Kloof Pass) between 26-28 July 2013. The theme for the weekend was: Faithful, Free, Feminine.

There was input from Tony Dos Santos, Denise Boltman, Fr Peter John Pearson and Fr Ralph de Hahn, and Fr Paul Taylor did Benediction.

It was a time of prayer, reflection, fun, song, fellowship and good food for the ladies of the Archdiocese. It was hosted by the Ladies Prayer Group from Durbanville Parish, and approximately 250 women from various parishes across the Archdiocese attended.

Keep your ears open for the next one!



CPLO Roundtable Discussions

Roundtable (RT) Discussion Series on Aspects of Political Leadership in South Africa



The Leadership and Vision RT held on 15 March was addressed by Prof. Steven Friedman, Director of the Centre for the Study of Democracy, University of Johannesburg; Fr Smangaliso Mkhathshwa, former Secretary-General of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference; Deputy-Minister of Education in the Mandela government; and Mayor of Tshwane 2000-2005; and Dr Alex Boraine, former opposition MP, 1974-1986; founding Director of the Institute for Democratic Alternative in South Africa (IDASA); Vice-chairperson of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, 1996-1998.



The Accountability and Corruption RT held on 26 April was addressed by Mr Mondli Makhanya, columnist for the Sunday Times; Mr David Lewis, Executive Director of Corruption Watch; and Mr Jeremy Routledge, Deputy Director and founding member of Embrace Dignity, a women's human rights organization.



The Institutional Leadership RT held on 31 May was addressed by Prof. Richard Calland, Associate Professor of Public Law at the University of Cape Town; and Dr Wilmot James, Federal Chairperson of the Democratic Alliance.

Reports of the above Roundtables can be accessed on www.cplo.org.za. Two roundtable discussions remain in this series, and will take place on 5 August and 16 September.



African Forum for Catholic Social Teaching (AFCAST), 28-29 May

Two separate events were hosted, in collaboration with the Jesuit Institute of SA and AFCAST. The first event focused on the relevance of Catholic Social Teaching in African public life today; and the second looked more broadly at the contested role of religion in African public life. Guests included Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Judge Albie Sachs and the Iraqi Ambassador, Dr Hisham Al-Alawi.



School Violence in South Africa, 5th June

A presentation by Ms Lezanne Leoschut, focused on the national research project conducted by the Centre for Justice and Crime Prevention. This event was well attended, and included a Member of Parliament from the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education, who promised to bring the issues raised to the attention of the Committee. The research report highlighted that more than one million high school learners have fallen victim to some form of violence at schools; girls experienced slightly more incidents of violence; repeat victimization was common; most acts of violence or threats of violence happened within school confines; and the perpetrators were themselves often learners. The CPLO, in collaboration with the Catholic Institute of Education (CIE), hosted the same event, for different organisations, in Johannesburg at the end of July.



African Exposure and Training Programme, 25th-28th June

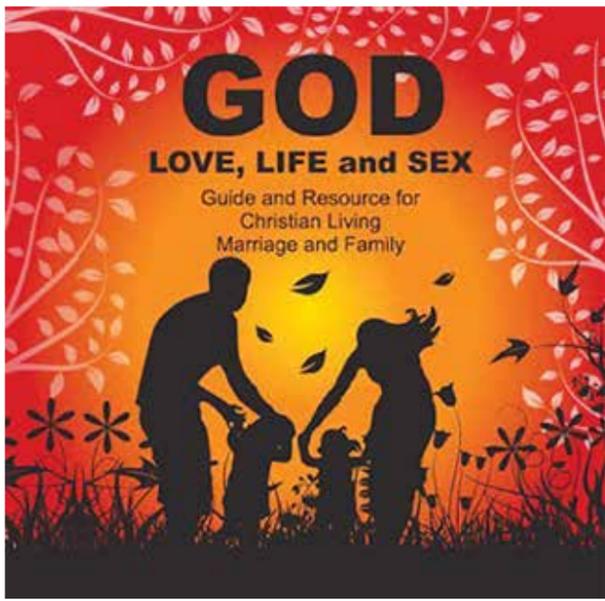
A specialized training programme was presented to eight bishops representing IMBISA (the Inter-regional Meeting of Bishops of Southern Africa). As part of learning and understanding the importance of parliamentary advocacy, Adv. Steve Swart, an ACDP MP, addressed the group and spoke about how much he valued the focused and dedicated work done by the CPLO.

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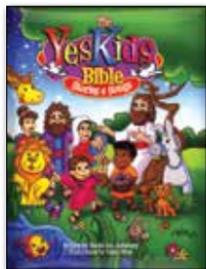
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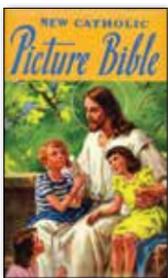
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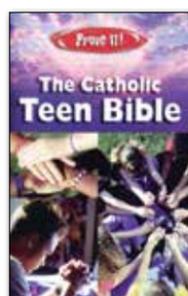
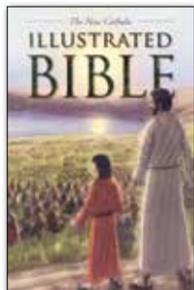
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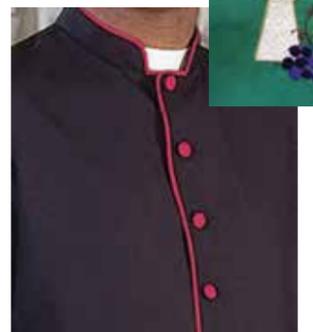
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Many hands make good work

On 20 June 2013 a heart-warming event marked new beginnings for the Noel Stanton Educare Centre in Uitsig, Elsie's River when the newly renovated facility was re-launched.

The centre was originally established by CWD in 1996. CWD's generous supporters HomeChoice Development Trust funded the renovations and Securitas Security Services provided 24/7 on site security for the duration of the project.

The recent upgrade means more children can now attend the educare centre with

improved education and a sound learning environment. The centre will now be able to accommodate approximately 120 children.

The principal of the centre, Bella Joseph was overwhelmed and could not hold back her tears of gratitude as she thanked everybody who brought her dream for the school to fruition.

"It is really a matter of heart," said Rick Garratt, chairperson of the HomeChoice Development Trust. "It is important that children are aware of their dignity at an early age."



The staff of Noel Stanton Educare Centre preparing the children to showcase their musical talent to the audience.



Mandela Day celebrations: Staff of GetSmarter outside the WIN outreach centre in Woodstock

Mandela Day Celebrations

On Thursday 18 July 2013, ten staff members of GetSmarter, an online education company, performed their 67 minutes of service at Women in Need (WIN) Outreach. They brought along some buckets of groceries and helped with the preparation and serving of food to the clients who come to the centre for assistance.

The visitors were happy that they could share in the good work being done at WIN, and to have the opportunity to chat to the clients and hear their stories first hand. They enjoyed the experience so much that they are thinking of instituting an hour of volunteerism per month in their department.

CATHOLIC WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Dance Party

04 October 2013
at Kensington Civic Centre
cnr of 11th and Avro Avenue
(opp police station)
8pm-12.45am
Band : Cool Sounds

CWD

DANCE PARTY

CHEESE AND WINE ON ARRIVAL

7.30PM-8PM

Wilma Solomon can be contacted for tickets on 021 425 2095 or email wilma.solomon@cwd.org.za

Donation: R100

Saving Lives... Together

Our Crisis Relief Programme recently co-ordinated a door to door safety and awareness campaign in the Masiphumelele informal settlement, near Fish Hoek. This was done in conjunction with other stakeholders – the City of Cape Town Disaster Management, MercyNet, Traffic Department and Social Services.

Through our experience we know that at this time of year, when days get colder and the nights longer, there is a marked increase in fires in informal settlements, which result in complete devastation and very often loss of life.



Denise Klaasen (CWD Manager in Masiphumelele) is seen interviewing one of the residents, with a safety official.

Trained volunteers took along questionnaires and visited families, to create a better understanding around safety precautions. Reports from the City of Cape Town indicated that since the awareness and prevention campaigns started in 2011, there has been a decrease in fires in this area. The general feedback from the stakeholders was that the door to door campaign is a smarter way of educating people, ensuring that you reach more people.

CWD Crisis Relief Programme works on an integrated approach with other stakeholders in educating vulnerable communities around safety precautions.



Mandela Day Celebrations: Hansgrohe staff pictured here with CWD Tafelsig Community Centre staff and their gifts of blankets and sandwiches.

Joining hands for income security

Cape Town Refugee Centre, in partnership with CWD's Bonne Esperance Shelter for Refugees, launched an income generating initiative on Thursday 8 August 2013. Two containers placed on the grounds at Bonne Esperance Shelter in Philippi have been renovated to accommodate this project. One of the containers will be utilised for the drying of fish which is a popular com-

modity amongst east African people. The other container will be used as a sewing centre for those who are skilled in hand-work. The aim is to give refugees access to opportunities for income generation, which will help lead to economic security. The entrepreneurs will be supported at this centre for one year, thereafter they will branch out on their own.



Pastoral Council members embarking on a team building activity in the dragon boat.

Leadership development for PPCs

The Parish Pastoral Councils of Tafelsig and Delft experienced their most recent weekend away reflecting on leadership development, at Zeekoewlei Nature Reserve.

This came about through the work of CWD Tafelsig Community Development Centre who identified a need to give support to the various groups in Tafelsig parish. This support has now been extended to the Delft parish and later will include that of

Elsie's River. The members of the Parish Pastoral Council experienced a six week journey where they engaged in team building and topics around roles and responsibility, planning and listening, communication and conflict management.

The aim is to empower these groups so that they have the tools to address the pastoral needs of the parish and to be a consultative voice for the parish priest.

You can also support the work of CWD through the MyVillage/MySchool card and Pick 'n Pay Smart Shopper card points