



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2009



COMMUNIQUE 6

Date: 29 June 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

The Task Force met on Tuesday 23 June. The facilitator Father Kevin Hennessy was present. The Bishop gave an update on the workshops. **There will now be 15 workshops.** They are

1. Baptismal Call for all People **Vivien Williams**
2. Nurturing Family Life for the Future **Mark and Ursula Boyd**
3. Environmental issues for a sustainable future **Sr Mary Ann**
4. Ecumenism – caught up in the Mission of Jesus together **Sr Beryl**
5. Evangelisation through Stewardship **Joe McCorley**
6. The Ministry of Faith Education in the Diocese for the Future? **Sr Carmel Boyle**
7. The Contribution of Religious Life to the Future 'What flame do we want to hand on'? **Sister Kym Harris**
8. Priests and People in Parish Ministry **Father Don White**
9. The place of women in the Church **Kimberley Davis**
10. Life giving Liturgy **Sister Ursula O'Rourke**
11. Developing a Social Justice Conscience **Coralie Kingston**
12. Social Mission of the Church where to? **Dr Ricki Jeffrey**
13. Unity in the Diversity of Culture **Linda Esguerra**
14. Beyond World Youth Day **Michael Hart**
15. Catholic Education: Looking to the Future – **Leesa Jeffcoat & Di-Anne Rowan**

*"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."*

- A. During the meeting, the task force linked in with Father John Chalmers the first Keynote speaker – *“What is it to be Catholic in the 21st Century”* The Taskforce then conversed with John regarding the content of his address. Some quotes that need to be thought about: *‘We are a church for the world – not just for ourselves’. ‘I am motivated I am hopeful I have some passion to be catholic in new ways and because of that I can move forward and therefore I am happy to be engaged to help this happen’*
- B. The liturgical aspect of the Assembly was discussed. The group who are responsible for enacting the liturgies/prayers throughout the assembly have met twice. The last meeting was held on **Tuesday 23 June**. Please find below the outline of which region is responsible for the enactment of these liturgies/prayers
- Monday afternoon: Reflective walk through the History to celebrate the story of the Rockhampton Diocese - Father Milner
 - Monday evening: Irene Davison - Gladstone
 - Tuesday morning: Anne Sheehan - Bundaberg –
 - Tuesday evening: Rita Connor - Central West
 - Wednesday morning: Collette Curtis - Central Highlands
 - Wednesday afternoon: Mary O’Donnell - Graduation Mass
 - Thursday morning: Jan Whelan - Mackay
 - Closing Ritual: Claire Stitt - Rockhampton
 - Co-ordination to ensure that all goes well - running sheets Sue Botfield
 - Décor: Gail Davis, Cindy O’Neill
- C. The Core Group consisting of Sister Maria Rhule, Father Kevin Hennessy and Margaret Hallinan met weekend 18 -21 June to ensure that everything was on track for the forthcoming Assembly. Father Kevin gave an overview of the work completed over the weekend. Kevin highlighted the process that will be used on **Thursday 24 September** to reach consensus once recommendations have been named. He also pointed out that the core team will meet with the Keynote speakers, workshop presenters and scribes prior to the commencement of the Assembly.

The task group will meet next on the 28 July 2009

Registration booklets will be forwarded to all contacts, parishes and agencies in the week beginning 6 July. Please note that earlybird registrations close 7 August

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.