I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate Robert Milan who has been appointed to the position of Acting General Manager until 22 December 2006.

Robert, who is the Faith Education Officer for the Concord Region, brings a diversity of talents, skills and experiences to the position. Robert has tertiary qualifications in Psychology, Religious Education and Management and related career experience in each of these fields.

Since commencing with the CCD Robert has demonstrated a wonderful working relationship with the coordinators of his region and he has taken responsibility for a number of key initiatives, particularly in relation to the training and preparation of catechists and of expanding CCD’s involvement into schools with no history of SRE.

Robert has very sound leadership skills and this will greatly benefit CCD as an organisation. Robert has shown in a very short space of time the ability to harness the enthusiasm and energy of his catechists and he has been proactive in recruitment. I think that Robert will provide stability to CCD and the parish communities we serve.

I look forward to working closely with Robert in the weeks and months ahead, particularly in relation to the continued development of the Christ Our Light and Life curriculum series. My current work at the Catholic Education Office has provided me with innumerable insights into how we can continue to develop this already impressive curriculum series.

Sue was a key member of Sydney’s writing team that contributed to the development of the To Know, Worship and Love textbook series. Sue’s area of expertise is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play. Both pedagogical approaches underpin the Kindergarten – Year 2 curriculum. Sue was also largely instrumental in the development of the Big Book series and the concrete materials. Those attending the inservice opportunity found Sue’s presentation inspiring and they were keen to receive her advice in best practice for the teaching of young children.

CCD Sydney has invited Sue to address catechists at a number of venues across the metropolitan area during the remainder of the year. Catechists are reminded that the Big Books and concrete materials that Sue was involved in developing are available from Sydney Catholic Books and Resources. These books, which were published to supplement the Religious Education curriculum and the To Know, Worship and Love textbook series have proven to be an instant hit with catechists.

As previously mentioned in the Catechist Newsletter it is very important that catechists follow the CCD Noticeboard which appears in each edition of the Catholic Weekly. By doing this catechists will keep abreast of events and developments.

The major event of the CCD calendar in Term 3 is of course the Annual Mass, an opportunity to recognise the wonderful example of service given by our catechists at an Archdiocesan level and to acknowledge those who have completed various levels of accreditation, and in particular the Catechist Ministry Certificate. I am very pleased to say that in 2006 we will have the opportunity to publicly recognise catechists from the Maronite Catholic Church and Korean Catholic community who have been working to complete the various courses of study. Their contribution to our efforts in the public schools is greatly appreciated.
As with previous terms, Term 3 will be a very busy time for parish communities and all those involved in taking SRE into the local public schools. The first week of Term 3, 17-21 July, is a pre-anniversary of course for the World Youth Day events that will take place in Sydney and throughout Australia in 2008. So that we may fully prepare our students for this event CCD will be distributing a WYD08 Resource Kit to all catechists for use with students. Although this will be available from the WYD website I feel that it is better that this is supplied directly to you.

The character of the materials in the WYD08 Resource Kit is biblically, theologically and spiritually rich, and in keeping with the spirit and content of the World Youth Days, and the themes for the WYD 2006, 2007 and especially 2008. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8).

The resources draw heavily from Sacred Scripture, WYD letters, talks and homilies of John Paul II and Benedict XVI, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the lives of Saints, contemporary research on the effects of WYD, as well as the testimony of young WYD pilgrims. They have been written to help prepare the minds and hearts of the young people as potential WYD pilgrims and seek to draw them to the Heart of Christ who is at the heart of the Catholic Church, and to encourage them to live a Christian holiness, virtue and service. I hope that these resources will be used extensively by our catechists and are of invaluable benefit to the students that we teach.

Finally, in following the same theme, perhaps the greatest journey we can take is our pilgrimage to and with God. Recently I read the autobiography of St Augustine Confessions which describes his struggles to find God, struggles that many of us encounter throughout our lives, and I was struck by the following thought, a thought I leave you with to ponder.

You made me to find you; give me strength to seek you. My strength and weakness are in your hands: preserve my strength and help my weakness. Where you have opened the door, let me enter in; where it is shut, open to my knocking. Let me ever increase in remembering you, understanding you, loving you, until you restore me to your perfect pattern.

Yours In Christ

Anthony Cleary
Director

A Welcome from Robert Milan

It is with great honour and enthusiasm that I accept the role of Acting General Manager of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

In accepting this role I would extend words of appreciation to His Eminence George Cardinal Pell, Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney; to Dr. Michael Casey (Secretary to the Cardinal) and to Mr. Anthony Cleary (Director of Religious Education and Evangelisation, former Director of CCD) for entrusting me with this leadership role.

In the words of the Vicar of Christ, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, “I am a humble servant in the vineyard of the Lord”, I entrust my work as a humble servant of the Lord who guides us all through His Holy Spirit to ensure His work is fulfilled both on earth and in heaven. I will continue to serve His Eminence and those 2000 plus catechists, the 139 Parishes, Parish Priest and the families of students within the public school system across the Archdiocese of Sydney.

The Acting General Manager position brings with it tremendous responsibility in leading the team at the CCD. I thank the CCD team for their support and encourage them to continue to work for the love of the Church, the families of students in the public schools in which we represent. We must keep in mind and continue with the CCD’s Strategic Management Plan 2005-2007 ‘Duc in Altum’ and in ensuring that we see this plan towards its completion. It is imperative that we continue to foster an atmosphere that is consistent with our Charter, Mission, Pastoral Goals and commitment to the Four Catholic Foundations. Let us never loose sight of who we serve and represent in this important ministry.

One of my primary objectives is to continue the outstanding work that Mr. Anthony Cleary has established at the CCD. As the Acting General Manager I intend to maintain this standard and assist in seeing the curriculum to its finale. Further it is my intention to continue to promote the new curriculum across the Australian Dioceses and various ethnic communities.

Finally, I would like to extend a word of gratitude to the Parish Priests, Coordinators and Catechists of the Concord Area for their fantastic support over the past year and a half. I will continue in the capacity as Faith Education Officer for the Concord Area and I will be endeavoring to meet Parish Priests, Coordinators and their teams across the Bankstown, City, Sutherland and Western Regions.

As in the spirit of Blessed Mary Mackillop who’s Feast Day falls on the 8th of August, “Never see a need without doing something about it.” Let us take this spirit of humility, love and compassion in our work and life and truly serve those in need.

Mr. Robert Milan
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Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Catechist Newsletter Term Three 2006

Welcome to term 3. The world keeps moving and God continues to sustain us in ways unprecedented or more accurately in a way that we can not comprehend. The question we are faced with is how are we using the time and the graces that we are blessed to have and often take for granted?

Father Considine, S.J. quoted a French surgeon in an article that he wrote (1914-1920) advising that we should not be in a hurry precisely because “we have no time to lose.” This may appear to be a paradox, but it is difficult to spend our time well if we are in a rush.

Fr Considine, even 90 years ago, acknowledges the same issues we are challenged with. “How can we avoid hurrying when everyone is hurrying about us, how can we remain stationary in the full force of the current? And yet unless we hold ourselves in check, we shall be able to do little in the affairs either of this world or of the next.” The solution for such issues remains the same for us as it did Adam and Eve, our first parents because it is embedded in our nature. It is so necessary for us to find the time in the hustle and bustle of our day, even if we are distracted, to pray, to turn our hearts to God.

St Augustine says that because we are made for God, our hearts are restless until they rest in Him. Therefore no matter how many distractions we are faced with, we need to be aware and chose to have our heart fixed on God. Father Considine concluded that as long as we persist in prayer, “try once, try twice, try till you succeed and you will have found on earth the Key of Paradise.”

The Bankstown Area Mass was a beautiful occasion and many thanks must be extended to the parish priest of St Peter Chanel’s Berale Fr Graham Kings, coordinator Romaine Cheema and the catechists and helpers of the parish.

We have much to look forward to this term, including the Coordinators Meeting and the Annual Catechist Mass (check details on p.15). Please note that it is important for coordinators and catechists to plan who will be attending the Catechist Gathering this term because it is on Friday 13th October, the Friday before the commencement of Term 4.

Both the Intermediate and Advanced Accreditation Courses will be held this term. The Intermediate Accreditation Course will be held at the St Peter Chanel’s parish Berala on Fridays at 11:30am. The Advanced Accreditation Courses will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes parish Earlwood on Wednesdays at 10:30am and the Korean Catholic Church Silverwater on Saturdays at 10:00am (check the dates on p.15).

It has been a busy year so far, which is not a surprise to most. But I pray that Our Heavenly Mother Mary help us to be aware and respond to the graces of her spouse, the Holy Spirit.

Please do not hesitate to contact me individually or as a catechist group, especially if you need any guidance with the new curriculum Christ Our Light and Life.

Yours in Christ

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Fr John Doherty addressing Catechist questions at the Basic Accreditation Course Oatley

New Auburn catechist coordinators Antoinette and Eileen at a farewell morning tea for Josephine Davino held by parish priest Fr Raymond Farrell and the Auburn catechists.

Fr Graham Kings with Fr Peter Thanh Hai Ha, Fr Gary Rawson and Fr Ray Farrell at Bankstown Area Mass
Fellow catechists! Greetings and welcome to Term 3! Without hesitation I can claim that it was through your hard work and enthusiasm that we had a constructive, fulfilling and successful Term 2. For those who have completed accreditation courses to date, well done!!! I urge others to take up the option of further study and remind you that CCD offers a diversity of courses, and in many cases, we are happy to have courses tailor-made so that they meet the needs of specific groups. When we consider our personal and professional development it is important to avail ourselves of opportunities that are formative as well as informative, i.e. we must nurture ourselves spiritually as well as intellectually. It is not healthy if we only feed our minds, always seeking intellectual stimulation. It is vitally important to feed our souls, allowing ourselves to grow in faith and in intimacy with God.

Our role as catechists involves much more than merely passing information onto the children we teach, helping them to grow in knowledge. Rather, we journey with the children we teach, helping them to discover and know our loving God, bringing them to an awareness of God’s presence in their lives.

During the last term we were able to participate in a number of events that made us more aware of God’s presence in our lives. The successful Eucharistic procession held on 18 June by the Archdiocese of Sydney was one such example and a reminder of the vital importance of the Eucharist in our lives. To contemplate Christ involves being able to recognise him wherever he manifests himself, in his many forms of presence, but above all in the living sacrament of his body and his blood. The Church draws her life from Christ in the Eucharist; by him she is fed and by him she is enlightened (Ecclesia de Eucharistia).

Essentially, the Eucharist strengthens each of us as members of the Church community, the Body of Christ.

A further initiative during Term 2 was the promotion and distribution of Rosary beads and prayer sheets during the month of May. I extend a word of gratitude to the Marian coordinators and their catechists for the lessons taught on the Rosary and its faith formation role. A total of 3,700 Rosaries were distributed to the children of the City Area during the month of May.

An exciting initiative to mark the Feast of Blessed Mother Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) will be a pilgrimage to the Tomb at North Sydney. The pilgrimage will also incorporate a number of significant Catholic sites and a shared lunch with all participants.

When reflecting upon the life of Blessed Mother Mary of the Cross I marvel at her many virtues, virtues that were common to many of the great saints. But one of the most powerful and moving insights about saintly life comes from St Thérese of Lisieux, who remarked that “we find God in the ordinary moments of our lives. We must be content with doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.” In reflecting upon this I am struck with a sense of awe because I realise that I am, perhaps, in the midst of thousands of saints, our beloved catechists, people who have dedicated their lives to doing “ordinary things extraordinarily well”. Generally the catechists are unsung heroes who go about their work motivated by a love of service rather than through the search for reward. It is important to acknowledge those who have dedicated their time to this catechetical ministry, and the Annual Mass provides us with this opportunity.

During the last two terms I have met with many catechists to discuss what they consider to be some of the principle objectives of our work. Essentially it was felt that catechists should:

- promote a personal spiritual life in our pupils;
- provide a solid grounding in the truth of the Catholic faith;
- provide recognition and acceptance of moral norms;
- provide a sense of social responsibility;
- develop within students an awareness of the Gospel as the Word of God.

As we begin a new term, let us be mindful of the words of the late Holy Father John Paul II … “the church needs genuine witnesses for the new evangelisation: men and women whose lives have been transformed by meeting with Jesus, men and women who are capable of communicating this experience to others. The Church needs saints. All are called to holiness, and holy people alone can renew humanity”.

Our saints have, in their love for God, become models of life which the Church has exemplified for imitation by everyone. For each of these saints the Eucharist has been the source of light and strength.

May our eyes continue to be opened, like those of the saints, to the presence of Jesus Christ in the children we teach and may we reflect on the words “one loving heart sets another on fire” St. Augustine.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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We turn our attention to term 3 with the year moving at a brisk pace as our days become busier. Your determination and commitment continues to thrive and your positive attitudes towards your work is what keeps this ministry alive.

This positive attitude is reflected and passed on through our Lord Jesus Christ whilst He was on this earth, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness. And all these things shall be added unto you.” Our hearts, minds, souls and bodies turn to the Lord and the expression of love we have for our neighbour as ourselves is an expression and reflection of our work. Jesus refuses us nothing when we make Him the centre of our life and this was the theme of our Area Mass this year.

I would extend a warm word of appreciation to Monsignor Vince Redden, Mrs. Rosanna Harris (Coordinator of Drummoyne) and her catechist team for organising a wonderful celebration. To all those who attended including our dedicated Parish Priests a warm thank you. The Area Mass featured the angelic voices of the St Marks’ Drummoyne Primary School choir and they were delightful. I was also happy to see some new faces at the Mass. I would like to extend an invitation to any parish to host the 2007 Area Mass to email me their expression of interest on robert@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au and so to book a date that is suitable to all concerned.

Term 2 also saw the launch of the Rosary during the month of May within the City Area. This initiative from Mr. John Mannah (FEO – City Area) will make its way across all the areas over the next few years. Further John has organised through Harvest Pilgrimages a day tour of the tomb of Blessed Mary Mackillop in honour of her feast day on the 8 August. The tour will pickup catechists from Central station and proceed via buses through the City of Sydney visiting places including St Mary’s Cathedral; Church Hill and various other sights on-route to Blessed Mary Mackillop’s tomb. (see current issue of Newsletter for further details). I look forward to being part of this exciting pilgrimage.

The Concord Area commences term 3 with a Coordinators Meeting on 17 July 2006 at the Polding Centre from 10am – 12pm. Last attendance was great and I am hoping that we can achieve a full representation of our area at this coming meeting. Term 3 also sees the Annual Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 17 September 2006, at 2pm. Those who are receiving acknowledgements for their catechetical ministry a sincere congratulations and may your work continue to inspire others.

In terms of Courses for the Concord Area I will be running courses in Basic, Intermediate and Advanced at three separate locations. The Basic course will be held at a new venue the Parish of Meadowbank, commencing on Friday 21 July from 9:30-12:30pm and continue for 8 weeks. An Intermediate Course will be held at St Mary’s Concord, commencing on Monday 24 July from 10am-1pm and continuing for 8 weeks. Finally an Advanced Course will commence at St Joseph’s Maronite Catholic Church on Wednesday 19 July from 9:30am-1:30pm and will continue for 6 weeks. The feedback on all courses has been exceptional and I hope many will continue to enhance their skills in this ministry.

I will be on annual leave between the 14 August till 20 August and I wish you all an exciting and fulfilling term 3 and I look forward to seeing most of you at your parishes on Sunday’s or Saturday evening Masses.

The peace of Christ be with us all!

Dates to Remember:

Concord Area Coordinators Meeting is on Monday 17 July at Polding Centre 10–12pm

Term 3, 2006 Accreditation Courses:

Basic Accreditation Course running on Friday 21, 28 July, 4, 11, 25 Aug and 1, 8, 15 Sept at St Michael’s Parish, 45 Maxim Street West Ryde from 10am-1pm

Intermediate Accreditation Course running on Monday 24, 31 July, 7, 21, 28 Aug and 4, 11, 18 Sept at St Mary’s Parish, 56 Burton Street Concord from 9:30am-12:30pm

Advanced Accreditation Course running on Wednesday 19, 26 July and 2, 9, 23, 30 Aug at St Joseph’s Maronite Parish, 7 Acton Street Croydon from 9:30am-1:30pm

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The Area Mass is always a time for celebration and sharing and this year was no exception. Thank you to Tina and the ‘cooks’ for hot soup on a cold day, and to Margaret and the Hurstville catechists for overall organisation, and to the catechists and priests who attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Term 3 can sometimes seem the longest term. The students often seem more restless and the end of the year seems a long way off. All those exciting Easter stories culminating in the Pentecost event have been told, sung, dramatised and we are up to ordinary time. If you have been setting a prayer space as a focus for your lessons the students will have noticed the cloth colour change from purple – our preparing colour to white - our celebrating colour to green - our growing colour. The lessons in our Curriculum for this term focus on how we as Church, the People of God, grow in our love for God and others. They are designed to help our students grow the values of Jesus by firstly, looking at how others have done this, and then secondly exploring how these values can be applied in their life.

Hopefully by now you are trying some of the following resources. These could be used to enhance lessons in Stage 1 (K) and Stage 2 (Yr 3).

Br Julian’s pictures and puppets – you have to do the colouring. These puppets will last much longer if they are laminated.

3D materials – these make great biblical ‘dolls’.

Some dates for diaries this term.

- Our Area Coordinators Meeting will be held at Miranda CCD Centre on Friday 28 July, 10am – 1pm.
- All catechists are encouraged to attend the Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary’ Cathedral on Sunday 17 September at 2pm.
- This term the Basic Accreditation Course will be held on Mondays at Miranda CCD office starting on July 24. Please feel free do this as a refreshers course if you have the time available.

At least half the parishes in the Sutherland - St George Area have purchased KWL Big Books for their catechist group. Make sure you contact your coordinator for borrowing details. I also have a set at Miranda that can be borrowed by catechists – those doing an Accreditation Course get first preference. The following table matches the Big Books to the lessons in Christ Our Light and Life stage 1 (K) and stage 2 (Yr 3) and stage 3 (Yr 5).

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Early in Term 2 we recalled the important and inspiring work of the catechist ministry at a Mass and luncheon held at St John the Baptist Parish, Bonnyrigg. It was wonderful to see approximately one hundred catechists attending and I enjoyed meeting so many of you. Fr Michael McLean, the main celebrant of the Mass, spoke about his education as a former public school student. Fr Michael gave witness to the influence that the catechists that taught him had on his life, and through the example of his vocation as a priest. This testimony reassured us of the powerful influence we can have as we spread the Good News in the public school system.

The attendance at the accreditation courses has been encouraging, and I’d like to thank all the catechists who have been faithfully attending the Basic and Intermediate courses this year; you have been an inspiration to my faith and a joy to teach. So far this year there has been 30 catechists who have completed the Basic accreditation, and 15 who have attended the Intermediate. Many of these catechists commented on how much they learned from the courses, and how useful the booklets were to them, since they could consolidate what they have learned at home and use the booklets as a valuable resource.

This term, there will be an Advanced Accreditation Course held at the Good Shepherd Parish Hoxton Park, from 11am - 2pm every week, starting Monday 17 July through to Monday 4 September. This course will cover a range of topics such as Church History, the Catholic Church in Australia, Vatican II, the Liturgical Year, Christian Ethics and the Human Person. Any Catechist who has completed the Intermediate Course is welcome to attend.

Also in Term 3, I will be running an Intermediate Accreditation Course, held at the Good Shepherd Parish, Hoxton Park, from 11am - 2pm every week, starting Tuesday 18 July, through to Tuesday 5 September. Any Catechist who has completed the Basic Accreditation is welcome to attend. If there is any catechist who has not yet attended the Basic Course and would like to complete it this year, please contact me by telephone on (02) 9724 9024 (CCD Fairfield Office). If there are enough applicants, I will be happy to run a Basic Course in Term 3 also.

In May, my wife Bianca and I held two retreat days for catechists. These retreats were designed to give you the catechist an opportunity to pray and be spiritually nourished. It was great to see the retreat days well attended, and it showed the thirst people have just to take time out, just as our Lord did to pray with his heavenly Father. The days themselves consisted of Mass, a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, two reflection talks, and a shared lunch. I certainly look forward to being involved with such days as this in the future.

At the conclusion of the Area Mass, I spoke about the importance of having catechists promote and teach SRE within the high school. It’s important because we need to ensure that the Catholic public high school students have the opportunity to be formed and have full participation in World Youth Day in 2008. I feel that now is the most crucial time for us to be thinking about this and planning as 2007 is just around the corner. I would like to encourage all catechist coordinators to make this issue a point on the agenda at their next catechist meetings. Please don’t hesitate to approach me with your ideas, I would be more than willing to get involved with this great cause.

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Jesus .......  ●  ●  ●  ●  ●  ●  ●  ●

I felt really hurt, depressed and angry. All of the people around me are sure we’re feeling the same way. The weather was cloudy and dark especially when Jesus was hanging from the cross lighting up and thunder appeared. I could smell the blood and sweat from Jesus. And sweat from everybody else. This day was an exhausting day and

I could sense from when I woke up that this day was going to be a horrible and sad
day. I really couldn’t hold myself back while seeing all this stuff happen to our Lord Jesus. I just wanted to jump at and punch the cruel guys who were given this poor man Jesus the harshest way to die. I wanted to see Jesus but I knew he was doing it for us.

By Chloe

Original work from Year 8 Student
Endeavour High school
You are invited to attend the Annual Catechist Mass on Sunday 17 September commencing at 2.00pm in St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney.

The Annual Catechist Mass, which is the major event of the CCD calendar, is an opportunity to publicly recognise catechists for their outstanding dedication and contribution to the apostolate of religious education to Catholic students in public schools.

ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS
ST MARY’S CATHEDRAL SYDNEY
SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2006
SERVICE COMMENCES AT 2.00PM
### 2006 Award Recipients

**Apostolic Blessings**

- Ada Bauso
- Shirley Therese Bond
- Anne Therese Brownlow
- John Camilleri
- Jill Elsie Carey
- Rosemary Elizabeth Clark
- Giulia Cross
- Maureen Horne
- Mary Bernice Long
- Moira Louise Rowe
- Mary Victoria Scicluna
- Marie Stanislaus
- Halina Vanolini
- Gina Wilson
- Yvonne Yook O.A.M

**Cardinal Freeman Medal**

- Michela Augimeri
- Mary Bowler
- Joe Castle
- Kathleen Cattanach
- Shirley Caves
- Catherine Coiera
- Fortunata Corbo
- Lorraine Mary Corkeron
- Beryl Dinos
- Joyce Ebb
- Mary Hudson
- Moyra Jacombs
- Kathleen Latham
- Tina Lenzo
- Gemile Mellick
- Tony Morrissey
- Ruth Madeline O’Neill
- Christine Riley
- Margaret Shannon

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**Hope to see you there!**
This resource page is from Lesson 25 Jesus’ Life is in the New Testament from the Year 6 program but can be used with other classes.
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

1. A gift brought to the baby Jesus.
2D. Jesus’ most beloved disciple.
2A. The disciple who betrayed Jesus.
3. Jesus calmed the ____________. (A miracle)
4. The number of Apostles.
5. Jesus spent forty days and forty nights in the ________
   ______.
6. Jesus was _________ year old when Mary and Joseph
   found him in the temple
7. Jesus’ first miracle was at a ____________.
8. After his resurrection Jesus walked with two men on the
   Road to _________.
9. Jesus is the _________ of God.
10. Jesus taught his disciples to pray to the _________.
11. At the Last Supper Jesus washed the ______ of his
    disciples.
12. The town where Jesus was born.
13. Jesus’ mother.
14. The time Jesus rose into heaven is called the
    ____________.
15. Jesus spent most of his life in the town of _________.
16. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey the crowds
   shouted ______________.
17. Jesus died on ______ ________.
18. Jesus raised ______ from the dead.
20. The stories that Jesus told.
21. Jesus’ life is recorded in the four _________.
22. Jesus is our ____________.
23. Jesus told us to Love God and ________________.
24. They journeyed from the East to see the baby Jesus.
25. Jesus’ disciples called him _____________.
26. Jesus healed Bartimaeus who was ____________.
27. Jesus died on the _________.
28. We call Jesus the _______ _________.
29. At the Sermon of the Mount Jesus preached the
   _____________.
30. On Holy Thursday we remember the ________
    ________.
31. The doubting disciple.
32. Jesus preached a message of ________________.
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**Concord Area**
St Michael's Parish, 45 Maxim Street, West Ryde  
*Fridays:* 10am-1pm  
July 21, 28, Aug 4, 11, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15

**Sutherland– St George Area**
CCD Miranda, 50 Kiorda Road, Miranda  
*Mondays:* 10am-1pm  
July 24, 31, Aug 14, 21, 28, Sep 4, 11, 18

Intermediate Accreditation Program  
Term Three

**Bankstown Area**
St Peter Chanel’s Parish, 60 Kingsland Road, Beralta  
*Fridays:* 11.30am  
Aug 4, 18, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15, 22

**City Area**
St Brigid’s Parish Coogee, 135 Brooke Street Coogee  
*Wednesdays:* 1pm-4pm  
Sep 6, 13, 20, 27

**Concord Area**
St Mary’s Parish 56 Burton Street Concord  
*Mondays:* 9.30am-12.30pm  
Jul 24, 31, Aug 7, 21, 28, Sep 4, 11, 18

**Western Area**
The Good Shepherd Parish  
21 Twentieth Avenue, Hoxton Park  
*Tuesdays:* 11am-2pm  
July 18, 25, Aug 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sep 5

Advanced Accreditation Program  
Term Three

**Western Area**
The Good Shepherd Parish  
21 Twentieth Avenue, Hoxton Park  
Mondays: 11am-2pm  
July 17, 24, 31, Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, Sep 4

**Bankstown Area**
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 280 Homer Street, Earlwood  
*Wednesdays:* 10.30am  
Aug 2, 16, 23, 30, Sep 6, 13, 20, 27

**Korean Catholic Church**
26 Carnarvon Street, Silverwater  
* Saturdays:* 10.00am  
Jul 22, 29, Aug 5, 12, 19, 26, Sep 2, 9

**Concord Area**
St Joseph’s Maronite Parish, 7 Acton Street, Croydon  
*Wednesdays:* 9.30am-1.30pm  
Jul 19, 26, Aug 2, 9, 23, 30

**City Area**
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney  
*Fridays:* 10am-1pm  
Aug 4, 11, 18, 25, Sep 1, 8, 15

**Annual Catechist Mass**

**Sunday 17 September**
St Mary’s Cathedral  
2pm

**Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering**

**Friday 13 October**
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club  
24 John Street, Lidcombe  
10.30am - 1.00pm

**Life Members Mass and Luncheon**

**Friday 24 November**
10.30am - Mass at St Joachim’s  
12 noon - Luncheon at Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club  

**Parish Catechist Coordinators Meetings**

**Bankstown Area**
**Monday 24 July**  
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street  
10am-1pm

**City Area**
**Friday 21 July**  
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street  
10am-1pm

**Concord Area**
**Monday 17 July**  
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street  
10am-12pm

**Sutherland/ St George Area**
**Friday 28 July**  
CCD Miranda, 50 Kiorda Road, Miranda  
10am-1pm

**Western Area**
**Monday 31 July**  
St Gertrude’s Parish House,  
6 Justin Street, Smithfield  
10am-1pm
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Sydney
Feast of Blessed Mother Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Pilgrimage Day
Monday, 7th August 2006

The CCD is pleased to offer Catechists the opportunity to celebrate with the Feast of Blessed Mother Mary of the Cross. There will be two meeting points for the tour: Eddy Ave. Central Station at 8.30am and forecourt of St. Mary’s Cathedral at 10.15am.

Details for our tour

FIRST MEETING POINT

8.30am  Meet at Central Railway Station, Eddy Ave.
Please look for the Harvest Pilgrimage staff and coaches.

9.00am  Arrive at St. Johns Chapel, Sydney University to celebrate Mass. If time allows we will enjoy a brief discussion of the history of the Chapel.

10.00am  Depart St Johns Chapel, Sydney University for tour to St Mary’s Cathedral.

SECOND MEETING POINT

10.30am  On arrival at St Mary’s Cathedral, enjoy morning tea and a 90 minute tour of St Mary’s Cathedral, including tour of the crypt.

Note: For Catechists joining the tour at St Mary’s Cathedral, please look for Harvest Pilgrimage staff in the forecourt.

12.00pm  Depart Sydney for tour to Manly.

12.45pm  Arrive at St Patrick’s Manly for lunch and tour of grounds and Chapel.

2.00pm  Depart Manly for tour to North Sydney.

2.30pm  Enjoy a 90 minute tour of Mary MacKillop Place Museum.

4.00pm  After we tour at Mary MacKillop Place Museum, pilgrims can make their own way home from North Sydney or return by coach for drop-off at Eddy Ave. Central Station.

The CCD are happy to subsidise part of the tour, reducing the cost for pilgrims:

Cost:  $40.00 per person INCLUDING LUNCH

For all bookings please contact David Mayor or John Mannah on 9390 5122. Payment for the tour can be made by personal cheque or money order, payable to Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Sydney or by cash at our office. PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON DAY OF TOUR.

Numbers on this tour are limited and other dates maybe available depending on demand. Bookings for this tour will close at 4pm on Tuesday, 1st August 2006.
What follows here is a listing of the Lessons for Years 1, 4 and 6 of the upcoming Christ Our Light and Life Curriculum.

**Year 1 Lesson Overview:**

- Lesson 1: God's Gift Of Creation
- Lesson 2: God's Day Of Rest
- Lesson 3: Caring For Creation
- Lesson 4: From Ashes To New Life
- Lesson 5: Lent, A Time To Grow And Love
- Lesson 6: Jesus Loves Us
- Lesson 7: Palm Sunday
- Lesson 8: From Death To New Life
- Lesson 9: Great News
- Lesson 10: Stranger On The Journey
- Lesson 11: Jesus Returns To Heaven
- Lesson 12: The Holy Spirit Comes
- Lesson 13: Changed By The Spirit
- Lesson 14: Baptised In God's Name
- Lesson 15: You Are Welcome
- Lesson 16: Sunday, Our Special Day
- Lesson 17: Together At Mass
- Lesson 18: God's Special Book
- Lesson 19: Joseph's Coloured Coat
- Lesson 20: Joseph And His Brothers
- Lesson 21: Baby Moses
- Lesson 22: Moses And The Burning Bush
- Lesson 23: Jesus' Story Is In The Bible
- Lesson 24: Somebody's Missing
- Lesson 25: Jesus The Storyteller
- Lesson 26: The Man Who Said "Thank You"
- Lesson 27: How Often Should We Forgive?
- Lesson 28: Good Choices/Bad Choices
- Lesson 29: A Special Time Called Advent
- Lesson 30: A Special Mother Called Mary
- Lesson 31: Mary's Boy Child
- Lesson 32: Flight Into Egypt
- Lesson 33: Lifetimes
- Lesson 34: Buried Treasure
- Lesson 35: The Seed That Grew And Grew

**Year 6 Lesson Overview:**

- Lesson 1: God Is Present In Our World
- Lesson 2: God Is Revealed Through The Bible
- Lesson 3: God Gives Us The Freedom To Choose
- Lesson 4: Our Conscience
- Lesson 5: Lent – Choices Of The Heart
- Lesson 6: Lent – A Time For Sacrifice
- Lesson 7: Take Up Your Cross
- Lesson 8: Why Do You Weep?
- Lesson 9: Hope In The Risen Lord
- Lesson 10: Life Everlasting
- Lesson 11: People Of Pentecost
- Lesson 12: Missionary Men
- Lesson 13: The Early Church
- Lesson 14: One, Holy, Catholic And Apostolic
- Lesson 15: The People Of God
- Lesson 16: We Belong
- Lesson 17: We Gather To Worship
- Lesson 18: Sent Forth
- Lesson 19: Called To Be Christian
- Lesson 20: Called To Be Prophets
- Lesson 21: Act Justly
- Lesson 22: Sermon On The Mount
- Lesson 23: Blessed Are You
- Lesson 24: People Of Beatitudes
- Lesson 25: Jesus' Life Is In The New Testament
- Lesson 26: The Word Of God
- Lesson 28: Mary, A Woman For All Times
- Lesson 29: The Announcement
- Lesson 30: Advent, The Things We Do
- Lesson 31: Rejoice, A Saviour Is Born
- Lesson 32: Christmas, A Time To Remember
- Lesson 33: Marriage, A Covenant Of Love
- Lesson 34: Jesus Healed The Afflicted
- Lesson 35: God's Healing Love

**Year 4 Lesson Overview:**

- Lesson 1: And It Was Good
- Lesson 2: Appreciating God's Gift Of Creation
- Lesson 3: We Are God's Work Of Art
- Lesson 4: Growing In Friendship With God
- Lesson 5: Closer To God, Closer To Others
- Lesson 6: Forty Days, Forty Nights
- Lesson 7: Stations Of The Cross
- Lesson 8: The Empty Tomb
- Lesson 9: The First Easter Sunday
- Lesson 10: The Great Commissioning
God’s Trailblazers—Great Figures in the Early Church. Cardinal Edward Clancy

Reviewed by Christian Moe FSC

An attractive presentation in the form of what the writer calls “cameos—reflections” of the great figures of the Patristic Age, ranging from St Anthony of the Desert to St Augustine, with a supplementary section on the more significant Popes and Emperors of the times.

In the Introduction, Cardinal Clancy explains his object in writing, which is “to focus on the personalities of the individual Fathers who were the makers of fourth century Church History” (p10). Similar ideas are recalled in the Conclusion. (It is encouraging to find such admission that it is people who make history, who are responsible for the trends and ideas of the age: there is no validity in the concept of historical determinism…)

These “cameos of God’s trailblazers” are not hagiographical in the pejorative sense of the word, these saints—and saints they were—are shown as being involved and almost necessarily somewhat tarnished or compromised by the struggles in which they had no choice but to participate. This sometimes over-idealised age of the Church had its full share of internal rivalries and the clash of personal agendas. Nor is the absolute orthodoxy of the Fathers—by the standards and judgements of subsequent times—entirely beyond question; thus some of them seem to have moved from semi-Arianism to the full Nicean faith; others opted for what is now judged to have been the wrong choice in some of the schisms of the time.

“Saints” of this Patristic era seem sometimes to have won their place in the category of saints by their contribution to the life and thought of the Church rather then by passing the strict tests of heroic virtue now requisite for canonisation. Thus it is conceded that St Jerome was a man whose gift for invective won him his full share of ill-will, St Germanus of Auxerre, as a bugbear of the Church, St Augustine of Hippo as too often an evil, such material is unintelligible, and therefore ignored, by the present population which does not even recognise abortion as a problem, let alone an evil.

However, it is made clear that the purpose of the booklet is not to solve the problem of abortion, but to awaken people to the fact that contraception is more able than chastity to prevent abortion—which it is not. The abortion rate will remain high as long as contraception is considered more able than chastity to prevent abortion. For, as the booklet suggests ‘working at preventative strategies’, without suggesting what those strategies should be. This gives no reader a reason to reject contraception in favour of chastity, and not as long as contraception is considered more able than chastity to prevent abortion—which it is not—the abortion rate will remain high.

One can certainly foresee some pro-lifers taking issue with the absence of explicitly pro-life solutions to the abortion problem. For example, the booklet suggests ‘working at preventative strategies’ without suggesting what those strategies should be. This gives no reader reason to reject contraception in favour of chastity, yet for as long as contraception is considered more able than chastity to prevent abortion—which it is not—the abortion rate will remain high.

However, it is made clear that the purpose of the booklet is not to solve the problem of abortion, but to awaken people to the fact that abortion is actually a problem which needs to be solved. Much pro-life literature reveals that chastity education, the elimination of contraception, and so forth, will remove the evil of abortion. But for a population which does not even recognise abortion as a problem, let alone an evil, such material is unintelligible, and therefore ignored, and therefore useless as an agent for change.

Abortion in Australia in the 21st Century is highly recommended for its ready listener, thorough research, and for providing exactly what it says it will provide, while not attempting to achieve more than a single booklet can. It will not turn every reader into a pro-life activist; it may, however, be the first pro-life document in a long time which is capable of showing those outside our circles that the pro-life movement actually has something to say.

Lucy has an extensive career background in the book industry and has contributed a number of reviews to various publications.

For Abortion in Australia in the 21st Century and more contact Eleanor Emmerson or Nella Ruello on 9390 5130 or 1300 365 130.
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**Mary, Humble Servant**

Mary, humble servant of God Most High, the Son to whom you gave birth has made you the servant of humanity. Your life was a humble and generous service. You were servant of the Word when the angel announced to you the divine plan of salvation.

You were servant of the Son, giving him life and remaining open to his mystery. You were servant of Redemption, standing courageously at the foot of the Cross, close to the Suffering Servant and Lamb who was sacrificing himself for love of us. You were servant of the Church on the day of Pentecost, and with your intercession you continue to bring the Church to life in every believer, even in these our difficult and troubled times.

Let the young people of the third millennium look to you, young daughter of Israel, who have known the agitation of a young heart when faced with the plan of the Eternal God. Make them able to accept the invitation of your Son to give their lives wholly for the glory of God. Make them understand that to serve God satisfies the heart, and that only in the service of God and of his Kingdom do we become fully alive in accordance with the divine plan, and life becomes a hymn of glory to the Most Holy Trinity.

*Amen.*

**The Family**

Lord God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. Father, you are Love and Life. Through the Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all the families in the world. Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the sacramental grace of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials though which our families sometimes pass. Through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family.

Through Christ our Lord, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life for ever and ever.

*Amen*

**For Youth**

Lord Jesus Christ, keep young people in your love. Help them to listen to your voice and believe what You say, for you alone have the words of eternal life. Teach them how to profess their faith, how to give their love, how to communicate their hope to others.

Make them credible witnesses to your Gospel in a world that has so much need of your saving grace. Make them the new people of Beatitudes, so that they may be the salt of the earth and the light of the world at the beginning of the third Christian millennium.

Mary, Mother of the Church, protect and guide these young men and these young women of the twenty-first century. Hold them close to your maternal heart.

*Amen*

**Do Not Be Afraid**

Jesus, beloved Son of the Father, we praise You for the Love that your Sacred Heart reveals to us. Pierced for us, it has become a Fountain of joy and Source of eternal life. Jesus, the invocation of your Name calms us and keeps us in Hope. You-Love, unloved Love-Lord Jesus, we believe in You, we praise You and we love You.

The power of your Love surpasses all knowledge, and You can give us infinitely more than we can ask.

We pray to You for children and youth: may they advance in life under the guidance of Faith and Hope. May they open their hearts to the call of the “Master of the Harvest.”

We pray to You for families that are united and for all those families in difficulty. We entrust our sick to your Heart, full of tenderness, and entrust to your mercy all those who stay far from You.

Heart of Jesus, You who through your Cross have vanquished all divisions, grant peace to our world and renew in our hearts the desire to respond faithfully to the overflowing richness of your merciful Love that never ceases to tell us, “Do not be afraid!”