



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2009



Communiqué 7

Date: 3 August

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 Pastoral Liturgy.

From: Margaret Hallinan

The Task Force met on Tuesday 28 July, 2009. Items Discussed:

Registration booklets: It was reiterated that each parish received a limited amount and now that there are more available. Karen to send memo to parishes saying more registration booklets are available and can be sent via email; an advertised to this effect to be sent to parishes for advertising in their newsletters. **The taskforce urges each of you to ensure that there are at least 4 - 6 representatives from your parish attending – How are you fanning the flame as the contact person?**

Keynote Speakers: Report given to the taskforce of the Teleconference held with keynote speakers and Facilitator prior to the Assembly Task force meeting.

Assembly Song: The Taskforce listened to the song and were very happy with the words and the tune – very simple and meaningful. The taskforce broke out in parts (whether on the note is another thing!!) This was a great way to start the meeting in prayer. The Bishop informed the taskforce that at the Priest's Retreat the priests learnt the Assembly Song.

Father Brian's Address: The Bishop outlined what he is proposing to say in his opening address on Monday 21 September. *"in essence fan into a flame the gift that God has given us."* The Bishop asked for comments from the group. Several suggestions were made and the Bishop will 'mull' over these suggestions prior to his keynote address on **MONDAY 21 September.**

"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)

Administrative jobs: A fair amount of time was spent going through all the tasks required to be achieved prior to the Assembly. The group needs to ensure that all ‘bases’ are covered and that there are no surprises!

Liturgical Celebrations: The taskforce urges all those who are attending and can play a musical instrument please bring to the Assembly. This will add to the vibrant celebrations.

Heads of Churches: Bishop Brian will invite the heads of Churches to be part of this gathering. They may not be able to attend for the entire Assembly –however, maybe able to attend one of the Dinners.

Guests at the Graduation for the Graduands of Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy: The Mayor of the Rockhampton Regional Council Brad Carter and his wife Gail will attend the Graduation mass and Dinner on Wednesday 23 September, as will Paul Hoolihan.

Displays: The taskforce was heartened to learn that there will be at least **16 displays** to inform the Diocese of the ministries that are taking place in the Diocese in 2009. (*Centacare, Diocesan P & F, Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations, DCEO incorporating Schools, Adult Faith and RI in States Schools, St Ursula’s, St Brendan’s, R.I States Schools and Care and Concern Capricorn Coast, Marriage Tribunal & Missions, Bundaberg Parish, Rockhampton South parish, Rockonia Parish, Farleigh Parish, Stella Maris Seafarers and Sisters of Mercy.*

St Ursula’s College has kindly agreed to provide 16 tables for these displays. Thank you. I am still working on free standing dividers.

The Task force will meet on **25 August. This will be the last formal meeting prior to the Assembly**

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.