



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2009



COMMUNIQUE NO. 4

DATE; 25 May 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 Bundaberg Mater Hospital, Students of Certificate IV Pastoral Liturgy.

FROM: Margaret Hallinan, Coordinator

RE: Diocesan Assembly - Programme

The Assembly Taskforce met on 20 May 2009. The following is a summary of the meeting:

Workshops: There will be **fourteen workshops** available at the Assembly. The Taskforce is in the final stages of organising presenters. The presenters are being invited to a meeting on **9 June** with the Task force to discuss the expectations for these workshops. Following this meeting a list of the workshops and presenters will be forward to all communities and agencies.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES :

On **Tuesday 22 September** the key note address will be ***What is it to be Catholic in the 21st Century*** with Rev. Dr John Chalmers as the presenter. Fr John currently teaches Mission and Ministry and directs Field Education at St Paul's Theological College, a member school of the Brisbane College of Theology. He also directs Pastoral Ministries within the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. Foundation Chair of the Multi Faith Health Care Council, he is particularly interested in ecumenical and multi faith pastoral ventures, springing from 15 years of parish and hospital ministry. He holds post graduate degrees in theology, ministry, organisation development and higher education.

“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)

Wednesday 23 September the keynote address will be *How do we live the dream as Catholic in the 21st Century*, and Mary Loch will be the presenter. Mary was born in Murwillumbah and educated by the Josephite Sisters at St Joseph's Convent, Yeronga, in Brisbane. After teacher training at UQ Mary's first appointment was Emerald. Communication is now Mary's field and she has 35 years practical experience in presentations at seminars, conventions and conferences. Currently Mary is in semi-retirement on the beach at Keppel Sands. She is committed to and passionate and optimistic about the future direction of church in this Diocese and in Australia. Mary is convinced that Stewardship has enormous potential for shaping our church in years to come and for giving it the resources to survive and thrive, namely our gifted and committed lay people.

Thursday 24 September the keynote address will be *Going forth as a Diocese in the 21st Century* presented by Father Kevin Hennessy CP. Fr Kevin has been a Passionist Priest for 33 years and has worked in seven countries giving retreats, seminars and facilitating meetings for Religious Congregations and Dioceses. He spent over 22 years in leadership in his Congregation in Formation for Religious Life and Leadership on a National and Local Level.

Fr Kevin still travels a great deal and has more recently worked in Mindano in the Southern parts of the Philippines. He spent 11 years in Papua New Guinea and for a few years represented the Major Superiors in trying to bring Justice and understanding in different situations of Government and Church. At present he is stationed in Melbourne, working mainly in Australia and New Zealand and is the Vocation Coordinator for his Congregation. He enjoys his Passionist Life and Priesthood helping the local church face the questions of change within a Spiritual context.

Program for the four days: Included with this communiqué is the program for the four days. The registration booklet will be available at the end of June and **closing date for registrations is 21 August**. The Bishop has issued an open invitation **for all** to attend. However, it is expected that **at least 4 to 6 people come from each Parish (faith community)**. Parishes may wish to subsidise people to attend.

Child minding facilities: Thanks to Anne Mills from Chanel College Gladstone, students from Chanel will be responsible for minding children **under five** for the four days.

Young People's Program: This program will be available for children **6 years to 16 years**. We are in the process of finalising the details for this program with Leigh Stower. More information will be available in the next Communiqué.

The next Task force meeting will be 9 June.

Reminder: As the contact person within your community/agency the Taskforce would appreciate that these communiqués are shared with those within your responsibility.

May the Spirit continue to remind each of us to fan into a flame the gift that God gave to each of us.

Fanning the Flame – Timetable

	Monday 21 September	Tuesday 22 September	Wednesday 23 September	Thursday 24 September
7am		Eucharist		
7.30 – 8.30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8.30		Registration	Registration	Gathering Prayer
9.00 – 9.30		Gathering Prayer	Gathering Prayer	<i>“Going forth as a Diocese in the 21st Century”</i>
9.30 – 10.30		<i>“What is it to be Catholic in the 21st Century”</i> Fr John Chalmers	<i>“How do we live the dream as Catholic in the 21st Century?”</i> Mrs Mary Loch	
10.30 – 11.00		Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
11.00 – 11.45		Group discussion on keynote address	Group discussion on keynote address	Actions for the future
11.45 – 12.15	Registration	Feedback & Response	Feedback & Response	Commissioning – Go out and Fan the Flame
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch (available)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2.00	Registration	Workshops	Workshops	
3.30	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	
4.00	Reflective Walk	Workshops		
5.00			Assembly Mass and Graduation (Certificate IV Pastoral Liturgy)	
5.30		Closing Prayer		
6.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
7.00				
7.30	Launch Assembly Song Bishop’s Address Close with Prayer	Concert		