



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2009



COMMUNIQUE NO. 9

Date: 1 September 2009

To: Priests, Religious Congregations, The Director of Catholic Education, Assistant to Director DCEO - Mission, Principals, APREs, School Boards, P & F Associations, Diocesan Pastoral Council, Pastoral Councils, Parish Workers, Adult Faith Coordinators, Religion in State School Coordinators, Diocesan Financial Services, Mercy Health & Aged Care, Catholic Women's League, Diocesan Pastoral Services, Social Justice Committee, Vocations Officer, Commission for Ecumenism & Interfaith, Commission for Environmental Awareness, Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Education Council, Centacare, Students of Certificate Pastoral Liturgy.

From: Margaret Hallinan

The Task Force met on Tuesday 25 August for its last formal meeting prior to the Assembly 21-24 September 2009. Items Discussed:

Administration issues: Time was spent discussing what IT equipment was required and ensuring that the sound systems for liturgies etc was under control. We are very fortunate that DCEO have been able to supply an IT person for the entire Assembly. **Thank you Leesa and Jason**

Sound: We are fortunate to have the services of Michael Davis a 'guru' in the area of sound mixing and mechanics. Michael is a year 12 Student from St Brendan's and is more than willing to offer his services for the Assembly. **Thanks to Mark Effeny and Geoff MacManus for your support in bringing this to fruition.**

Attendance: The numbers attending the Assembly as I write this last communiqué are 270 overall with 93 living in, 111 living out and remainder coming for either the Keynote addresses or one or two workshops. What a fantastic response! May the Lord continue to bless each of us as we continue to walk the journey within the Rockhampton Diocese.

Workshops: It was noted at the meeting that on the whole attendees have been given their first choices – **and** all have been placed in a workshop of their preference.

"This is why I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control."

(2 Timothy 1: 6 -8)

Displays: It was very heartening at the meeting to learn that there will be **27 displays** from around the Diocese. Thanks what a magnificent response. Thanks to Bernadette Byrne Capricorn Coast who will be responsible for ensuring all displays are ready to go!

Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy: Many participants of this course will be present at the Eucharistic celebration and Graduation on *WEDNESDAY 23 September*. We warmly welcome them all.

Launching of website for Cathedral Bookstore and Booklet for Commission for Environmental Awareness: The above launches will take place on Tuesday 22 September prior to the Concert. Of course we will also be launching “Fanning the Flame” the Assembly Song written by Fran Griffin, Ursula Boyd and Mary O’Donnell.

The Taskforce then spent considerable time attending to the ‘*minute*’ details of the Assembly.

As this is the last communiqué prior to the Assembly on behalf of the Assembly Task force as Chair:

- Thank you to **our Bishop** who has been an inspiration to the Task Force throughout the entire process – always open to possibilities – ever ready to hear views and excited about the future! **Thank you Fr Brian**
- Thank you to the Task Force who has met several challenges along the way.
- Thank you to Father Kevin Hennessy facilitator who has kept the Task force on the straight and narrow throughout.
- Thank you to Karen Page who has worked tirelessly to ensure the Assembly will **‘fan a flame into the gift that God gave to each of us.**
- Thanks to Pauline McCosker who has supported Karen in so many ways
- Thank you to the Diocesan Catholic Education Office who has supported the Taskforce. **Thanks Leesa**
- Thank you to Neil McDonald and Jan Mussig who have ensured that ‘notices were forwarded to Schools/Colleges and Parishes.
- Thank you to Claire Dash St Brendan’s who has been absolutely splendid in answering so many questions – *Claire you are a legend!*
- Thank you to all the Diocesan contacts who I am sure have religiously informed their communities etc about the lead up to the Diocesan Assembly
- Thank you to all those who have helped in preparing e.g. liturgies for the Assembly, musicians, décor, running sheets, preparing the Assembly Bags, wrapping gifts, providing sustenance for the ‘soul’ at the Assembly etc...
- Thank you to those who contributed to ‘*Call to Assembly*’ your wisdom was greatly appreciated.
- Thank you to Marcia Mansfield for your ‘*quiet support in so many ways*’
- Thank you to Colin Ryan DDF for your patience.
- Thank you to all those who will contribute in some way to ensure the Assembly ***will fan the flames of our faith as people of God in the Diocese of Rockhampton.***
- Thank you to all those I have forgotten to mention- your contribution is greatly appreciated.

In Conclusion

Mother Teresa has a fabulous saying:

What I can do you cannot do

What you can do I cannot do

BUT

Together we can do something Beautiful for God

Let us all move forward ensuring we will do something beautiful for God - SEE YOU ON 21 SEPTEMBER