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Catechist Newsletter, Term Three 2004
I am pleased to advise of the appointment of our new director, Anthony Cleary who will officially commence duties at CCD on Monday 19 July.

Anthony is well credentialed for this position with an extensive teaching background, mainly in the western suburbs of Sydney, where his role as teacher, History coordinator and Junior Year Coordinator, culminated in ten years as an Assistant Principal at St. Charbel’s College Punchbowl. During this time he was responsible for curriculum development and actively involved with his students in debating and public speaking.

Anthony grew up in Orange, Central West NSW, where he was initially educated by the De La Salle Brothers. He moved to Sydney at the age of eighteen to attend the Catholic College of Education, where he graduated with a Diploma of Teaching.

After undertaking post-graduate tertiary studies he completed a Masters of Religious Education in 2003 through the University of Notre Dame and will graduate in September 2004 from ACU National with a Masters of Educational Leadership. Being involved extensively in charitable work, his spare time is also used to coach and referee rugby league.

Two of Anthony’s passions are public speaking and writing. In 1999 and 2000 he was a key-note speaker at international conferences in Penang and Melbourne, sponsored by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. This year some of his written work was published, the most recent an article entitled “The Eastern Lumen” appeared in the magazine “Marounia”.

Anthony is very enthusiastic about joining CCD and looks forward to meeting everyone associated with the organisation.

Joy for Living

The majority of staff have been heavily involved in the Joy for Living (JFL) revision program, especially the Faith Education Officers. Special thanks must go to Denise Humphreys and Carmel Duffy for their unselfish effort and dedication in progressing and prioritising this very important project.

It is also pleasing to report the generally positive and supportive responses being received from both metropolitan and rural Parish Catechists, who have agreed to trial various JFL lessons on our behalf. The trial process commenced in February this year and will continue as new material is written. Please also refer to our JFL update elsewhere in this newsletter.

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to all those who have assisted me during the past eight months, and again welcome the appointment of our new director Anthony Cleary to this vital role.

Eddie Kropkowski
Acting Director

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JOY FOR LIVING UPDATE - FIFTH EDITION
The New Curriculum – What’s Happening

During 2002-2003 - THE PLANNING PHASE

- The Schema for the new program was developed and approved. Major references are the To Know, Worship and Love RE series, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Scripture, The General Directory of Catechesis. (The revised or new Catholic Schools’ RE curriculum also have these documents as their major references.)

- Writing teams (consisting of your FEO’s) wrote varying amounts of draft lessons for Kindergarten, Stage 2A (Year 3) and Stage 3a (Year 5).

During 2004 – LESSONS START TO TAKE SHAPE

- Lessons edited and changes, if needed, are made to the lessons. Then these lessons are being sent out for trial, constructive criticism and suggestions. Changes if needed are made to lessons. At present there are catechists from each area evaluating a selection of the proposed lessons each term. All other dioceses in NSW have been invited to help in evaluating the new curriculum. So in effect Catholic SRE teachers from all over the State will be given the opportunity to evaluate these lessons.

- Lessons will also be submitted to Fr John Flader who is the theological editor (appointed by His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell). Once approval is given and any changes made, teacher’s manuals will be finalised and proof read. Activity books will be sent to Catholic Communications for development and then final proof reading.

- During this time writing will continue for Stage 1A (Year 1), Stage 1B (Year 2), Stage 2B (Year 4) and Stage 3B (Year 6).

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME IN 2005?
There will be no change in the JFL program for 2005. The Student Activity books will remain the same. So you will continue using the same teacher’s manual. During this year there will be many opportunities to learn about the new curriculum. Workshops for the new curriculum will be held in all Areas - please make sure you attend these.

The proposed timeline for the implementation of the new curriculum is printed below. Please remember that if we run into any unforeseen difficulties that delay the production process even for a short time it will automatically delay us by a ‘year.’ We ask you to keep this project in your prayers. For further information contact your Faith Education Officer.

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Terri is a newly recruited catechist from her parish and was pleased to receive her manual and workbooks. The manual looked organized and she was pleased she wouldn’t have to make up each lesson herself. After a few weeks of teaching though, Terri was not sure whether she had done the right thing in offering to become a catechist. The class was not easy to handle and they didn’t want to listen to the stories she was trying to tell them. Whether through inexperience or lack of training Terri had decided not to bother with some of the ideas suggested in the lesson outline. Because she was there to teach religion she could not see the importance of the first part of the lesson relating to the students lives. As an example, this week’s lesson was supposed to start by asking the children about their favourite gift. Terri couldn’t see what that had to do with the lesson about creation. It was much more important to talk to them about the next part of the lesson which was about God. Not being one to give up easily, Terri decided she would stay until the end of term but if it wasn’t working out by then, she would leave.

When she approached the class the following week she met one of her good friends, Connie, carrying pictures of country scenes pasted on cardboard tucked under her arm. She also recognised a story book that Terri’s own children had enjoyed. Another friend who helped Connie was carrying a cassette recorder. Terri wondered how they would have time to look at pictures, read stories and listen to songs. She needed all her time to tell the students all she wanted them to know about God. Terri’s lesson this week proved to be particularly challenging, no one at all had wanted to listen. Perhaps she should give up right now. She felt flattened when she saw children coming out of Connie’s class smiling and singing.

As Terri was skimming her lesson for the next week, she noticed the first part of the lesson suggested showing pictures of the environment. She wondered whether Connie had been giving the same lesson last week. On phoning her, Connie explained what her lesson had been about and that she had borrowed the pictures from the catechist resource room at the parish centre. Connie had used the pictures and songs for different lessons and had found them very useful. It kept the children’s attention and helped the children understand the second part of the lesson, the faith connection.

While talking to Connie, Terri’s husband Don, came into the house with a bird’s nest he had found on the branch of a tree in their yard. There was a broken egg in the nest. Don would show their next door neighbour’s children that afternoon. Terri had a brainwave. She packed the nest and delicate egg carefully and took it to her class with her. The students were enthralled with the nest and contrary to her fears, they treated it very carefully, wondering what had happened to the mother and baby birds that would have lost their home. Terri had never had such an interesting lesson. The children made the connection very clearly between the nest and the need to care for the environment. The prayers which the students wrote as part of the lesson showed they really did understand that God had created their world and their need to care for it and treat it with respect. The lesson went very quickly and everyone had enjoyed themselves.

Terri learnt two lessons that week. When the students could make the connection between something in their own lives and the Faith Link of the lesson, they understood the meaning rather than Terri trying to tell them. Not only that, they enjoyed the lesson and became more involved. Perhaps Terri wouldn’t leave at the end of term after all.

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LEARNING FROM THE FAITH COMMUNITY - ‘FAITH LINK’

When you ponder on what exactly the “faith community” is, you know that it refers to and is made up of many people like you, the students in your scripture class and their families, and myself. Quite an interesting mix we make, with so many differing interests, backgrounds and life experiences, and yet we are all sustained by the same love of our Creator. By means of the SRE lesson students become more aware of the presence of God in their lives and are led to a deeper understanding and knowledge of the faith community.

We know our faith is one of the greatest gifts we could be given, especially in this day and age where it is not so often realised or promoted, sometimes it is even frowned upon. But this faith you deem so precious is the reason you stand in your classroom. As you have probably realised, you may be the only direct connection to the parish faith community that your students may ever encounter for the majority of their youthful lives. The challenge this presents to you in your SRE class, you may feel, is enormous.

The main challenge and aim is obviously to help your students understand how the faith links to their lives. This can be effectively done in a variety of ways. Be comfortable with the lesson by studying the Faith Link and perhaps rewriting the aim of the lesson and the summary (‘To Remember’) in your own words, so that you have a total grasp of what the lesson is endeavouring to achieve. It is always beneficial to compare the Faith Link with the activities in the student book in order to identify how they relate. There are many means available to assist you in preparing and presenting a lesson. Utilise ideas and resources of your fellow catechists, friends, coordinator, and of course do not forget the willing assistance your Faith Education Officer is able to provide through workshops and classroom visits.

Our own personal faith development is never meant to be a stale thing, on the contrary, it needs to be nurtured and cared for. In the same way, care needs to be taken when attempting to make the faith both interesting and relevant to the lives of your students. Challenge the students whilst taking into consideration their age and level of understanding. By nurturing your own faith, and by imparting your own enthusiasm and love for our faith, you will be creating a positive environment in which the students can learn about the beauty of our faith community and God’s love for them.

Josephine Nassif
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PARISH CATECHIST COORDINATORS MEETINGS

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Learning from our response

One of the most important aspects of good classroom management is the teacher’s ability to get the students actively involved in the lesson in order to promote more effective learning. The JFL Curriculum, which includes both the Teacher’s Manual and the Student Activity Book, aims to provide a useful resource for SRE teachers to promote the active participation of students and therefore result in more effective learning.

To better understand and use each page of the activity book it is essential that the corresponding lesson in the Teacher’s Manual be read thoroughly and prepared in conjunction with the activity page.

It is important to realise that the Student Activity Book is a tool to be used in relation to the lesson outlined. It is not a lesson in itself, nor is it a colouring book, even though some students might like to think it is.

Some Helpful Hints in using the JFL Activity Books

- As roll call can be time consuming, especially if you have a large class, distribute the books as a means of calling the roll. The books not claimed indicate the students absent from class.
- To avoid distraction and stimulate interest in a particular activity distribute the books at the appropriate part of the lesson.
- Call on some reliable helpers in the class to assist in distribution. Vary your choice of students of course.
- For junior classes choose a suitable picture from the activity page and enlarge to A3 size, colour and laminate or back on cardboard, then use as a visual resource to stimulate interest in the lesson.
- Print the TO REMEMBER passage on a flashcard or poster and use as a visual aid to assist in learning.
- In middle and upper primary grades, use thin exercise books cut in half, for the students to record the TO REMEMBER passage. This provides the students with their own written summary of what has been learnt during the year.
- Students love recognition for their efforts. Stars, stickers, stamps, or positive written comments, all provide the necessary affirmation. If time does not allow for marking in class take a few books home after each lesson.
- Prayer is an integral part of the Joy For Living curriculum and is a means of helping the students develop a closer relationship with God. The activity book suggests a variety of ways of praying. The traditional prayers of the Church are included to develop the students’ knowledge of formal prayer. Informal prayers written in everyday language help the students understanding. Prayers written by the students themselves give them the opportunity to express their own thoughts. It is important that students have the opportunity to experience different ways of praying as it is an essential part of their faith development.

As we learnt in the Intermediate Accreditation Course when we made chocolate crackles, there are a variety of ingredients in a lesson, some are essential, but all contribute to the real flavour of the finished product.

Judy Day
Faith Education Officer
Western Area
Living your faith

What is faith?
The virtue of faith is a gift from God. It is the work of the Holy Spirit in us. The gift of faith helps us to believe in the loving plans of God through the teachings of the Church.

"The Lord leads all persons by paths and in ways pleasing to him, and each believer responds according to his heart's resolve and the personal expressions of his prayer." (CCC 2699)

In the Scriptures
St Paul teaches us that "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

In the scriptures Mary is presented as the one who listened and responded fully and with faithfulness to the call of God. "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let what you have said be done to me." Luke 1:38

Prayer Of Faith

O God, I have never seen you but you have shown me your face in Jesus Christ.
I have found him and I believe in him.
I allow myself to be carried by your love and guided by your spirit.
Often my faith is tired and timid, but you are greater than my heart.
O God, I believe in you.
Lord, help me to be the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world" (Mt 5:13-14) to the children I teach and to all the people I come in contact with in my life.
Amen.

Lydia Siutz
Faith Education Officer
On Sunday, 6 June 2004 the Annual Mass for Catechists was held in St Mary’s Cathedral. His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell was joined by the priests of the Archdiocese to celebrate the Mass.

The Annual Catechist Mass provides an opportunity for the Archdiocese of Sydney to recognise two groups of catechists. The first group comprised of those catechists who have successfully completed the Certificate of Accreditation or the Catechist Ministry Certificate, two of the education courses conducted by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The second group is made up of those catechists who are recognised for their long-standing service to Catholic SRE for twenty or twenty-five years. The Mass also celebrates the work of all catechists in the Archdiocese.

On the day nineteen catechists were commissioned and received their Certificates of Accreditation. Five catechists received their Catechist Ministry Certificates. In recognition of their twenty years of service, fifteen catechists received their Apostolic Blessings. Eighteen catechists received their Cardinal Freeman Medal in acknowledgement of their twenty-five years of service.

Overall the day was a great success. A large number of people attend the Annual Catechist
Mass. Representatives from CCD offices in other dioceses were present as were representatives from other Archdiocesan Agencies.

Catechists from the Sutherland/St George Area under the direction of Mrs Denise Humphreys, Faith Education Officer, were responsible for the organisation of this year’s Mass. They contributed greatly to the smooth running of the day and made it an enjoyable occasion.

The parish of St John Bosco, Engadine provided the choir for the Mass. Their singing under the leadership of Mrs Joan Moylan greatly enhanced the celebration.

Cardinal Pell made a special announcement to the congregation that the new Director of the CCD Mr Anthony Cleary had been appointed. Anthony was able to join us on the day, availing staff and catechists an opportunity to meet him. Cardinal Pell welcomed Anthony and wished him well in his appointment which will commence on Monday, 19 July. Cardinal Pell also thanked Mr Eddie Kropkowski (Acting Director) for his hard work and dedication while CCD was awaiting the appointment of a new Director.

The CCD would like to express its appreciation to all those who made the day such a special celebration.
The big event for Term 2 was the Annual Catechist Mass held on Sunday, June 6. This year the catechists of the Sutherland/St George Area, along with their Faith Education Officer Denise Humphreys, were responsible for the organisation of this Mass. Cardinal Pell was the Principal Celebrant with another 10 priests con-celebrating with him. The choir from St John Bosco’s Parish, Engadine led and enhanced the singing. An afternoon tea followed the Mass.

It was pleasing to see so many of you at the ICCOREIS Conference and/or Celebrating the Sacraments Workshops. Both these initiatives had Faith Education Services support and involvement. Those who attended (500 from all over NSW) the ICCOREIS Conference were given classroom management tips by Bill Rogers, a world-renowned educational consultant in discipline and classroom management. He addressed the topic with humour and sensitivity. Many catechists have since reported success using the strategies Bill demonstrated that day. Much of what Bill taught was revisited at the first Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering for the year on Friday, 28 May. Classroom Management Workshops can be organised either as parish or for a cluster – contact your Faith Education Officer.

The day on Celebrating the Sacraments was organised by the Liturgy Commission, Catholic Education Office (Western Region) and CCD. Over 85 people attended, most of whom were catechists. Participants had an opportunity to share issues, were given input on the current theology for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation and participated in workshops that gave practical support in preparing children for these Sacraments. Contact your Faith Education Officer if she can be of assistance with celebrating Sacraments in your parish.

This year the CCD were asked to assist in the pastoral formation of seven third-year seminarians with teaching Religious Education in State Schools. After a number of workshops and observing classes, the seminarians assisted catechists with SRE at Woolooware High School and Drummoyne Primary. Our thanks to the pastors and catechists of St Aloysius Parish, Cronulla and St Mark’s Parish, Drummoyne, for their support and encouragement to them.

Important events for this term include:

- Coordinators Meetings. This will be an opportunity for coordinators to meet Anthony Cleary our new Director. At these meetings we will also be planning initiatives to help support coordinators in their role and setting dates for Cluster Meetings in Term 4.
- Advanced Accreditation workshops. Venues and dates can be found on page 13. Catechists who have completed the Basic and Intermediate programs are invited to register. Please contact your Faith Education Officer or Camel Duffy (ph 9390 5122).
- Basic Accreditation workshops. Please see page 12 for details.

As well, work will continue on writing and trialing the lessons for the revised Joy for Living program. This term a number of catechists are evaluating the new term 3 lessons for Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 5. See page 3 for update on the progress of the program.

Faith Education Officers are available to help catechists individually or in parish or cluster groups.

Faith Education Services Team

**CITY AREA**

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God Bless.

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**BANKSTOWN AREA**

It is difficult to grasp that half of the year has past and we are heading towards the end. Time certainly does ‘fly’ and that makes the half hour you have with your class priceless. It has been a busy time on the job; many catechists have completed their Basic and Intermediate courses. It is very satisfying seeing some of you at the end of your course. Many of you have gained confidence and have become more comfortable to head into the classroom and face those young (innocent or not so innocent) faces.

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CONCORD AREA

Term 3 already! Hopefully you found time over the school holidays to do all those things that you don’t normally do because of your commitment to the Catechist Ministry.

During the coming term I hope that there will be opportunities for you to meet Anthony Cleary our new Director. Perhaps at Catechist Meetings or you might like us to visit you in the classroom, thus giving Anthony a ‘hands-on’ appreciation of the work you do.

An initiative that worked well last term at St Mark’s Parish Drummoyne was ‘mini-workshops’. These were held after Scripture classes for about an hour. Topics included Classroom Management, The Bible and Resources. Why not try it in your parish – even just one workshop?

Last term I was also at a number of schools either observing classes, demonstrating lessons, or relieving a catechist. I have been impressed by the reverence the students have shown to Scripture. This term I would like to visit the Secondary Schools in the Concord Area.

SUTHERLAND/ST GEORGE AREA

The highlight of term two was our Annual Catechist Mass held in St Mary’s Cathedral. This year it was Sutherland/St George Area’s turn to provide ushers and choir and generally ‘organise’ the Mass. The choir came from the parish of St John Bosco, Engadine and was superb. I would like to say a special word of thanks to the ushers and “step” men who came from various parishes in our area. Your effort and attention to detail helped make the ceremony flow effortlessly. Once again the Cathedral was relatively full. If you have never attended this mass I urge you to put it on your calendar for 2005.

Congratulations to all the catechists who have completed the Basic Accreditation Course and the Intermediate Accreditation Course held at Miranda this year. An Advanced Accreditation Course will be held at Penshurst Parish during Term 3 and a sizable number of catechists from our area have already enrolled. If you are eligible and wish to attend any of the Advanced Catechist Courses advertised on page 13, please contact Carmel Duffy (9390 5122). During Term 3 no more workshops will be held at Miranda. This term I hope to visit parishes and hopefully meet you at your Parish meetings and help you with resources, lesson preparation and general classroom management. Just a reminder the Sutherland/St George Area Coordinators meeting is scheduled for Friday, 30 July at Miranda.

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The Cluster Meetings for Coordinators initiated last term, have proven to be informal but informative gatherings. Ideas (and recipes) were shared and email addresses and phone numbers exchanged.

Congratulations to those of you who completed the Basic or Intermediate Workshops last term, as well as those who received Certificates of Accreditation, Apostolic Blessings and Cardinal Freeman Medals at the Catechist Annual Mass. On page 13 of this Newsletter are the dates and venues for the Advanced Accreditation Workshops.

Please contact me if I can be of assistance – at schools, catechist meetings, workshops, advice with lessons and discipline, or assistance with recruitment.

God’s Blessings.

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I encourage you to note on your calendar any special dates associated with your role as a catechist, especially the Catechist Gathering for Term 4 on October 18, and the Western Area Mass on November 5, at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Mt Pritchard. Enjoy the rest of the year with your class. If any parish catechist group is interested in having an individual workshop to help you manage in the classroom please let me know.

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SOUTH WEST AREA

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Congratulations to all the catechists who have completed the Basic Accreditation Course and the Intermediate Accreditation Course held at Miranda this year. An Advanced Accreditation Course will be held at Penshurst Parish during Term 3 and a sizable number of catechists from our area have already enrolled. If you are eligible and wish to attend any of the Advanced Catechist Courses advertised on page 13, please contact Carmel Duffy (9390 5122). During Term 3 no more workshops will be held at Miranda. This term I hope to visit parishes and hopefully meet you at your Parish meetings and help you with resources, lesson preparation and general classroom management. Just a reminder the Sutherland/St George Area Coordinators meeting is scheduled for Friday, 30 July at Miranda.

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WESTERN AREA

Firstly thanks to Lydia Siutz who looked after the Western Area in my absence. Under her care the Basic Accreditation Course was completed in two locations, John the Baptist Parish, Bonnyrigg and at the CCD Office at Hoxton Park.

During second term a group of enthusiastic participants successfully completed the Intermediate Course at Liverpool Catholic Club. Anyone who has completed the Intermediate Level is welcome to join us this term for the Advanced Accreditation course (see page 13) Our Annual Mass this year was again a happy event. Congratulations to all the catechists from the Western Area who received awards.

I encourage you to note on your calendar any special dates associated with your role as a catechist, especially the Catechist Gathering for Term 4 on October 18, and the Western Area Mass on November 5, at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church, Mt Pritchard. Enjoy the rest of the year with your class. If any parish catechist group is interested in having an individual workshop to help you manage in the classroom please let me know.

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# BASIC ACCReditATION Workshops

## City Area: Contact Isla Cameron Tel: 9580 4263

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## Concord Area: Contact Therese Newell Tel: 9579 5917

Please contact Therese Newell for further details of the Basic Accreditation in the Concord Area.

## Western Area: Contact Judy Day Tel: 9816 2978

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Advanced Catechist Accreditation Program
(formerly known as Unit 3)

Prerequisite: Basic and Intermediate Catechist Accreditation Courses
Duration: 24 hours

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Topics

Who Am I?
Who Am I Addressing?
How Do I Understand Church In A Changing World?
What Am I Communicating?
How Am I Communicating?
Evaluation

ADVANCED ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

All of the above venues will run as advertised. The minimum group size of 10 participants has been reached. Catechists interested in registering please contact Mrs Carmel Duffy ph: 9390 5122

NOTE
CHANGE OF VENUE
Catechist Newsletter, Term Three 2004

CATECHISTS FOR ALL CHILDREN
Joseph D. White & Ana Arista White
RRP $7.95

Catechists for all Children though small in size and price, is a handy book to have on the shelves of every catechist's library. This book is a guide to addressing emotional, behavioural, or learning needs of students so that we may become "catechists for all children." Each chapter discusses a different need and provides ideas that the authors have found effective in working with children with special needs. A reminder though, that it is an American publication; so where it suggests 'parent' for our situation it means 'school or teacher'.

CELEBRATING SEASONS
Prayer Lessons for Advent Christmas, Lent and Easter
Phyllis Vos Wezeman & Jude Dennis Fournier
RRP $29.95

Celebrating Seasons is a good companion to Unit 7 of the Joy for Living program. It has an easy to read 'Overview of the Church's Year' and twenty prayer "lessons" that can be adapted to suit your class or provide a basis for ecumenical services. Each lesson helps students to explore, experience, and enjoy a variety of approaches to prayer. The SRE teacher will find ideas to enhance not only their lessons on the Seasons of the Church but also their weekly lesson.

101 STAFF PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS
VOL 1 & 2
Rachelle Tullio
RRP 19.95 each

101 Staff Prayers and Reflections come in Volumes 1 & 2. These books are about focusing on a loving relationship with God through a combination of short stories, Scripture readings and community prayers in different contemporary settings. The author, an Australian teacher hopes that these prayers will help bring people to a reflective and spiritual understanding of life. Though written primarily for Catholic School's staff many of the prayers are also appropriate for Catechist's Meetings and other groups within the parish.

Books Reviewed by:
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**Issues in the Christian Initiation of Children** - Kathy Brown & Frank C. Sokol
RRP $22.95  Our Price $12.00

**Our Church Celebrates Celebrating Initiation** - Kathy Horan, Mary Hemmings & Clare Horan
RRP $14.25  Our Price $10.00

**Faith Development & Pastoral Care** - James W. Fowler
RRP $24.15  Our Price $20.00

**Forever Faithful** - William Reiser
RRP $20.85  Our Price $15.00

**Come Mime with Me** - Gail Kelley
RRP $25.25  Our Price $17.25

**Bible Baddies** - Bob Hartman
RRP $29.65  Our Price $25.00

**The Green Umbrella** - Jill Brand, Wendy Blows & Caroline Short
RRP $38.50  Our Price $30.00

**Cyberpest** - Meg Harper
RRP $10.95  Our Price $6.00

**Come Follow Me** - Joseph P. Sinwell
RRP $19.75  Our Price $14.00

**Belief and Belonging** - E. Bryon Anderson
RRP $7.65  Our Price $5.00

**Family Faith** - Reconciliation
RRP $19.95  Our Price $15.00

**Family Faith** - Eucharist
RRP $19.95  Our Price $15.00

**Belonging to God** - Rachel Heathfield
RRP $10.95  Our Price $8.00

**The Stick Stories** - Margie Brown
RRP $15.35  Our Price $10.75

**Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom** - Susan Winebrenner
RRP $60.50  Our Price $42.35
Date Claimers, Term 4

Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering
Monday, 18 October 2004
Further details Term Four Newsletter.

Area Masses
Sutherland/St George Area
Friday, 22 October
12 noon
St John Bosco’s Parish
50 Waratah St, Engadine

City Area
Friday, 29 October
12 noon
St Michael’s Parish
29 Banks Ave, Daceyville

Western Area
Friday, 5 November
12 Noon
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
30 Humphries Road, Bonnyrigg (Mt Pritchard)

Bankstown Area
Friday, 12 November
12 noon
St Declan’s Parish
92 Penshurst Street, Penshurst

Concord Area
Friday, 19 November
12 Noon
St Ambrose’s Parish
2 Burke Street, Concord

Advent/Christmas Workshop
at
St Mark’s Parish
Drummoyne
Friday, 22 October 2004
Further details Term Four Newsletter

Life Members Luncheon
Friday, 26 November 2004
Further details Term Four Newsletter