

Youth and Children's Ministry BIG Training Day out!

Saturday 21 February saw almost three hundred committed and enthusiastic people from local parishes, Catholic schools and other dioceses (Rockhampton, Townsville, Toowoomba, Lismore and Wagga Wagga) gather for a day of prayer, networking and quality presentations from experienced leaders across parish ministries relating to children and young people.

The day began with an invitation to explore a *Pathways* vision to nurture the spirituality of children, young people and their families from womb to tomb. The *Pathways* model invites parishes to map out possible steps in an individual's faith journey. This was followed by a keynote address by Archbishop John Bathersby in which he shared his *Jesus Communion Mission* vision with those assembled and commissioned them for ministry with a powerful ritual.

Participants enjoyed a choice of 24 workshops across the day offering a wide variety of ideas and resources, fellowship and

networking. During breaks participants had the opportunity to view several displays by archdiocesan and other relevant organisations. We are most grateful for the generous contribution to the success of the day made by our guest presenters. Their expertise, professionalism, time and energy is much appreciated.

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It was great to see so many of you and catch up on your activities. Jim and Jan Lahey shared a beautiful book made by one of their classes at Zillmere state school, with children saying how much they enjoy religious education classes with the Laheys! 'Religion is fun because Mr Lahey reads us the bible, teaches us about God and shows us how to be nice!'

Whilst our core business will continue to be responding to parish requests for training, advice, support and resources, we are hoping that the Training

Day will become an annual event, firmly planted in the parish psyche and a highlight in the archdiocesan calendar.

It is not our intention that the Training Day will do away with the personal service with which we pride ourselves but will provide an opportunity for a larger gathering of like-minded parish volunteers and employed staff to catch a bigger vision for youth and children's ministry. Parishes and schools can send their teams to be trained, equipped and enriched at the beginning of each year.

As this newsletter goes to print, plans are already underway for YCM Training Day 2010.

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Children's Ministry

Easter Greetings!

The New Year began with a flurry of activity and a great deal of excitement! Our new team members, Liz and Angela (read more about them on our website www.ycm.org.au) have thrown themselves into the many and varied tasks which present themselves in our roles and were valuable contributors to the Training Day. Liz volunteered her entire family to participate in the prayer ritual which began the day and Angela showed her theatrical skills and musical ability. We also welcome to our team, Percy Lawrence as our new administrative assistant.

On the road for State School RE Training

The RENEW team took to the road in early February to present a mini-conference for a group of 50 or so RE volunteers in **Bundaberg** and then Carole spent a day in **Mackay** skilling participants in biblical storytelling and creative classroom techniques. We also enjoyed visiting **Laidley**, **Beaudesert** and **Redcliffe** to present training seminars.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We spent two Sundays in February, one at **Carina** and the other at **Birkdale**, conducting a CLOW session with children from each of these parishes, whilst the volunteer teams observed, then we continued with a workshop after Mass. The demonstrations engendered enthusiastic discussion, participation and sharing of ideas.

Sacramental Preparation

Much of our weekends and evenings have been spent working with parish sacramental teams and families at **Daisy Hill**,

Redcliffe, **Aspley** and **Hendra**. We feel very privileged to be invited to facilitate parent education evenings and family activity sessions and continue to be dedicated to assisting families share faith with their children. We do this, not only by presenting sessions 'face to face' (living up to our nickname *Holy Wiggles*) but also by providing quality resources such as *Family Prayer Time* and *Praying Together* for use by parents, grandparents and/or teachers.



Archbishop's Tour of the Archdiocese

As a way to have as many people as possible meet our new team members, Angela and Liz, we have been present at almost all of the Archbishop's visits to deaneries on his tour around the archdiocese. Our volunteers involved in state school religious education and other children's ministries were well represented at these events and we enjoyed catching up with you.

Building Families Seminars

Coming to a parish near you! Are you a parent or grandparent who wants to learn some skills for talking about faith with children and have some fun at the same time? We are involved in a new and exciting venture with Gwen Winterscheidt and the team from JP11 Centre for Family and Life, Passionist Family Groups and

Centacare, to provide ideas for family prayer and children's activities at these seminars. Come along with your whole family and join in the fun! See *enclosed flyer for all the details*.

Network of Biblical Storytellers

This year Queensland will be hosting the annual gathering of storytellers from around Australia and New Zealand. Anyone interested in storytelling and the bible would enjoy this weekend. This will be held from 18-20 September at Alexandra Parklands Conference Centre on the Sunshine Coast. We encourage all teachers of RE, leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word and Readers of the Word, to come along and enjoy a rich feast of storytelling in the company of people who love to tell and listen to stories. Workshops to skill you in storytelling will be offered for experienced and beginners alike.

Leisa Anslinger - Sharing the Joy in faith formation!

Our gift to you for your own professional development is an opportunity to spend some time with this international visitor and expert in stewardship. Come and be affirmed in your ministry of 'sharing the Good News!' We are hosting a special seminar for you on Thursday 25th June at O'Shea Centre, Lovedale Street, Wilston 9.30am-12.30pm. Morning tea provided. We hope to see you all there!

RENEW Conference

Good News! This great event is on again in 2009! Mark your diaries now for a great day - **Friday 23rd October** at **Broadwater Road Uniting Church, Mansfield**.



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Youth Ministry

New Faces New Premises

The beginning of this year is continuing to be a time of great transition. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Michael Hart and Donna Longland have returned to youth ministry after their two and half years working in the WYD Secretariat. They have been joined by our two new Youth Ministry Development Officers, Christine Anderson and Anita Hendrie.



February saw the Youth Ministry staff move into the new premises at 61 Fernberg Road Paddington, near Sacred Heart Church - Rosalie, where we look forward to being joined by the Children's Ministry staff in the coming months.



Youth Ministry Workers Wine and Cheese Evening

To kick start the year, we co-hosted a Wine and Cheese Evening with the Archdiocesan Commission for Ministry with Young People on Tuesday, 3rd March 2009.

Networking and creating opportunities to support each other as Youth Ministry Workers were high on the agenda, as well as putting faces to the many new names of Youth Ministry in the parishes, deaneries, schools and youth movements of the Archdiocese.

Those attending made valuable contributions to the types of events, trainings and support we will be facilitating throughout the year.

Youth Ministry Worker Inservice Days

To support the growing number of youth ministry workers across the Archdiocese the YM team has decided to run regular Youth Ministry Worker In-service Days throughout 2009. These days are designed to provide support, formation and networking.

The first of these In-service days, held on *Wednesday, 18th March*, focused on discovering where ministry with young people belongs in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. There was also input on the *Framework for Ministry with Young People* and the *National Youth Ministry Vision Statement*. The afternoon session was dedicated to sharing the wisdom and resources people had gained through their experience of youth ministry.

The next of these monthly gatherings is scheduled for **Tuesday, 28th April 2009**. If you are interested contact Anita on (07) 3109 6804 or hendriea@bne.catholic.net.au



At the moment we are busily preparing for *Movers & Shakers*, our week-long Christian leadership training program for youth and young adults. As a Christian Youth Leadership Training program, *Movers and Shakers* offers young people the unique opportunity to reflect on their gifts and develop their skills in leadership and community development.

The program has been developed to be as experiential as possible. It invites young people to reflect on the various activities they will participate in during the week and discover for themselves the learnings that emerge. The young people will share in small groups and will be challenged to work together in problem solving situations. Please keep these young people in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

Serving God's People *(with an emphasis on/an elective for those involved in Youth Ministry)*

We have received a number of requests from people involved in Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese, for further training and formation. In response, to support parishes, deaneries, schools and movements, the YCM Team will offer the course **Serving God's People - Certificate III in Christian Ministry & Theology** on eight Saturdays, over a six month period. This course will enable participants to deepen their understanding of ministry and will highlight what each person requires to participate fully in ministry. It will include a particular focus on Ministry with Young People.

The dates are as follows:

May 9th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th and November 14th

Please note there will be limited places in this course and enrolments need to be finalised by **Friday 1st May, 2009**.

If you would like to find out more about this course please contact Donna Longland on (07) 3109 6800 or longlandd@bne.catholic.net.au



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Calendar

- Apr 14-19 Movers and Shakers**
Christian Youth Leadership Training Program
- April 23 Workshop for SSRE teachers**
Time: 9am Meeting 9.30am - 12 noon Workshop
Venue: Daley Parish Centre, St William's, Grovely
RSVP Dorothy Dent Ph 3351 1759
- April 26 Children's Liturgy Workshop**
Time: 9.30am Mass - CLOW modelling then workshop from 10.30am- 11.30am
Venue: Holy Cross Parish, Wooloowin
RSVP Percy Lawrence Ph 3336 9175
- Apr 28 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: CMPC, 333 Given Tce PADDINGTON
RSVP Anita Hendrie Ph 3109 6804
- May 9 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: CMPC, 333 Given Tce PADDINGTON
Info: Donna Longland Ph 3109 6800
- May 16 Brisbane Northern Rivers Deanery 'Pumped' event**
Venue: St Columban's College, Caboolture
- May 16 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: CMPC, 333 Given Tce PADDINGTON
- May 17 Biblical Storytelling with Children**
Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Venue: St Paul's Anglican Church, Ipswich
RSVP Rev Lizzie Gaitskell Ph 3812 0377
- May 23 Building Families Seminar**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: St Kieran's Parish, Brighton
RSVP Gwen Winterscheidt Ph 3366 2188
- May 26 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: CMPC, 333 Given Tce PADDINGTON
- June 20 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: CMPC, 333 Given Tce PADDINGTON
- June 23 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: CMPC, 333 Given Tce PADDINGTON
- June 25 Leisa Anslinger Forming Generous Hearts**
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: O'Shea Centre, Lovedale Street, Wilston
RSVP Percy Lawrence ph 3336 9175
- June 26 Timothy Radcliffe OP Public Lecture**
Time: 7:00pm
Venue: Clairvaux MacKillop Lecture Theatre Upper Mt Gravatt
- July 18 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- July 21 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Aug 15 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Aug 18 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Sept 15 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Sept 18-20 Network of Biblical Storytellers Gathering**
Uniting Church Conference Centre
Alexandra Parklands, Alexandra Headlands.
- Sept 19 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Oct 13 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Oct 23 RENEW Conference**
Venue: Broadwater Road Uniting Church, Mansfield.
- Oct 17 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Nov 14 Serving God's People (Cert III Christian Ministry & Theology)**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm
Venue: TBA
- Nov 17 Youth Ministry Workers' Inservice Day**
Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

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