FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The first three months of 2008 have come and gone and so much has happened. Welcome to another term! I am inspired by the lives of two dedicated and great examples of the catechetical apostolate as well as sadly moved by their passing. The Catechist-Coordinator of the Parish of Cronulla, John Russell’s death comes to all of us as a shock, as his passing was untimely. Another of our cornerstones who passed into eternal life was Beverley Hickey, a 40 year catechist and 20 year Coordinator of the Liverpool Parish. They both will be missed and we pray that they enter into eternal life with Jesus, Mary, Joseph and all the saints in whom they sought intercession, during their time as catechists.

I am confident that all catechists in the Wollongong, Parramatta and Sydney dioceses have welcomed with enthusiasm the new look Christ Our Light and Life curriculum. The feedback has been tremendous and the changes are an example of the commitment the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has to continue to enhance the look of the curriculum and to listen with vigilance to the requests made by our ‘front-line’ catechists. The CCD encourages all catechists to provide feedback on lessons taught throughout 2008 and will issue an evaluation form towards the end of 2008.

During the month of February, I was impressed by the number of coordinators who attended the Coordinator Meetings and I was inspired by their contributions. The number of coordinators attending these meetings were up on previous meetings and this is encouraging. Also the February Orientation and Catechist Sunday initiatives presented the CCD with an increase in the number of new catechists expressing an interest in signing up and in joining our growing catechist team. The 2007 figures show an increase in catechists across all areas with student numbers also on the increase. With the pressures of increasing interest rates, rising petrol prices and a general increase in the cost of living, it is no wonder Catholic families are opting to enroll their children in the public school system. This makes our role in bringing a sound Catholic education even more relevant and vital to the understanding, growth and education in the Catholic faith. Our current numbers of Catholic students attending the public school system within the Archdiocese of Sydney is around 44% and showing signs of increase.

The announcement and approval by the Archdiocese of Sydney Chancery to sponsor students attending public high schools, to participate in World Youth Day 2008 is a timely initiative. I would like to send a special word of appreciation to Anthony Cleary, Director of Religious Education and Evangelisation, CEO and former Director of the CCD, who was instrumental in getting this sponsorship. The CCD as a result has allocated 5% of its overall Charitable Works Fund budget and foregone a number of projects to ensure public school students are able to attend. The CCD encourages all public school students wishing to attend World Youth Day to complete their sponsorship forms as soon as possible as there are limited spaces and time is running out.

Our World Youth Day 2008 project commenced last year with phase one initiative being the educating and raising of awareness of World Youth Day to some 4000 plus students across 100 public schools. Steered by Teresa Culjak, Faith Education Officer, Western Area and the CCD WYD Committee, the CCD is now in its second phase in encouraging registration which has been boosted by the sponsorship initiative. The CCD’s mission is to ensure that World Youth Day is a spiritual pilgrimage and a life time experience for public school students just as much as it is for CEO students. What better way to begin this experience than with the events of Holy Thursday 20 March 2008!

I was deeply moved when Daisy Kokkalis, Principal of Ashfield Boys High School, along with Deputy Gary Latty and staff, opened their doors to welcoming the Cross and Icon. This in itself was a momentous occasion for the Catholic Church in Sydney and has been by far the highlight of the first part of 2008. [For a full report please see this edition under World Youth Day Update.]

With Ruth Fernandes now employed on a casual basis, I have assumed the additional responsibility of Faith Education Officer for the Concord Area and I look forward to once again catching up with many Coordinators and Catechists at the Area Mass, as well as through my road journeys from May onwards. I would like to wish you all the best in Term Two. The Year Two curriculum will be circulated to all catechists teaching Year Two across the Sydney, Parramatta and Wollongong Dioceses in week one of the term. I once again sincerely apologise for the constant delay and
along with the CCD staff and the Catholic Books and Resource staff thank you for your patience during this difficult period. I can assure you that come 2009 all books will be on schedule with no delays expected.

Recently, I attended a Leadership workshop and I would like to leave you with a thought. The only moment we have control over in our lives no matter what it is – spiritual and material – is the moment of the present or now. The now is the edge of the future and what we leave in the past we cannot change, but what we can influence is the now, for the future will depend on the now. The now is the decisions we make out of our free choice and the foundations we set that will direct the outcome of the future. One of the greatest visionaries and influences of the now in her life, the people around her, the people whom she came in contact with and the entire world, was Blessed Mother Teresa. Her vision and determination was contagious and reached an epidemic of positives in influencing the communities of India and the world. Her legacy lives on. Set yourself goals, be confident and do not be afraid for tomorrow depends on the now and so when we move forward with our goals so too does providence.

Always take Blessed Mother Teresa as an example of how providence moved with her, and so did many who wanted to be part of her vision and goals. Continue to bring the Kingdom of God with positive attitudes and help children to be part of a faith that is filled with love, nourishment and truth, especially during this exciting first ever World Youth Day in Sydney. The Catholic Church in Australia has a tremendous opportunity to rejuvenate itself and I encourage all catechists, children and their families of the public schools to be involved in World Youth Day 2008. If you haven’t already done so, DO IT NOW! Register for World Youth Day 2008 NOW for a lifetime experience probably never to be repeated in this beautiful country of ours.

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Dear Catechists

The Lord is risen! Happy Easter to all of you and to your loved ones. As the feast of Pentecost approaches, we are reminded of the sanctifying power of the Spirit. “Through the Holy Spirit we are restored to paradise, led back to the Kingdom of heaven… given confidence to call God "Father"…to share in Christ’s grace…[and]…in eternal glory.” (St. Basil)

The Holy Spirit was sent to remain with the Church forever. What graces the Father pours into His Church! It is a wonder we feel afraid at times, afraid to respond to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, afraid to open our hearts to these graces, afraid to be all we can be as instruments of the Father. As we reflect on the feast of Pentecost, let us recall the theme of WYD2008, “…you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses…” (Acts 1: 8) This quote challenges us to question whether we are in fact open to receiving the Holy Spirit and to allowing Him to guide our actions. Let us not rely solely on our own abilities but let us turn to the Helper, the Advocate, the one who dwells in us.

On the day of Pentecost the Divine Spirit communicated such an abundance of life to the whole Church that to symbolise it "there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they (the Apostles) were sitting." (Dom Columba Marmion)

The violent wind that springs from within bringing with it an ‘abundance of life’, the kind that leads us to Christ in His Church and in His people. How often it takes us by surprise and carries us away with it; during Scripture class, after communion, during a Holy Hour, in all that we suffer, all that we give and in all that we receive.

On April 4, during the Curriculum Inservice, we saw two inspiring guests witness to Christ by teaching others the power that Scripture can play in a child’s life and how to maximize it’s impact.

An ‘abundance of life’ was projected from the speakers themselves and from the manner in which they retold the stories in Scripture. Brother Julian captivated around 50 catechists with his energy, commitment and motivation as he demonstrated the use of his resources by involving them all either by participating in small reenactments or by responding as a crowd.

Sue Moffat had them fascinated with the research she presented that supported the concept behind the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Godly Play. As she demonstrated telling the stories in these ways, with the use of concrete materials and scripts, catechists were both surprised and impressed at how engaging the method is and were eager to use the scripts and make the materials. To access these resources via the internet, go to: http://www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au, click on: RE Online, Religious Education, Primary, the Year and then the Unit you wish to use.

Finally, please see pages 16 to 18 for all details of upcoming events and courses.

Hope to see you at the upcoming Catechist Gathering on April 28.

God bless.

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Dear Catechists,

I commend all who have attended the various courses and events in Term One. I would also like to thank those who have taken on extra classes at short notice due to unexpected retirements and shortages in various areas.

A lot is happening across the diocese and I will strive to keep people in touch with events that may be of interest. We are now in the real countdown to WYD with less than ninety days to go! Very shortly you will be receiving materials regarding the Eucharistic Procession on May 25. A flyer and lesson ideas will be distributed to promote this event. It is an event that all can attend and it will be an excellent way to prepare for WYD.

Below are a few helpful points that were made by Fr Peter Joseph and Selina Hasham at a recent seminar on Evangelisation, held at Lidcombe.

- To evangelise is to proclaim Christ by both word and actions.
- Prudence is the queen of all the virtues. Sincerity is never enough. If you need to prepare a meal for a crowd and can not cook yourself you do not hire a person because they are an honest, kind, generous, loyal friend – you employ a good cook.
- People have a right to hear the Good News and the Church can not be impeded in her role to proclaim it.
- We need to teach religion as true, not just as an interesting thought or ‘one approach among many of equal value’, which is an error often made these days.
- Religion encompasses the whole person.
- The truth must be taught in a worthy manner with no arrogance, lies etc. When a Jehovah Witness knocks and says “I once was Catholic”, ask them what school they went to. If you detect they are lying remember who is the prince of lies. We as Catholics need to be careful not to do the same.
- Evangelisation enriches the evangeliser. The Holy Spirit is the principle protagonist. Humans naturally share what is most valued. We pass on to others in freedom what we have received freely.
- People will not listen unless they know we love them.
- The witness of holiness is necessary, but explanation is also required. No one is born knowing everything. We all need to be taught.
- No coercion is ever needed. The Church exists in order to evangelise.

Selina Hasham from the WYD office then spoke on the theme for WYD in light of the Vatican Note on Evangelisation. Acts 1:8 “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes...” This power is not something to be grasped. Unlike the scramble for power we witness everyday in society, the workplace, in relationships etc, this power is a gift given to us. We have to be open to receive it. It is a power that will help us order our lives correctly.

“And you will be my disciples..” Selina then discussed the idea of “presence”. God’s presence in us allows us to be living tabernacles – taking Christ to the world in a very real way. When we are unable to speak openly about religion to friends or family members who have closed their hearts and minds, we carry Jesus, who we have received in the Eucharist, to these people.

Cardinal Ratzinger wrote “To evangelise is to show the path; to teach the art of living.” Love compels us to do this.

Important Dates

Area Mass. Thank you to Sue Donovan who suggested our Area Mass be held at Matraville this year. The details are as follows - Mass 11am Wednesday May 14 at St Agnes Catholic Church, Matraville. Please bring a plate to share for lunch afterwards.

Two basic courses were held in Term One. One at Marrickville and another at Surry Hills. I am happy to run another if there is a need. Units in the Catechist Ministry Certificate are being run in the city. I encourage all who may find this more convenient to try to attend.

Intermediate Course

An Intensive mode will take place Wednesday April 30, Thursday May 1, Wednesday May 7 and Thursday May 8 at St Brigid’s in Marrickville 10am–2pm. This course can be repeated at any time if required. Please let me know and I will come at time and place most convenient to you.

Br Julian inservices – Br Julian is always very willing to share his ideas and resources with catechists. If you would like him to attend your parish catechist meeting or put on a special day please let me know.

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As you may or may not be aware with Ruth stepping down from her Faith Education Officer duties to a Special Projects Officer, casual role I am taking on the Faith Education Officer duties in the Concord Area. I thank you all for the support that you gave Ruth during her time as Faith Education Officer. I must say that I have missed the contact with all of you and look forward to meeting you again.

I welcome you all back for Term Two and I look forward to meeting many of you over the next eight months. Firstly I have booked in the Area Mass for the Concord Area. It will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption, Homebush starting at 12pm on May 23 2008. I encourage as many as possible to attend. As with each Area Mass, all are invited to bring a shared lunch. Let us all try to crack the 150 catechist barrier.

I have also booked all courses for the year and along with my fellow FEO’s will be sharing the education and development of the Korean Catholic Community at Silverwater. We are currently in our third year in working with the Korean Catholic Community, an initiative established through the efforts of Josephine Elias, former FEO of the Bankstown Area. I extend an invitation to any interested catechists to attend the short version of the course. The schedule is published in this Newsletter.

This year the Concord Area will be putting together the Annual Catechist Mass to be held on the 21 September 2008 at 2pm. I will be asking Coordinators and catechists to assist in the preparation of this very important annual CCD event. If you know of anyone who would like to volunteer in lending a hand please contact me on (02) 9390 5122. We will require a choir and ushers for the day to assist in the seating and direction of the awardees and all guests.

As a former Faith Education Officer of the Concord Area I would like to extend a word of appreciation to Father Michael Walsh, Parish Priest St Vincent’s Ashfield for his support and presence at the Ashfield Boys High School Cross and Icon visit. Also a word of gratitude goes out to Father Martin Maunsell, Parish Priest of St Michael’s Lane Cove for traveling and supporting this wonderful event.

The Concord Area was the place to be on Holy Thursday 20 March, with the Cross and Icon visiting the schools of De La Salle Ashfield, Bethlehem College and Ashfield Boys High School. Attending the Cross and Icon event were local schools from Ashfield Primary, Ashbury Primary and Canterbury Primary. Thank you to all the catechists of the Ashfield and Ashbury parishes for the organisation of the children.

I hope to see you all soon and wish you a ‘stress less’ Term Two and don’t forget to register for World Youth Day 2008. God’s Blessing on you all!

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Our Area Mass will be held at St Thomas More’s, Brighton - Le - Sands on Friday 16 June at 12 noon. After Mass we will be gathering for a shared (bring a plate) lunch. Please make an effort to come and celebrate together and meet other catechists of the area. Another day to set aside is Friday 1 August – this will be a day of reflection for catechists and will be held at Caringbah Parish.

The Easter celebrations held an extra special meaning to my family this year as it came so soon after the death of my mother. Thank you very much for the kind thoughts and prayers as well as the flowers and many cards offering condolences. I particularly appreciated the presence and prayers of the catechists and members of staff who were able to attend Mum’s requiem mass.

Term 2 – during this term the students get a little restless - they know your name. Do you know each of their names? By this time you should have the names of all the students in your class and be keeping a class roll – you only need to record who is away. A quick way of doing this is to count the students when you first arrive and then ask who is missing. You then have a list of names to use during the lesson.

You could ask the students to sit in the same place each lesson. This allows you to make effective use of name-dropping while teaching. If you see a student talking or off task, simply drop their name into your dialogue in a natural way.

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“Before the Holy Spirit came, Matthew, they were afraid and did not understand all Jesus had taught them.” Matthew hears his name and is drawn back on task. The rest of the class doesn’t seem to notice.

Routines and rituals for beginning lessons, classroom prayer, story hearing, bookwork and ending lessons, should be in place by now. It is also essential that you have a routine for the home sheets. Some catechists find it helpful to start these in class time – then at the end of the lesson tell the students to fold the sheet and put it in their bag. It may be best to avoid the word ‘home work’ and refer to it as a ‘take home’ sheet and encourage the students to show their parents the work they have done in class.

Good preparation gives you time to be proactive and to vary your lessons. Remember a student’s attention span is approximately their age - 5 to 10 minutes. Use pictures, music, action songs, the Big Books and Br Julian’s resources to regain and keep their attention. A highlight of last term’s activities was the in-service given by Br Julian Quinlan - he took us from Easter to Pentecost – showing us many ways of involving our students during a lesson. We participated in role play, echo mimes, word puzzles, interviews and action songs.

An enthusiastic and joyful group of catechists and students from Bexley North Public School enjoyed the WYD Cross and Icon celebration at Bexley Parish. Thank you to Fr George and St Gabriel’s parish team for organising a great celebration.

This term there will be two accreditation courses and one ministry course held at the Miranda CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road Miranda. I would encourage catechists to attend these courses. The Intermediate Accreditation Course (IAC) commences on Monday 5 May, and the Advanced Accreditation Course (AAC), commences on Friday 9 May. Both of these courses will run from 10am to 2 pm.

Please ring if you need help and I will get back to you. The number below is a phone/ fax/answering machine.

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Greetings to all in the Western Area!

This term we have some new and exciting events happening in our area not to mention the biggest event in the world which is fast approaching with less than 90 days away!

World Youth Day is a sign of hope in today’s world. Millions of people have come to past WYDs to search for Him – He alone who knows the most intimate longings of our hearts.

The fruits have been phenomenal with huge increases in vocations to the religious life, priesthood, youth groups, missionaries, and conversions. I myself can testify and witness to the above after seeing it happen to my friends and even myself when I took up the missionary call after attending the past WYDs in Toronto and Cologne.

There have been many times I have spoken to people about WYD and the Holy Father coming to Sydney. I am amazed at the countless testimonies of those who saw and remembered Pope John Paul II’s visit to Australia in 1986 and 1995 and how it touched their hearts. Let us give this same opportunity to our children, family and friends and invite them to this event with our Pope Benedict XVI and our 500,000 brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world.

The theme for this WYD is centred on the Holy Spirit, who desires to come and be set ablaze in each one of us, to be fire on the earth! Sometimes our own fears, wounds, hurts and false images of God prevent us from receiving this fire. Pope Benedict XVI urges us to give time to prayer and spiritual formation in these next few months in preparation for WYD. May all our hearts be free to receive this new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and new Pentecost for the Church!

A great way to prepare for WYD is a retreat. This Term we will begin a special series of retreats held especially for women entitled “Mary Day”.

The focus of these days is to look at the different aspects on the vocation of woman taking Mary, the new Eve as our role model. It will be held at Mt Schoenstatt on Friday May 23. See page 16 for further details. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. Friends and family are also welcome.

Be bold, be courageous and come along to our Intermediate Accreditation Course this term at St Gertrude’s Parish in Smithfield commencing Monday May 12. See page 16. The Accreditation Courses are a great way to meet other catechists in the area, exchange teaching strategies and ideas and enter into a deeper relationship with the Lord. If you know someone who has yet to complete the course, please feel free to give them a friendly nudge.

A big thank you to Br Pat, Edna Troy and all the catechists at Holy Spirit Parish, Carnes Hill who have accepted the invitation to host this year’s Area Mass which will be held on St Anthony of Padua’s Feast Day - Friday June 13. (The Saint who’s tongue and vocal cords are still incorrupt over 800 years after his death, was a powerful preacher. He is considered to be one of the greatest and most well known saints and the patron of finding lost things).

Mass will begin at 11am and will include the traditional blessing of “St Anthony’s Bread” which will be given to all catechists at the conclusion of Mass. Celebrations will continue with lunch and each catechist is asked to bring a plate.

I warmly invite all catechists to unite together on this special day together with St Anthony to thank our Heavenly Father for this great task (no matter how little/poor some of us may think we are) that He has called and chosen us to do – to spread the good news, and to bring heaven on earth! Let us join together in solidarity…all 380 of us from the Western Area!
Holy Thursday 2008 marked a significant moment for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and for the Archdiocese of Sydney. The World Youth Day Cross and Icon, a symbolic gift of God's love to the world, presented to the youth of the world by Pope John Paul II, made its way to a public school. The Cross and Icon was received from Bethlehem College Ashfield. Senior representatives from Ashfield Boys High School received the Cross and Icon and carried them to the journeying vehicle.

The Cross and Icon arrived at Ashfield Boys High School where a crowd of approximately 200 in number from Ashfield Boys High school, Ashfield Primary, Canterbury Primary, Ashbury Primary, parents, teachers, catechists and onlookers were waiting. The hall was set up to house the event. Vincent Haber, WYD and CYS representative was the MC for the day and did a fine job in creating the atmosphere that depicted the occasion. Attendees were also shown a DVD and PowerPoint presentation on WYD and the Cross and Icon. Jesse Pollard gave an insightful testimony of her experience.

The Cross and Icon entered the hall to the awe and wonder of the students and all present and placed at the front of the hall for all to venerate when the opportunity came. Each student was given a card to write a special intention and invited to venerate the Cross and Icon. The reverence, seriousness and personal veneration shown by the students was very encouraging, moving and a great example of the effect the Cross and Icon has on those who encounter the symbols of God's love for humanity.

The attendees were given a small presentation by Trojan on the final hours of Jesus’ life. Most Reverend Bishop Julian Porteous gave an address and an open invitation to all to register and attend World Youth Day. Marking the finality of the event Bishop Julian gave the audience a blessing. The Cross and Icon proceeded out of the hall carried by the students and placed on the journeying vehicle for the long trek across the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Principal, Daisy Kokkalis and the Deputy Principal, Gary Latty are to be congratulated for opening their hearts and doors to the Cross and Icon and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is indebted to them for their mammoth support and hospitality. A thank you goes to Father Michael Walsh, Parish Priest of St Vincent's Ashfield for his support and encouragement and to Father Martin Maunsell, Parish Priest of St Michael's Lane Cove for making the long trip over for the event. The CCD is grateful to all who came and supported the event.

After leaving Ashfield Boys High School the Cross and Icon traveled to several locations and was given a unique reception at each parish. St Gertrude’s Parish Smithfield built a replica of the Cross and Icon and conducted a ceremony that involved the originals touching the replicas. St Gabriel’s Parish Bexley featured a choir of primary school children. Most Reverend Bishop Terry Brady and Bishop David Cremin were present with an enormous crowd of pilgrims. The journey continued to St Pius V Tempe/Enmore and we were greeted with a traditional Tongan greeting. At St Joseph’s Maronite Catholic Church Croydon. The atmosphere was spectacular with over a 1000 people cheering the Cross and Icon as they entered the church. The ceremony concluded with a procession and hand over to Holy Innocents Croydon in a solemn and prayerful atmosphere. Subsequently the Cross and Icon was met with similar prayerfulness at St John Vianney’s Greenacre and St Therese Lakemba before its overnight stay at St Joseph’s Belmore.

The whole day which began at 1pm Holy Thursday ended on Good Friday when the Cross and Icon were picked up from St Joseph’s Belmore by the General Manager, Robert Milan passed over to St Charbel’s Maronite Catholic Church for their Good Friday service which was attended by His Eminence George Cardinal Pell.

The CCD would like to pay tribute and a sincere thank you to the brilliant coordination and driving abilities of Peter Boutros and Tony Elias. The two nominated drivers packed and unpacked the Cross and Icon with diligence, care and reverence – a very efficient job. The day was a complete success. Thank you to all who made the day as special as it was. A final special thank you goes to the Kennards Hire Management and Staff Team at Burwood for donating their truck as the transport vehicle and Teresa Culjak, Faith Education Officer Western Area, for her organisation and coordination.
WORLD YOUTH DAY SNAP SHOTS
WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE

WYD Registrations

Please find below some helpful information regarding WYD and registrations:

Registration Packages

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Benefits when you register:

- You will get a Pilgrim Passport that gives you priority at all WYD08 events
- You’re guaranteed a place to sleep and sit at the Vigil and Final Mass
- Your pilgrim passport will allow you to conveniently hop on and off Sydney’s transport system and wander to any Catechesis or Youth Festival venue with ease
- Your meals will be made, packaged and delivered to you at Catechesis and Youth Festival sites (You don’t need to waste time and money looking for or buying food in Sydney CBD)
- You’ll be supporting the Catholic Church

If you don’t register for World Youth Day:

- You’ll get to see the Pope…but from WAY back!
- You won’t be contributing to help our poorer neighbours come to WYD
- You have to pay for all your public transport during the WYD week
- You won’t be given priority or access into pilgrim venues
- You don’t get a WYD08 pilgrim backpack
- You won’t get the WYD itinerary
- You won’t get into the Catechesis sites
- You won’t share your meals with our international guests

Can people under 16 register for World Youth Day?

Those under 16 years of age must register with a parent, aunt, uncle or grandparent if they want to attend WYD events (e.g. Papal Mass, Catechesis etc.) However they cannot register for package A.

What about younger children, do they have to register?

Those under about the age of 8 years of age do not have to register and will not be turned away at the gate.

DON’T FORGET: Unregistered pilgrims will have to pay for public transport and will not be provided with any meals.

For more information on WYD08 including details for registration and updates on the WYD Cross and Icon, please visit: www.wyd2008.org
New Life In The Spirit

How well do you remember the story of Pentecost?

Fill in the missing words in the story, then use those words to complete the crossword.

Acts 2:1-7

When ________ day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful ________ from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire ________ in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of ________; these separated and came to rest on the ________ of each of them. They were ________ with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign ________ as the Holy ________ gave them the gift of ________. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound all assembled, each one bewildered to ________ these men speaking in his own language. They were amazed and astonished.

Come Holy Spirit,
Fill our hearts with your love.
Inspire us and change us like you did with the Apostles so that we can spread the Good News.
Amen.
Student Activities

From Stage 3A Christ Our Light And Life Student Activity Book
Across
1. To which symbol is the World Youth Day Cross compared to by the world media?

3. An Asian country to which the Cross and Icon has traveled to prior to arriving in Australia.

4. Which neighbouring country would normally send about ten pilgrims to World Youth Day and is now planning to send more than 1000 pilgrims?

5. In presenting the Cross to the youth of the world, Pope John Paul II asked the youth to carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ’s ____________ for humanity.

8. Pope Benedict commissioned the Cross and Icon to journey through this continent in which there was much suffering and persecution?

10. In which city was the Cross given to the youth of the world?

11. Which remote Australian Capital city did the Cross and Icon travel to in October 2007?

12. On which special Church day was the Cross and Icon handed over to a delegation of Australians in 2006?

Down
2. Accompanying the Cross and Icon is an invitation to Indigenous Australians to come to World Youth Day through the ______________ stick.

6. An Oceanic country to which the Cross and Icon has traveled to prior to arriving in Australia.

7. In which month of 1984 was the Cross presented to the youth?

9. An Icon of who was to accompany the Cross from 2003 onwards? Our ________.

* For further clues please visit www.wyd2008.org/
Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering

Monday April 28
Speakers include:
Mr Chris Meney, Director Life, Family and Marriage Centre
“Bioethics and the Gospel of Life”
Ms Sue Moffat, Education Officer [Primary], Catholic Education Office
“Story telling using Concrete Materials”
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club
24 John Street, Lidcombe
From 10:30am to 1:30pm

RSVP is essential for Catering purposes

Annual Catechist Mass
Sunday September 21
St Mary’s Cathedral
2pm

Life Members’ Mass & Luncheon
Friday November 21 2007
Mass 10:30am
St Joachim’s Lidcombe
Luncheon 12 midday
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club
24 John Street, Lidcombe

Further details will be sent to all Life Member Award recipients and Parish Catechist Coordinators early in Term 4.

Bankstown Area Catechist Mass
11am Friday 27 June
St Joseph’s Parish
763 Canterbury Road, Belmore

City Area Catechist Mass
11am Wednesday 14 May
Saint Agnes’ Parish
509 Bunnerong Road, Matraville

Concord Area Catechist Mass
12 Midday Friday 23 May
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
74 Underwood Street, Homebush

Sutherland—St George Area Catechist Mass and shared luncheon
12 Midday Friday 16 May
St Thomas More’s Parish
Bay Street Brighton-Le-Sands

Western Area Catechist Mass
11am Friday 13 June
Holy Spirit Parish
Cowpasture Road, Carnes Hill

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“Mary Day”
A retreat for women.
Mount Schoenstatt
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa
Friday 23 May 2008
10-2pm
Please bring a plate to share for lunch
### Basic Accreditation Term Two

**Bankstown Area**  
St Felix’s Parish Centre  
550 Chapel Road, Bankstown  
**Wednesdays 11am to 2pm**  
May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25

**Concord Area**  
Holy Spirit Parish  
Cox’s Road, North Ryde  
**Mondays 9:30am to 1pm**  
May 5, 12, 19, 26

### Intermediate Accreditation Term Two

**City Area**  
St Brigid’s Parish  
392 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville  
**Intensive: Wednesdays, Thursdays, 10am to 2pm**  
April 30, May 1, 7, 8

**Concord Area**  
Holy Spirit Parish  
Cox’s Road, North Ryde  
**Mondays 9:30am to 1pm**  
June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

### Advanced Accreditation Term Two

**Sutherland–St George Area**  
CCD Centre  
50 Kiora Rd, Miranda  
**Fridays 10am - 1pm**  
May 9, 23, 30 June 6, 13, 20

**Korean Martyrs & Stanislaus Parish**  
26 Carnarvon Street, Silverwater  
**Saturdays 9am to 1pm**  
May 10, 17, 24, 31

**Western Area**  
St Gertrude’s Parish  
10 Justine Street, Smithfield  
**Mondays 10am to 2pm**  
May 19, 26 June 2, 16, 23

### Basic Accreditation Term Four

**Concord Area**  
Holy Spirit Parish  
191 Cox’s Road, North Ryde  
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O Virgin Mary,
You are the help of Christians.
Throughout our journey of life.

We dedicate ourselves to you
And the service of Jesus your Son.
We offer our minds, hearts and
bodies to work for the glory of God
And the salvation of all people.

We pray for the Church throughout the world.
Protect the young and help the aged,
save sinners and console the dying.
You are our joy and our hope,
Mary, Mother of Mercy and Gate of Heaven.

We come to you in confidence.
We seek to be filled with deep faith,
Trustful hope and selfless charity.

We ask for the grace we need
And the guidance of the Holy Spirit
During our journey of life
And our pilgrimage to heaven.

Source: World Youth Day March pilgrim letter