

Welcome to the first joint communication from the Youth and Children's Ministry (YCM) team for the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. You will remember that this team has been made up of the State School, Parish and Family RE team (Carole and Rina) and the Parish Youth Ministry Services team (Malcolm and Michael). However, Michael has this year been seconded to a position with the World Youth Day secretariat for three years and Paul Catchlove has joined us in Michael's place. With World Youth Day 2008 looming large in everyone's planning, our team will work closely with Michael at the WYD secretariat to encourage everyone to catch the vision so that this world event can be an opportunity for growth and renewal for the church of Brisbane.

YCM team now has a website www.bne.catholic.net.au/ycm containing important information for all involved in ministry with children and young people. The website contains information about resources, training and events. Having a website allows us to update and add information at regular intervals. We are aware, however, that not everyone has

access to the internet so if you wish to receive a print copy of the newsletter, and have not already let us know, **please do so at your earliest convenience.**

In order to assist parishes / deaneries in the provision of an integrated and comprehensive approach to ministry with children and young people, the YCM team has produced *Pathways*. The *Pathways* concept invites communities to identify and provide a range of opportunities and experiences through which the faith life of children and young people can be initiated, nurtured and deepened. A copy of this document is available by contacting us. The YCM team is available to work with parishes or deaneries to share this vision and has produced a planning tool for this purpose.

The YCM team has produced resources for 2007 **Lent to Pentecost**. A resource for those working in the area of children's ministry and a resource for youth and young adults will be available in mid January 2007. A description of each *Every Day with Jesus* resource is listed

inside the newsletter. Preview samples and order online at www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog07.

With 2006 now coming to an end, it is time to give thanks for significant milestones like the launch of our Archdiocesan preparation towards *World Youth Day 2008*; the production of the *Archdiocese Framework for Ministry with Young People* and the work that occurred around the proposed changes to the State Governments *Education (General Provision) Act 1989*. We wish you some space for quiet anticipation and preparation for the coming of the Christ child and every blessing for the Christmas season.

Rina, Carole, Malcolm, Paul.



Malcolm Hart, Carole Danby,
Paul Catchlove, Rina Wintour
Youth & Children's Ministry team

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Training

Early in 2007 we are offering 3 **training days for State School RE teachers** (and anyone else who works with children) on Mondays 12, 19 and 26 February. These sessions will be held at the air-conditioned Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington from 9.00am to 2.30pm. BYO lunch but tea and coffee will be available. These days can only go ahead if there are sufficient numbers so please register your interest with Carole 0400 33 2928 or 3336 9161 **before 5 February 2007**.

Together with Elizabeth Harrington of the Liturgical Commission we are offering 2 training sessions for members of **Sacramental teams** on 20th March and 5th June at the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, 333 Given Terrace, Paddington. Please encourage your parish to be represented.

Ignite

In whatever area of Children's Ministry you are involved, the **IGNITE** Children's Ministry Expo is for you. Held on Saturday 3rd of March, there will be over 40 displays of Children's Ministry resources and forty workshops. For further information visit www.igniteexpo.org.au. Whilst the venue is still to be confirmed, full IGNITE details will be available on the YCM website early 2007.

New RE Policy

You who teach **religious education in State Schools** will be aware that the proposed changes to the *Education (General Provisions) Act 1989* regarding

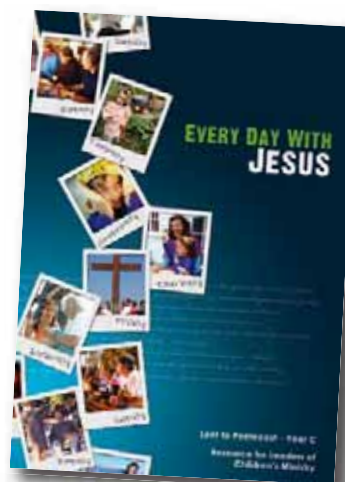
religious instruction during school hours (*Right of Entry*) were dumped by the Government and the previous provisions reinstated before the new Education Bill was passed on August 8th, 2006. Some people consider that we have won the battle with this significant back-down by the Government, but many of us realise that there is a far more insidious threat to the privilege of teaching religious education in government schools, and that is the inability of churches to provide enough volunteers to do the job!

Co-ordinators will be familiar with the blue book *Religious Instruction in school hours: A handbook for state school communities*, which was produced in 2003. This was a detailed explanation of the regulations which underpin the Legislation pertaining to *Right of Entry* Religious Instruction. This year, members of the Religious Education Advisory Committee (REAC) have assisted Education Queensland to produce a Policy which supports these Regulations. This Policy outlines the responsibilities of the Principal, the religious leaders, the parents, co-ordinators and the approved instructors and provides standard forms to be completed for record keeping. If you have access to the internet, this Policy

can be downloaded from the Education Queensland website <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/> School Principals are being informed about all the changes to the Education Act in workshops and a small part of these workshops has been given to explaining the new **Policy on religious instruction**. We want our co-ordinators to be informed so that when Principals ask questions, you will be able to respond. Before Christmas a letter will be sent to all co-ordinators explaining the new Policy. This issue will be discussed at the end-of-year Christmas lunch 8th December, 2006 and the annual Mass 9th March, 2007.

Lent to Pentecost Resource

Lent 2007 commences on Ash Wednesday 21 February. Once again we have produced **resources** for use in **all** areas of children's ministry. The 2007 resource is entitled *Every Day with Jesus* and covers the weeks from the first Sunday of Lent up to and including Pentecost Sunday. If you are a State School RE teacher, or a member of a sacramental team or children's Liturgy team, or involved in a kids' club or you conduct after school RE sessions, then this resource is for you! We are offering 2 workshops to assist you in making the best use of these resources. See *Calendar* for details.



*Lent to Pentecost - Year C
A Resource for Leaders
of Children's Ministry*

Youth Ministry *Paul Catchlove & Malcolm Hart*

Every Day with Jesus

The 2007 Lent to Pentecost reflection program will see a first for youth and young adults with the availability of a participant's book.

The book has been compiled to assist young people to reflect using scriptures from the lectionary, scripture reflections, prayer, symbolic actions and mission opportunities.

The young people's program also includes reflections to assist young people to prepare for WYD08. Additionally each participant's book comes with an 'Every Day with Jesus' wrist band.

Also available is a set of CD's which contains audio of the weekly Gospels, Gospel reflections, leaders' material, creative reflections for leaders and thirteen songs from Emmanuel Worship. Order forms are available at www.bne.catholic.net.au/lentprog07

Serving God's Young People

Serving God's Young People seeks to equip those who minister with young people and those who desire to work in youth ministry, with the basic skills to connect, engage and form the young as people of faith. *Serving God's Young People* is a Certificate III in Christian Ministry provided in

collaboration with the *Ministry and Community Life* team and the *Institute of Faith Education*.

The course begins with a week-long intensive on January 15th-19th

and is followed by four ministry formation days in March, May, July, and September. It also requires the completion of the *Beginning Theology* program to cover the theological components of the course.

The cost of *Serving God's Young People* is \$260 (the theological component *Beginning Theology*, is an additional \$280).

For registration details and further information check out the Youth and Children's Ministry website, or contact Malcolm on (07) 3336 9169.

Reflect

In 2007, YCM will run a new reflection program for those who minister with youth and young adults. *Reflect* seeks to provide an opportunity for those in parishes, schools, movements and universities to come together to reflect on their ministry experience, to share wisdom and learnings all within a framework of theological reflection.

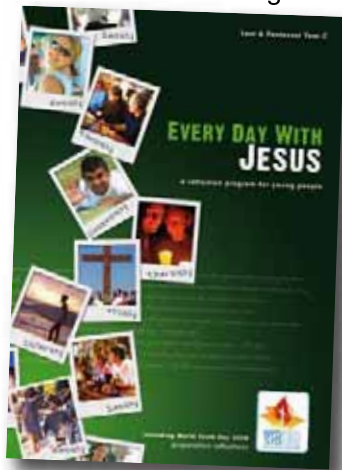
Reflect will gather on February 8th, at Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care from 9:30am-12:30pm. Subsequent *Reflect* meetings will take place on May 3rd, July 5th, September 20th, and November 22nd. To register your interest, contact Paul on 3336 9170.

Movers and Shakers

Movers and Shakers is on again in 2007. It has emerged as a key leadership development strategy for parishes, schools and other communities across Queensland.

The program has been developed to be as experiential as possible and invites young people to reflect on the various activities and the learnings that may emerge. Young people will share in small groups and will be challenged to work together in problem solving situations.

Movers and Shakers is a collaborative effort of the Queensland Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinators and the Bishops of Queensland. For further information phone Malcolm on 3336 9168.



2007 Lent to Pentecost Program for Young People

MOVERS & SHAKERS

10th – 15th April 2007
Glendalough - Iona College Outdoor Education Centre

Movers and Shakers is a week-long Christian leadership training program for youth and young adults (aged between 16 and 25) who are interested in developing leadership skills.

Cost: \$295
(includes accommodation and meals)

applications close
2nd March 2007

www.movers-and-shakers.org.au

Calendar

Jan 15th - 19th Serving God's Young People

Venue: Multicultural Pastoral Care Centre, Rosalie
RSVP: 15/12/06 (Malcolm)

Jan 25th Lent Workshop

Time: 9am – 2.30pm (BYO lunch)
Venue: St Brendan's Leagues Club, Tramore St, Rocklea
Cost: \$10 per person *RSVP:* 22/01/07 (Rina)

Feb 3rd Lent Workshop (Youth)

Time: 9am – 12pm
Venue: St Matthew's Parish, 180 Bryants Rd, Cornubia
RSVP: 25/01/07 (YCM)

Feb 5th Lent Workshop (Children's)

Time: 10am – 12pm *Venue:* Stanthorpe
Time: 4pm – 6pm *Venue:* Toowoomba
RSVP: Sr Jo Carmichael (T'ba CEO - 4687 4336)

Feb 6th Lent Workshop (Children's)

Time: 10am – 12pm *Venue:* Miles
Time: 4pm – 6pm *Venue:* Roma
RSVP: Sr Jo Carmichael (T'ba CEO - 4687 4336)

Feb 8th Reflect

Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Venue: Multicultural Pastoral Care Centre, Rosalie
RSVP: 5/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 8th Lent Workshop (Children's)

Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: Marymac Community Centre, 616 Ipswich Rd
Cost: \$10 per person *RSVP:* 5/02/07 (Rina)

Feb 8th Lent Workshop (Youth)

Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: St Paschal's Parish, 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights
RSVP: 1/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 10th Lent Workshop (Youth)

Time: 9am – 12pm
Venue: Paloma Reception Centre, 121 Mains Rd, Sunnybank
RSVP: 5/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 12th RETOP

Time: 9am – 2.30pm (BYO lunch)
Venue: Multicultural Pastoral Care Centre, Rosalie
RSVP: 8/02/07 (Carole)

Feb 13th Ministry with Young People Framework Workshop

Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: St Peters Parish, 955-971 Rochedale Rd, Rochedale
RSVP: 7/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 15th Ministry with Young People Framework Workshop

Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: St Luke's Parish, 45 Degen Rd, Capalaba
RSVP: 9/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 17th Ministry with Young People Framework Workshop

Time: 10pm – 12pm
Venue: North Coast (TBA)
RSVP: 9/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 19th RETOP

Time: 9am – 2.30pm (BYO lunch)
Venue: Multicultural Pastoral Care Centre, Rosalie

Feb 20th Ministry with Young People Framework Workshop

Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: (TBA)
RSVP: 16/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 22nd Ministry with Young People Framework Workshop

Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: O'Shea Centre, 19 Lovedale St, Wilston
RSVP: 16/02/07 (YCM)

Feb 26th RETOP

Time: 9am – 2.30pm (BYO lunch)
Venue: Multicultural Pastoral Care Centre, Rosalie

Mar 3rd IGNITE - Queensland Children's Ministry Network

Web: www.igniteexpo.org.au

Mar 9th Beginning of Year Mass

Time: 11.00am followed by light lunch & meeting
Venue: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, Robertson Rd, Eastern Heights (Ipswich)
RSVP: 5/03/07 (YCM)

Mar 20th Sacramental Training Session

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Multicultural Pastoral Care Centre, Rosalie
Cost: \$15 per person *RSVP:* 16/03/07 (Rina)

Mar 31st Archdiocesan WYD08 Training Event

RSVP to:

YCM (07) 3336 9171

Carole (07) 3336 9161

Malcolm (07) 3336 9169

Rina (07) 3336 9162

Paul (07) 3336 9170

Beginning of Year Mass

The Beginning of Year Mass for State School RE teachers is going regional in 2007 in deference to the loyal people from Ipswich and Laidley and the Gold Coast who always attend. Come to Eastern Heights, Ipswich on the 9th March. Mass commences at 11.00am and will be followed by a light lunch and meeting. This is the one chance in the year that all Catholic RE teachers get together, so come along and bring your team with you.

RSVP to Dale Ph 33369171 or email ycm.fl@bne.catholic.net.au by Monday, 5th March, 2007