The world is about to descend upon the wonderful land of ours, the land we know as ‘Down Under’. A spectacle that we haven’t seen since the Olympics of 2000. Sydney is once again the centerpiece of the world and we, as Australians ought to be proud of this honour in hosting the 23rd World Youth Day. The youth of the world unite under the Southern Cross – united in the presence of the Holy Spirit – “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses.”

The Holy Spirit has guided the Church through all times, generations and situations and this World Youth Day will be no exception. The youthfulness of the event is contagious and we all should place ourselves in the midst of this youthfulness. The Lord told us that we must have hearts like children, and all of us are in this spirit through our work.

I would also like to congratulate the 60 students from the public high school system who have been accepted to receive sponsorship to attend World Youth Day and to our three co-sponsors, Illawarra Catholic Club, Arab Bank and Carroll & O’Dea Lawyers. To all those who promoted the sponsorship program thank you very much.

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In welcoming you all back to Term Three I must acknowledge two of our staff who are pursuing different career paths. The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine would like to extend a word of gratitude to Therese Touma, Executive Assistant. Therese commenced with us towards the end of 2006 in the role of Executive Assistant. A year and a half has passed and Therese has provided outstanding support to myself, the Faith Education Officers, the Sydney Catholic Books and Resource staff and to all catechists, catechist coordinators and parish priests across the Archdiocese. Therese has done well to adapt to this highly demanding role which covers areas of administration, event management, room and venue bookings, correspondence and many other tasks. I must say I have pushed Therese to extreme limits and she has come up trumps each time.

On behalf of CCD staff, I would like to congratulate Therese on graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Sydney with a Graduate Diploma of Education. Therese will begin her 10 week practical placement at Holy Spirit College, Lakemba and will pursue her passion in teaching the Catholic faith.

CCD would also like to acknowledge Omar Abighosn, Graphic Artist who came on board in 2007 in the midst of the development of the COLAL curriculum. Omar managed to complete the program along with developing a number of items for CCD World Youth Day promotion, newsletters, the 50th Anniversary Calendar as well as assisting various agencies with booklets, pamphlets, etc. CCD sends good wishes to Omar in his new ventures within the photographic and graphic industry.

CCD is about to undergo an adjustment in its leadership structure. The role of General Manager will no longer exist and will be replaced by the position of Director. This will ensure a direct link to the Chancery and CCD will stand independent of the CEO.

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I am currently working on a new Child Protection Code of Conduct document which will outline some of the fundamental legislation and expected professional standard of practice. This document will be in addition to our current three volumes and will be released early 2009. The current newsletter features an article on the Rawlinson Report. This report is a series of surveys and questionnaires carried out on the role of Religious Education in the public school arena. As many of you will no doubt remember, Australia opened its doors to many countries in the mid to late 1970’s and the face of society began to change, especially the cultural and religious mix. The report is comprehensive and SRE owes a lot of what happens in the public school system to this report [for more details please read page 12]. The impetus behind this document has come from the May 2008 CCRESS conference which Denise Humphreys and I attended. The represented heads of the respective CCD dioceses spoke on their various documentations regarding catechist placement, child
protection processes and procedures. Overall, CCD’s across NSW have a professional approach to legislative policies and procedures which are congruent with NSW and ACT legislation. This was reinforced by a representative from the NSW Department of Education and Training, Lianne Singleton.

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I have been present at all of the Area Masses across the Archdiocese and I have been impressed with the level of representation of catechists. A thank you to all catechists, coordinators and to the parish priests who took time out to celebrate these important occasions. The shared lunch always brings together many mingling moments with an abundance of a variety of cultural foods. Thank you to all who contributed so enthusiastically in making these gatherings such a success.

Term Two also saw our first Catechists Gathering which provided catechists with another opportunity to enhance their knowledge in matters of Catholic church issues. Chris Meney, Director Family and Marriage Office gave a presentation on Bioethics and Sue Moffat, Primary Curriculum, Catholic Education Office, shared some additional stories in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd style of learning. Both presenters were highly received and appreciated for their time and effort in making the gathering a success.

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The seminarians are again assisting at various locations across the Archdiocese of Sydney. The CCD is indebted for their support and as this has become a regular activity, both the students, especially in the high schools, and the coordinators/catechists, always look forward to having them onboard. I would like to thank them for their time and effort and I am sure their work will bring fruit in our apostolate.

Finally I wish you all a rewarding and fruitful Term Three. On behalf of CCD I extend an invitation to all to attend the Annual Catechist Mass scheduled for Sunday 21 September, commencing at 2pm.

God’s Blessing be upon all of you and may our Lady intercede for us on our journey to bringing the Good News to the hearts and minds of the young.

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Dear Catechists

‘You are the light of the world’ was the message of the Gospel Reading (Matt 5: 13-19) at this year’s Bankstown Area Mass. How appropriate is this phrase as we consider the work that we do as catechists and with WYD approaching and all eyes on us – well, I hope we do shine forth as a light for the whole world to see and be amazed.

This year’s Area Mass was held at St Joseph’s Parish, Belmore. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Fr Augustine Tharappel who is the assistant priest for St Joseph’s and principal celebrant for this year’s Mass. I am also very grateful for the presence of Frs’ Phillips Royan of Bass Hill, John Doherty of Oatley, Richard Gates of Punchbowl, Graham Kings of Berala and Matthew Thekkedath of Campsie. Let us not forget the tireless efforts of the parish catechist coordinator, Myrna de la Pena, who humbly gave her all throughout the preparations and went wholly unnoticed during the Mass, chiefly because she wasn’t there! When I asked why this was, she replied that somebody had to ensure that lunch in the hall was prepared. However, Myrna did not go without attending a Mass that day as she had already been earlier that morning – so I wasn’t too distressed at the news! I wish also to extend my thank you to the choir who very beautifully served to deepen the experience of peace that the Mass brought over me, as I’m sure it did for others as well. Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to all the catechists who attended this very special event.

Last week, nine catechists successfully completed the Basic Course which was being held at St Felix’s Parish, Bankstown. They were so pleased and encouraged by their experience that they have requested an Intermediate Course be run for them at the same venue in Term four of this year. Of course, all are welcome to enroll. Please see pages 16 to 18 and 20 for all other details of upcoming courses and events.

With WYD on the horizon, with international eyes preparing to see the witness we will bear, with the love of the Holy Father to be made manifest in the streets and landscape of Sydney, with the power of the Holy Spirit to be renewed in our hearts and live in us always, let us take this transforming hope that is to be a sure outcome of this Spiritual Event and allow it to transform our lives and the lives of those that we touch by being open to all the fruits that it will bring forth.

As St Paul reminds us in his second letter to Timothy, ‘Preach the Good News; fulfill your ministry.’

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Dear Catechists,

What a busy and blessed time we are having. The generosity and enthusiasm of so many who are hosting pilgrims, feeding hundreds, transporting others, organising parish events etc, is truly inspiring. I pray all will reap great rewards as a result of their efforts.

CCD will be having a stall at the WYD Vocations Expo. This will be manned by myself and Robert Milan. We hope this will gain for us some publicity and possibly new recruits. Please come and say hello if you are visiting the Expo at Darling Harbour. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will also have a stall which will be worth visiting.

Post WYD Recruitment Drive
Now is the time to plan events for post WYD. While all are enthused and filled with the Holy Spirit as a result of WYD, it will be an opportunity to increase the profile of the catechist ministry within the parish, introduce new strategies and inform all of the upcoming courses. CCD hopes to put on extra courses in term three and four and I encourage all to attend what they can. Please remember these are open to all, even prospective catechists who might still be just thinking about it! See the calendar of events at the back of this edition.

Here is one idea from a parish.

Currently, Fr John is sitting in on interviews for Kindy enrolments for next year at the local Catholic School. At each interview Fr John asks the parents if they would like to help in the parish. These parents will also be sent a letter early in term one asking them to be involved in the parish. When Fr John visits the school he usually asks some of the mums if they would like to become a catechist and this has enabled us to obtain some catechists. The direct approach (in both the school and general parish communities) always seems to work the best even though we also advertise for catechists in the school newsletter and regularly in the Parish Bulletin.

Another parish holds a children’s Mass once a month. At this Mass students of a particular year group participate by doing the readings, offertory etc. Morning tea is then served after Mass. This is done in conjunction with the local Catholic school.

Thank you again to all who attended the Area Mass at Matraville in May. As you will see from the calendar CCD is offering a number of reflection days. These are open to all to attend.

The Corpus Christi Procession in May was a great success. Thank you for promoting this to your classes and distributing WYD material.

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By the time this edition of the Newsletter reaches you I am sure you would have experienced in some capacity the wonderful enthusiasm created by World Youth Day 2008. We are at the half-way stage of the year and in reviewing the past six months we have moved forward in all areas of our work. Term Three will see the Concord Area organising the Annual Mass on Sunday 21 September 2008 from 2pm. I would like to thank those catechist and coordinators from the Concord Area who have volunteered to assist at the Mass. I will be looking for assistance in the area of ushers – approximately 12 in number. The readers, prayers of the faithful and offertory procession volunteers will come from the awardees. Those who would like to be ushers please contact me at the Polding Centre on (02) 9390 5122 or alternatively on my mobile number 0414 892 632.

I would like to thank Noreen Petit, Coordinator of Our Lady of the Assumption Homebush, and her catechist team for organising a special Area Mass this year. The attendance was good and the food was outstanding. I would also like to acknowledge Fr Michael Anghel, parish priest of Homebush, for agreeing to host and celebrate the Area Mass. Fr Michael’s enthusiasm and inspiring Homily shone through to all present. Also to the concelebrating priests including Fr Martin Maunsell, parish priest of St Michael’s Lane Cove, Monsignor Vince Redden parish priest of St Mark’s Drummoyne. We were also blessed to have Deacon Chris Higgins from St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield. A thank you also to all those who attended!

I advertised a Basic Course at commencement of Term Two but unfortunately attendance was extremely low. However, the Intermediate Course has been well received with seven graduates. I look forward to running the Advanced Course at North Ryde which will commence on 11 August, every Monday for five weeks. Those attending the Advanced will be acknowledged at the Annual Mass in September. They will receive the Archdiocesan Accreditation Award for meeting the accreditation requirements of the Archdiocese. All those interested are invited to attend. Basic Accreditation Course will commence in October [see page 17 for details]. This course would be ideal for those who have recently commenced with us in the catechist apostolate. In continuing to promote accreditation programs I would gladly run courses for parishes that may be able to cluster a group of neighbouring catechists. It would be appreciated if any parish would like to offer their parish for training as I am currently looking for additional venues.

Apart from enhancing one’s faith and learning the Archdiocesan Accreditation programs of Basic, Intermediate and Advanced, we provide a wonderful opportunity for further studies in the Catechist Ministry Courses (CMC). I encourage all those who have attained the Archdiocesan Accreditation to enroll and complete the CMC program. You are required to complete four core units and six electives. The courses are free of charge and normally take around two to three years of casual study. Courses are outlined in the current newsletter.

I look forward to meeting up with all coordinators at our mid-year coordinator meeting which will be held on 4 August 2008. Once again at the meeting I will be issuing the Annual Statistics forms to be completed and returned to me by the end of September for collation.

I wish you all a successful and fulfilling Term Three. Please feel free to contact me on the number below.

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Thank you to Tina and the Brighton - Le - Sands catechists for overall organisation of our Area Mass, and to the catechists and priests who attended. Elizabeth Gilshenen, a retired catechist who was soon to turn 100 years young was a special guest on the day. Gil completed the first catechist accreditation course at Hurstville and received her accreditation certificate from Cardinal Freeman at Strathfield. Pictured with Gil is baby Catherine who is being held by her paternal grandmother Anne Iffland from Gymea Parish. Catherine’s maternal grandmother is Lucy Sidik, a catechist with St Mikael's Parish, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. Margaret D’Astoli’s daughter Christine led the singing and her granddaughter Caitlin also graced the celebration. Perhaps we had two very young future catechists in our midst.

Term three can sometimes seem never ending. The students know the class routine and they also know how to distract you and the end of the year seems a long way off. Catechists need to keep enforcing the classroom rules. Your classroom management needs to be fair, firm and friendly and consistent. Students have a distinct sense of what is and what is not fair. You must act fairly for all students if you expect to be respected. If you do not treat all students equitably, you will be labeled as unfair. Students will not be keen to follow your rules. Make sure that if your best student does something wrong, they too get corrected for it.

During this half of the year parishes are preparing children for First Eucharist. The Second Vatican council teaches that during the Eucharistic celebration Jesus is present in four ways: in the gathered people worshipping; in the Word being proclaimed; in the person of the priest leading; and in a very special way in the elements of bread and wine when they become the body and blood of Jesus. We are then sent forth to love and serve the Lord. In our SRE lessons we explore these understandings of Eucharist at an age appropriate level, keeping in mind some of our students do not have an opportunity to attend a Eucharistic celebration. Perhaps these lessons could be taught to coincide with your parish sacramental program.

Stage 2a: Lesson 11 The Breaking of the Bread, Lesson 12 Jesus is Present in the Mass,
Stage 2b: Lesson 23 Gathered in His Name, Lesson 25 Do this in Memory of Me, Lesson 26 Go in Peace

Just a reminder to keep using those Big Books.

Kindergarten students will hear about The Good Shepherd, The Lost Sheep and The Loaves and Fishes.

Stage 1A students will hear about Joseph and his Brothers, Moses and the Burning Bush and perhaps some of the Kingdom parables – The Mustard Seed and The Treasure and the Pearl. They will also hear how Jesus cared for people – The Ten Lepers

Stage 1B students will hear about The Poor Widow, The Good Samaritan, Feeding the 5000, King David, Moses and the God of Freedom

Stage 2A students will hear about The Good Samaritan, The Poor Widow and Zacchaeus, Moses and the burning bush, The Sower and the Seed...

Some dates for diaries this term:

- Our Area Coordinators Meeting will be held at Miranda CCD Centre on Friday 25 July, 10 – 12 noon.
- All catechists are encouraged to attend the Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary’ Cathedral on Sunday 21 September at 2pm.
- This term the Basic Accreditation Course will be held on Fridays at Miranda CCD office starting on 29 August. Please feel free do this as a refresher course if you have the time available.
- One unit of the CMC – Teaching Strategies will run on Mondays starting on 25 August at 10 am
- Br Julian will present an in-service on Advent Lessons on Friday 19 September at Miranda.
Greetings to all in the Western Area!
Welcome to Term three!
I write this article two weeks before WYD and the office is buzzing. I know that most of you might not read this article until after WYD is over so I challenge you to take hold of what the Lord spoke to you during that week. I also encourage you to speak about it to your students and ask them, what touched their hearts? What did they remember? Sometimes, it is too easy to forget the marvels of the Lord but I invite you to treasure in your hearts this great time in history.

Last term we celebrated our Western Area Mass at Holy Spirit Parish, Carnes Hill. Celebrating with us was St Anthony of Padua whose feast day was also on the 13th June, naming him our patron saint.

It was an absolute joy to work with catechists and Br Pat from Holy Spirit, who hosted the Area Mass. A lively bunch who spent many hours planning and cooking for the event. Yes, I mentioned cooking because these ladies made sure that absolutely no one went hungry. Thank you especially to Edna Troy who did a great job coordinating the day.

It was a great day, providing a chance to catch up with our local priests and friends. Many catechists attended and to those who were not able to attend we kept you in our prayers and hopefully we will see you next year.

Some important announcements for Term three:
CCD provides an assurance to the Department of Education that all Catechists are inserviced on Child Protection. If you are unaware of Child Protection policies and procedures, or if you would like a refresher please join us at 10am, Monday 4 August, at All Saints Parish, Liverpool. Kathleen Flemming (Catholic Commission for Employment Relations) will be presenting Child Protection. Br Julian Quinlan will also provide a workshop using his materials. See page 17 for more details.

I encourage all women to join us at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa for our quarterly retreat for women entitled “Mary Day”. We are very privileged to have Sr Mary Madeline from the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia from Nashville, USA leading the retreat. The theme is The vocation and dignity of woman. See page 20 for details.

A very exciting event that I am pleased to announce is that CCD will be offering a pilgrimage for catechists to Italia! This will take place during the Easter holidays of 2009. I’m sure the many Italians in our area would agree that Italy has an unforgettable charm and beauty, yet also a country that has been graced with many saints and miracles. It is the desire of my heart that many of you would be able to join me in this pilgrimage of faith visiting Roma, St Anthony, Padre Pio and much much more. I invite you to carefully consider if the Lord is calling you. If money is an issue, don’t let that stop you. I would encourage you to work as a parish community and fundraise together. It will be an unforgettable experience.

May the Lord continue to bless you in your ministry.

St Anthony of Padua – Pray for us.

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Viva il Papa! Viva!

Were they not great memories of the week gone by?

By the time you read this update, WYD would have come and gone. The pilgrims have left, and the clean ups have taken place. The question now is where to from here? What have we gained from this experience?

A friend of mine was giving a talk in Sale, Victoria on Palm Sunday and as he and his mate drove in they stopped at a local café for some lunch. As they were eating and catching up, huge crowds from the Uniting Church came down the street in a procession waving palms. They said hello and chatted to some of them as they walked past and continued to eat their lunch.

Ten minutes later, three girls walked in to the café and my friend heard one of them say, “Can someone please explain to the Jew what Palm Sunday is?”

No one answered and as he sat there he leaned over and said, “I can tell you” and with love he shared the importance and reason why we celebrate Palm Sunday. The three girls were touched and the two who were Christian said, “Wow, I didn’t even know some of those things.”

Those people from the Uniting Church who held the palms will most probably never know the effect that they had on these three girls. They will never know the conversation that took place afterwards and how the Lord had touched them.

This can be the same for World Youth Day. We might never know of all the beautiful experiences that happened, the hearts that were healed, lives that were changed, the encounters…it might also appear that nothing is different but the one thing we can be confident of is that God has worked marvels and we will see these fruits in the years to come.

Of course we can expect to hear lots of negativity after WYD. It might come from the media re the huge costs, damages, complaints but these are the enemy’s tactics. Remember he is a liar and a thief.

A new golden age will not spring up overnight but the seeds have been spread and are indeed growing.

Each one of us has somehow been impacted by WYD and I challenge you to hold onto what God has stirred in your heart. You might like to write down your experiences, so that you don’t forget the wonders God has done.

These are a few questions you might ask yourself:

- How can I grow in holiness after WYD
- What steps can I take to grow, be nourished and supported?
- How can I give of myself?

A few concrete examples may be to commence an accreditation course, to come on pilgrimage to visit the holy sites of Italy with CCD next April; to attend daily Mass, join a prayer group; start daily prayer; offer your services to your parish; help with a charity…

The Lord speaks to each of us differently but one thing you can be certain of is that the Lord is calling you to something better, newer, richer..

We exist to evangelise. To evangelise isn’t to convince people to enter “our club” it is to love - to bring fire on the earth. Let us go forth setting the world on fire with love. Don’t forget to keep coming back to the source of fire, the source of all love – Jesus!
AREA MASS SNAP SHOTS
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There is a long history of religious instruction in N.S.W. public schools – together with debate about SRE, GRE and the role of parents. Since 1880 provision for religious education has been included in education policy in NSW. This article looks at some of the key policies which have shaped the current rules that give us access to our Catholic students in government schools.

The Public Instruction Act of 1880 had three sections relating to religious education.

- Section 7 required government schools to include General Religious Teaching as part of the curriculum. This is now referred to as General Religious Education (GRE)
- Section 17 permitted Special Religious Instruction to be provided by visiting clergymen or other accredited religious teachers of their persuasion. At first this was restricted to one hour a day and one clergyman at a time. However over time it became all clergymen at the same time and not more than one hour a week. This is now called Special Religious Education (SRE)
- Section 18 made provision for parents to object to their children attending GRE or SRE lessons.

The 1905 revision of the N.S.W. primary school curriculum included GRE in the social studies curriculum.

In 1959 scripture was fully incorporated into the social studies curriculum – this caused some disquiet and it was soon separated again and in 1964 general religious and moral education became part of the syllabus.

By the 1970’s the topic of religious education in government schools in NSW was again being questioned. In 1972 the Interchurch Consultative Commission on Religious Instruction in Schools (ICCOREIS) was formed.

In 1974 the NSW minister for education Hon E. Willis set up a committee to investigate the place of Religious Education in NSW Government Schools. It was headed by Dr. R.W. Rawlinson.

The Rawlinson Report was completed by November 1980. Not surprisingly the committee found that there were four viewpoints: People who wanted SRE only, people who wanted GRE only, people who wanted both SRE and GRE to be available and finally those who wanted no religious education of any kind.

The committee came to the view that:

- **General Religious Education (GRE)**, that is learning about religions should form an integral part of the educational opportunities for children in N.S.W. government schools
- **Special Religious Education (SRE)**, that is, the teaching of a particular religious faith, should be available for the children of parents requesting such teaching, depending upon the availability of suitable qualified personnel at the local level

Parents should retain the right, without stating their reasons, to determine whether or not their children participate in General Religious Education and/or Special Religious Education, at any stage of schooling.

The Rawlinson Report concluded with 76 recommendations, covering GRE, SRE, religious observances in schools, special leave for holy days and voluntary religious groups. It recommended that religious education programs in schools be developed on the basis of consultation and cooperation involving the school and other relevant parties and be flexibly implemented to suit the particular circumstances of each school.

The report included the following recommendations for accrediting SRE teachers.

- No 48: That the churches and other religious groups develop procedures for accrediting SRE teachers.
- No 49: That the churches supply adequate numbers of teachers with knowledge of doctrine and with teaching competence.
- No 51: That SRE personnel teach with sensitivity to the child and adopt the normal curtsies and practices of all teaching staff.

In July 2007 the NSW Department of Education and Training put the new religious education policy and implementation procedures on their web site. They state that ‘these implementation procedures are based on the recommendations 36-72 of the report Religion in Education in NSW Government Schools (1980) which were adopted by the Government as the basis of an agreement with the churches about the implementation of SRE. They clearly define the respective responsibilities of the school, religious persuasions and parents/caregivers, and emphasise the need to implement SRE in a flexible way based on consultation and co-operation’. It is well worth a look at www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/index.shtml
As we all know children when we were young were much better behaved and respectful than those in the classroom today. This fact has been very well documented over the years. Just read the two quotes below and you will see this has been going on for a very long time.

*The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age; they are impatient of all restraint; they talk as if they alone know everything. As for the girls, they are foolish, and immodest and unwomanly in speech, behaviour and dress.*

Peter the Hermit… 1083 A.D.

*Youth today now love luxury; they show disrespect for elders. They no longer rise when their elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company…..and tyrannise their teachers.*

Following the theme of *everything old is new again* I have reproduced the following article on Corrective Discipline – positive correction. Sr Jean Marie Brennan msc published this for catechists in 1994.

Most classroom misbehaviour comes from the need that students have to belong to their group. Students need to establish their status and position within the group and feel accepted. To achieve this acceptance, students may use positive or negative behaviour.

Remember that scripture is generally not a normal class group within the school. Your class is made up of a mix of pupils coming from as many as four or five class groups and is often held on foreign territory. As it is once a week class we need to spend time each week bonding our class so that students feel they belong. A good way of doing this is singing or playing a game related to the lesson.

We also need to remember that society has changed. Schools are not the environments they were, no longer can adults simply control through their role. Threat or physical punishment or sarcasm is not an option so what can we do? Inappropriate teacher responses can easily serve to reinforce disruptive patterns of belonging.

In correcting student behaviour we have a tendency to bring in the big guns too soon. It is helpful to have a hierarchy of deterrents e.g.

**Non verbals**
- eye contact
- hand movement
- facial expression – frown, brief stare

**One way verbals**
- vocal variation e.g lower voice, pause, special mention
- task instruction ‘Please, Maggie,… work quietly’
- re state the rules.
- refer student to the rules
- inform student of the consequence (which must always be able to be carried out)

**Verbal interchange**
- Daniel, what are you doing?
- Why are you doing it?
- Is it against the rules?

**Isolation** of the disruptive student within the classroom. Never send a student outside.

**Confer** with catechist colleague and arrange for him/her to take your student for one lesson.

**In serious cases** consult with the class teacher, SRE coordinator then the Principal.

Many teachers find it therapeutic to express their anger and frustrated feelings associated with behaviour problems in some acceptable way. To be able to talk with a fellow catechist, the catechist coordinator or your Faith Education Officer to get the problem off your chest is often half way to solving it. This debriefing is sometimes necessary if we are to continue our catechetical ministry with satisfaction.
John 19:25-27

Near the Cross of Jesus stood his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala. Seeing his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her, Jesus said to his mother, ‘Woman, this is your son.’ Then to the disciples he said, ‘This is your mother.’ And from that moment the disciple made a place for her in his home.

How is Mary a mother to us?

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From *Christ Our Light And Life* Student Activity Book
The Gospel of Life Crossword

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ACROSS

3. Mark is represented by which animal symbol?
5. Who writes to many places in the New Testament and is a convert to the Christian Faith?
6. Which of the Gospels contains a much longer narrative of the Passion of Jesus?
8. How many books are there in the New Testament?
11. The shortest of the Gospels is attributed to whom?
13. A word that is different to dictation but is responsible for the written word?

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1. Luke begins his Gospel with the announcement of the birth of whom?
2. John is represented by which animal symbol?
4. In which Gospel is contained the account of the visitation of the Three Wise Men?
7. Luke is represented by which animal symbol?
9. Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles?
10. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are collectively seen through the ‘same eye’. These Gospels are called the_____Gospels.
12. Another word for the complete collection of books which was affirmed at the Counsel of Trent? Better know as the ___________ of Scripture.
**DIARY DATES 2008**

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

**Bankstown Area**
Coordinator’s meeting
Polding Centre Level 5,
133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
**Friday 8 August**
10am to 12 noon

**City Area**
Coordinator’s meeting
Polding Centre Level 5,
133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
**Monday 28 July**
10am to 12 noon

**Concord Area**
Coordinator’s meeting
Polding Centre Level 8,
133 Liverpool Street, Sydney
**Monday 4 August**
10am to 12 noon

**Sutherland-St George Area**
Coordinator’s meeting
CCD Centre Kiora Road,
Miranda
**Friday 25 July**
10am to 12 noon

**Western Area**
Coordinator’s meeting
All Saints Parish
George Street, Liverpool
**Monday 30 June**
10am to 12 noon

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**Archdiocesan Catechist Gathering**
Monday
13 October 2008
Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club
24 John Street, Lidcombe
From 10:30am to 1:30pm
RSVP is essential for catering purpose
please contact the Polding Centre
(02) 9390 5122

**Life Members' Mass & Luncheon**
Friday November 21 2008
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.

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ACCREDITATION COURSES

Basic Accreditation
Term Three

Sutherland–St George Area
CCD Centre
50 Kiora Rd, Miranda
Fridays 10am to 2pm
Aug 29, Sep 5, 12, 19, 26

Basic Accreditation
Term Four

Concord Area
Holy Spirit Parish
191 Cox’s Road, North Ryde
Mondays 9:30am to 1pm
Oct 20, 27 Nov 3, 10, 17

Bankstown Area
St Therese Parish
11 Harvey Avenue Padstow
Wednesdays 10am to 2pm
July 30, Aug 6, 13, 30, 27, Sept 3

Advanced Accreditation
Term three

Concord Area
Holy Spirit Parish
Cox’s Road, North Ryde
Mondays 9:30am to 1pm
August 11, 18, 25 September 1, 8

Western Area
St Gertrude’s Parish
10 Justine Street, Smithfield
Mondays 10am to 2pm
Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 13, 20

Intermediate Accreditation
Term Three

City Area
Holy Family Parish
220 Maroubra Road Maroubra
Mondays 10am to 2pm
Aug 11,18, 25 Sept 1, 8

Bankstown Area
St Therese Parish
11 Harvey Avenue Padstow
Wednesdays 10am to 2pm
July 30, Aug 6, 13, 30, 27, Sept 3

Intermediate Accreditation
Term four

Bankstown Area
St Felix’s Parish Centre
550 Chapel Road, Bankstown
Wednesdays 11am to 2pm
Oct 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec 3

Teaching Advent with Brother Julian Quinlan

CCD Centre
50 Kiora Rd, Miranda

Friday September 19
10 am to 1pm

Western Area In Service
Br Julian Quinlan Resources & Child Protection
Monday 4 August 2008
10am to 12:30pm
All Saints Parish
48 George Street, Liverpool
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BOOK REVIEWS

The Eucharist was instituted by Our Lord Himself at the Last Supper as a memorial to His suffering, death and resurrection. As the supreme sacrament, it continues to sustain the faithful in their struggle for goodness and faith. It is indeed the gift of the body and blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ our Saviour. The celebration of the Eucharist - the Mass - is central to our lives as Catholics, so it is important that we know and learn as much about it as we can. This knowledge will help us and appreciate better the beauty and depth and allow us to participate more fully in our worship of God.

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**Pilgrimage 2009**

**“Come and See”**

The CCD is pleased to announce a pilgrimage especially designed for catechists to Italy next year during the Easter Holidays (13 – 25 April 2009) It will not so much be a cultural tour but a **tour of faith**.

The pilgrimage will include places such as **Venice** (St Marks Basillica), **Padua** (St Anthony’s Basillica, tomb and incorrupt tongue), **Siena** (St Catherine of Sienna’s birthplace and incorrupt head), **Assisi** (St Francis and St Clare), **Loreto** (House of the Holy Family), **Lanciano** (Eucharistic Miracle), **San Giovanni Rotondo** (Incorrupt body of Padre Pio), and **Rome**! There will also be an extension available to **Lourdes**.

Mass will be celebrated daily at these holy sites with our own personal priest to accompany us.

CCD will organise talks, tours, accommodation – the works, enabling you to have the best experience possible…a chance for you to receive and come closer to the Beloved and His Church.

The price of the pilgrimage will depend on the number of pilgrims. For more information and to register your interest please contact Teresa Culjak on 9390 5122.

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**MARY DAY**

We would like to extend an invitation to all women catechists in the Archdiocese of Sydney to attend our quarterly retreat “Mary Day” at Mt Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. These days are specially designed to look at the different aspects on the vocation of woman taking Mary, the new Eve as our role model.

This term, we are blessed to have Sr Mary Madeline from the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia – Nashville Tennessee to lead the retreat.

**Theme:** Vocation and Dignity of Woman  
**Venue:** Mt Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa  
**Date:** Friday 10th October 2008  
**Time:** 10am – 2pm. Morning Tea will be available at 9:45am. Please be punctual.  
**What to bring:** A Bible, pen and paper and a plate to share for lunch. Mass and Confession will be available.  
**RSVP:** Confraternity of Christian Doctrine on (02) 9390 5122

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**PRAYER FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY–**

Feast day August 15

Father in Heaven,  
all creation rightly gives you praise,  
for all life and all holiness come from you.  
In the plan of your wisdom  
she who bore the Christ in her womb  
was raised body and soul in glory to be with Him in Heaven.  
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness  
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.