Light and Life

Term 2, 2012

CCD Celebrates the Launch of

Christ our Light and Life

3rd Edition

Archdiocese of Sydney
CCD Newsletter
From the Director

Robert Haddad

Welcome back for Term 2!

Ethics Update. The Upper House Inquiry concluded its hearings in late March. The findings of the Inquiry will be released on June 4. We expect the findings to impact on both the provision of Ethics and SRE. CCD Sydney will work closely with the other CCDs of NSW, SRE providers linked with ICCOREIS, the Minister for Education and the Department of Education and Communities to ensure the smooth implementation of the Inquiries’ recommendations.

K-12 Curricula Launch. The K-12 Christ our Light and Life curriculum was successfully launched by Cardinal George Pell in the presence of 90 catechists and staff in Cathedral House on 23 March. The event proved to be a happy celebration, marking the final completion of the 3rd Edition and publicly acknowledging all those who contributed to its production. I wish to thank all those who contributed to the day’s success and all those who received acknowledgement.

New Sacramental Programs. Feedback from priests of the Sydney Archdiocese regarding all three sacraments of initiation is slowly being received and processed. The process continues to edge forward slowly, but steadily. We remain on track to formally release the new programs by the end of 2012.

SMART Board Courses and Activity Books. Due to the high demand for SMART Board classes from catechists, Sydney CCD has purchased two extra mobile ‘Mimio’ units to enable FEOs to provide training in local parishes. Please contact your respective FEO for specific venues, dates and times of extra classes. Meanwhile, the conversion of the K-6 Activity Books by Wollongong Diocese into SMART Board format has advanced ahead of schedule, with all lessons for Terms 1 and 2 now complete. Please contact CCD on 9390 5122 to obtain your free copy of electronic lessons.

Study Leave. I will be away on study leave from 8 June until 9 July. During my absence, CCD Business Manager Eddie Kropkowski will fill in as Acting Director. Eddie may be contacted on 9390 5125.
**Eastern**

Robert Milan

I begin with a reflection from a 15 year old student from Arizona. In America, the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lord’s Prayer are not allowed in most public schools. The student begins his interpretation of a New Pledge of Allegiance as:

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Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God’s name is prohibited by the state.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.
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We are fortunate in Australia. Thank God for our generous, tenacious and selfless catechists.

Thanks to our coordinators for the return of all census forms. Outcomes will be reported at the July 27 Eastern Area Coordinator Meeting, 10am to 12pm at the Polding Centre.

Other important news, the Eastern Area is organising the Annual Catechist Mass on Sunday 23 September. Volunteer ushers, readers and Prayers of the Faithful leaders would be appreciated. If you can assist, please contact me as below.

Finally, I thank St Bridgid’s Marrickville coordinator Sister Ritzlou Arlan and her team of catechists for hosting the Eastern Area Mass. Thank you to all who attended and made the occasion special. Next year, the host will be Rosebery Parish.

Robert

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**Southern**

Denise Humphreys

The Southern Area Mass was once again well attended. A big thank you to Fr Anthony, Jane and the Carlton catechists past and present for the music and overall organisation. I was pleased to see catechists and priests from both sides of the bridge at the Mass.

We are now almost half way through the year and into a long stretch of Ordinary Time. The liturgical colour for this season is green. While other seasons of the year celebrate events in the life of Christ, the Ordinary Time presents us with Jesus’ actions during his public ministry. During this term you will find that the Christ our Light and Life curriculum contains lessons about the deeds and teachings of Jesus. These lessons are designed to help our students grow in their understanding of the Christian life.

This year we have three seminarians teaching our Catholic students in the southern area. They are at St George Girls High School, Hurstville South Public School and Arncliffe Public School.

CCD Miranda now has a Mimio portable ‘SMART Board’ at Miranda. I will be running Beginner SMART Board classes for catechists as often as possible. For all courses advertised in this newsletter, please book through the city office. However, let me know if you would like a ‘SMART Board’ presentation at your parish. You will need to provide a magnetic whiteboard – I will bring the rest of the equipment.

Archdiocesan Art Competition for Year 5 and Year 6 students is commencing soon. Please have all artwork delivered to the city or Miranda office by 21 September, the last Friday in Term 3.

Please remember these dates for your diaries.

- Area Coordinators Meeting at Miranda CCD Centre on Monday July 30, 10am to 1pm.
- Annual Catechist Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday September 23 at 2pm.
From the Faith Education Officers

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Greetings to all in the Central Area.

It’s been a busy term at CCD. I happily welcomed new FEO Chris Cox who has done a marvellous job taking over the Northern parishes, spoken at one of the Central Parishes for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF), attended the annual Catholic Conference for Religious Educators in State Schools (CCRESS), conducted numerous courses and classes, and of course, shared a prayer, meal and laugh with you at the Area Mass. In light of this I would like to thank the wonderful team at St Mel’s Campsie, especially Father Van and coordinator Pat Weinart, for their efforts in the lead-up to the day, as well as all the concelebrating priests and catechists who joined in celebrating our work in the area.

This term I was also able to provide a SMART Board Beginner’s class at Enfield Parish – thanks to the Catholic school who was happy to loan the catechists of the parish a classroom for the day. This enabled Enfield catechists to do the SMART Board class close to home – especially because of the long waiting lists for city-based classes. If your parish school can spare a room also, let me know, and I will happily come to you.

I’d like to take this opportunity to remind you all that I will be overseas from 18 June to 27 July. Considering that the trip falls at the end of term and during the school holidays, it is not likely to impact on many of you (who will no doubt relish the time off also) but I urge you to get in touch with me if there’s anything that I can help you with before I leave or upon my return, though I’m sure my fellow FEOs will not turn you away.

I look forward to seeing all coordinators at the Coordinator’s Meeting on 6 August.

You are in my prayers.

God Bless

Sarah

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Greetings to all in the Western Area!

I have some wonderful news to share with you.

Mary MacKillop College, Wakeley are joining our High School Catechist Project. They will be assisting the catechists at King Park Public School. More news from the secondary schools is that Cecil Hills High School has now agreed to host Catholic SRE. A great victory!

A special thank you to Kerry Kenny and all the wonderful catechists at Liverpool who are busily organising this year’s Western Area Mass. The Mass which was previously scheduled at 11am will commence at 12pm at All Saints Catholic Church, Liverpool on Friday 8 June 2012. Please note the change in time. Mass will be followed by lunch. No need to bring a plate to share this year, since All Saints Parish have generously decided to cater for the event. There is free three hour parking at Westfield’s Shopping Centre and I hope to see many of you there celebrating the gift of our Catechetical Ministry.

Renovations are taking place at St Gertrude’s Parish, Smithfield and our CCD Office will be relocating to the Presbytery at Smithfield in the interim. This move will affect the Intermediate Accreditation Course scheduled for Term 3 which will now be cancelled. However, there will be an Intermediate Accreditation Course in Term 4. All catechists are welcome.

May Jesus continue to inspire, bless and strengthen you in your Catechetical Ministry.

In prayer,

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From the Faith Education Officers

NORTHERN
Chris Cox

Dear Northern Area,

I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed to the position of Faith Education Officer in the Northern Area for 2012. I have recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a High School Teaching Degree, where I have had the opportunity to teach Religion in both Catholic and public schools. I have also had the pleasure of previously working as the Catechist Coordinator for the Mosman and Neutral Bay parishes of Sydney Harbour North for a year. Please, do not hesitate to contact me with regards to education, resources and recruitment or with any other concerns you may have as I look forward to working with you.

Since my appointment I have been meeting with the coordinators and catechists of parishes and attending term meetings. It has been inspiring to see all the hard work and future planning that has gone on behind the scenes. I have also been fortunate to be present in the classroom teaching scripture in high schools.

Thank you to everyone who made it to the Northern Area Mass on Friday 25th of May at St Joachim’s Catholic Church. The Mass was a huge success thanks to all the hard efforts of Fr Eduardo, Cory Cruz and especially the catechists from Lidcombe. The theme of the Mass was “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38) and it was inspiring to hear many faith filled catechists sharing with one another about the incredible work they are doing in the schools.

Please inform me of any catechist meetings you would like me to attend this year and any in-school visits as well as it would be a great opportunity to be present in your classrooms and to learn from all your catechists and their individual teaching methods.

All the very best and many blessings for this term, I look forward to working together for 2012.

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From the Business Manager

Eddie Kropkowski

CURRICULUM - CHRIST OUR LIGHT AND LIFE.

Many thanks to all parishes for your patience and understanding in the late processing of a small number of curriculum bulk orders during the past four months. Around 250 orders are received and dispatched over a short period of time by the bookshop staff at our warehouse. This involves processing all invoices and labels at our offices at Polding Centre in Sydney, then packing and dispatching orders directly from the warehouse. Even at this late date, orders continue to be received, which is pleasing to note. We are on track to record another modest increase in curriculum sales against the last two years. Thank you to all Sydney parishes including customers around Australia for your great support.

Regrettably, last month, Years 3 & 4 activity books were exhausted despite larger than normal stock holdings maintained compared to previous years. Reprinting of these books will take place as soon as possible. Should you notice any minor errors or improvements that need to be considered please contact us so that these can be attended to prior to re-printing further supplies. Normally planning and re-printing of all curriculum stock takes place towards the middle/latter part of the year to ensure supplies are ready by December for the following year’s orders.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.

Unfortunately duplicated order payments continue to be received, this creates unnecessary additional workloads at both ends - it would be appreciated if extra care be exercised before processing any payments by reference to the applicable invoice – this topic was covered in detail in our Term 1 newsletter. If you require any assistance in this area please do not hesitate to call me or my staff. We are more than happy to help if you are having problems.

It is also noted that quite a number of parishes continue to under-order their annual bulk curriculum requirements, which in the end contributes to excessive postage/courier costs. As the curriculum (3rd Edition) is now fully revised and complete, please do not hesitate to over order your requirements, even if the quantity is small as any excess books can always be used the following year.

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## Accreditation Courses - Term 3, 2012

### BASIC ONE
None offered in Term 3

### BASIC TWO
None offered in Term 3

### INTERMEDIATE

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<td>Central</td>
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<td>St Therese's Catholic Church 11 Harvey Avenue, Padstow</td>
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<td>Aug 3, 10, 17, 24 &amp; 31 Fridays 10am to 2pm</td>
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## Catechist Ministry Certificate 2012

### Legacy of Blessed Pope John II (MI23)
*Eamonn Keane*

Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Mon & Tues 10am to 3pm
July 9 & 10

### Church Universal and Local (MC06)
*Robert Milan*

Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Wed 10am to 2pm
July 18 & 25

### Sacraments of Initiation (MI07)
*Denise Humphreys*

CCD Miranda 50 Kiora Road, Miranda
Tues 10:30am to 1:30pm
August 7, 14 & 21

### Christology (MI11)
*Robert Haddad*

Polding Centre 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Wed 10am to 2pm
Aug 15 & 22

## Interactive Whiteboard Courses - June to September 2012

### SMART Board Beginner Classes

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### SMART Board Master Classes

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°SMART Board Beginner Classes at Polding Centre are now fully booked but happy to take extra on waiting list.

**SMART Board Classes held in locations other than Polding Centre use the Mimio portable interactive whiteboard.
## CCD Calendar

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<td>Western Area Coordinators Meeting</td>
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<td>Eastern Area Coordinators Meeting</td>
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<td>Southern Area Coordinators Meeting</td>
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<td>Annual Catechist Mass</td>
<td>St Mary's Cathedral St Mary's Road, Sydney</td>
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## Br Julian's Resources

The full set of scripture teaching resources compiled by Br Julian Quinlan for Kindergarten to Year 6 is now available on CD. Catechists can use the CD on their computer to select and print resources. Your local parish catechist coordinator might already have a copy for the parish. If not, CCD can post one to the coordinator upon request by email to mimi.rivera@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or by ringing 9390 5122.

**Would you like Br Julian to run a session on storytelling in your Parish?**

Please ring Br Julian on 0405 096 018 to arrange a suitable date.

**SPECIAL SALE**

Parishes who wish to purchase large quantities of children’s Bibles, rosary beads or other resources are encouraged to contact Sydney Catholic Books and Resources. SCBR is able to offer discounts of up to 25% depending on the volume and type of product involved. Please contact either Eleanor or Priscilla on 9390 5130 to discuss your purchase needs. This offer does not extend to curriculum material as this is already heavily discounted.
After seven years of writing and revision, the new *Christ our Light and Life* K-12 curriculum was formally launched in Cathedral House in the presence of His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell, on Friday 23 March. Over 90 guests and catechists were present to celebrate this occasion and to acknowledge those who contributed over the years to its production.

*Christ our Light and Life* replaces the previous *Joy for Living* curriculum which had been in use since the mid 1970s. Begun in 2004 under then CCD Director, Mr Anthony Cleary, the aim of *Christ our Light and Life* was to produce an updated curriculum with improved graphics, doctrinal content and activities. This was to prove no quick or easy task, however, with the new *Christ our Light and Life* going through two editions before the completion of the 3rd edition early this year. *Christ our Light and Life* is now an extremely important tool in the provision of Catholic faith education to over 65,000 children in public schools on a weekly basis.

Those acknowledged during the launch by the Director of Sydney CCD, Robert Haddad, for their important contributions to the production of *Christ our Light and Life* K-12 included:

Paul Mooney and Fr Peter Joseph

Elizabeth Reeves, Carol Vella and Leonie Green
A presentation was also made by Peter Gilmore of Wollongong CCD relating to the development of electronic curriculum resources (SMART Board Student Activity Books) and on-line catechist accreditation for isolated and remote catechists. These two initiatives indicate the way forward for the CCD in how it intends to serve student and catechist needs in the years ahead. Sydney CCD is grateful for Wollongong’s support and generosity.

CCD Sydney also wishes to thank His Eminence George Cardinal Pell for his continued strong and enthusiastic support of the work of volunteer catechists, as well as its own staff and the staff of Cathedral House for hosting a very successful launch.
On Thursday 29 March the inaugural SRE celebration was held at NSW Parliament to honour the contribution of Special Religious Education (i.e., Scripture classes) to public education. Sydney CCD participated in this event under the umbrella of ICCOREIS, the Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools. Others in attendance included the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli MP, and the Shadow Minister, Carmel Tebbutt.

All the members of ICCOREIS, as well as other faith traditions, were encouraged to nominate individuals who have significantly contributed to SRE over the years. CCD Sydney nominated three persons, namely, Maureen Power, Denise Humphreys and Chehade Richa. Maureen Power was acknowledged for 75 years of continual service teaching SRE in primary schools; Denise Humphreys was acknowledged for her exhaustive work on the Christ our Light and Life K-6 curriculum; Chehade Richa was acknowledged as an example of a young person giving precious time to teach SRE in High Schools.

It is hoped that the SRE Celebration will continue as an annual event, enabling CCD Sydney to acknowledge many other catechists for their great work passing on the faith in the public school system.
Year 5 and Year 6 class artwork submissions for the Christmas Story are due on 21 Sept, the last day of Term 3.

Catechists, please plan your Christmas lessons sooner and gather materials for this exciting competition. Artwork can be prepared on A3 cartridge paper 110 gsm or up to the maximum size of 80cm x 120cm. Artworks can be in landscape or portrait mode.

Each artwork entry must have the following information attached:
- Child’s full name
- School’s full name and suburb
- Child’s age and class
- Artwork title
- Brief explanation on the artwork

The artworks should be sent or hand delivered by 21 September 2012 to:
- Your Area Faith Education Officer (FEO), or
- CCD City Office, 6th Floor, Polding Centre or
- Miranda CCD Office, 50 Kiora Road Miranda

See below for further competition details.

1. The subject matter is drawn from the Sydney Religious Education Curriculum:

   **Year 5:**
   - ‘Prepare the Way’ Isaiah 40: 3-5
   - ‘The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi’ Matthew 2:1-12

   **Year 6:**
   - ‘The Angel’s Message to Joseph’ Matt 18-25
   - ‘The Birth of Jesus and Visit of the Magi’ Matthew 1:18-2:12

2. All artworks selected for the exhibition will be displayed in St Mary’s Cathedral from 2 December 2012 to Epiphany Sunday, 6 January 2013.

3. All exhibitors will receive the Cardinal’s and Executive Director’s Certificate of Artistic Achievement.

4. Artworks will be judged both on their artistic merit and on the artist’s original personal self-reflection of the chosen Scripture. This year the artists have been asked to include some historically accurate material in their artwork eg. rug, urn, oil lamp article of clothing, style of building.

5. All successful exhibitors eligible for prizes will be notified through their school. Their invitations to the official opening of the exhibition, on Sunday 2 December at St Mary’s Cathedral Crypt, will include family members and school staff.
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by Tony Wolf

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