

Rockhampton Diocesan Assembly

21 – 24 September 2009



*“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)



A Message from our Bishop

*As a community of believers
we live out the call of Baptism
through personal faith in Jesus
witnessing together to the
Good News of the Kingdom*

I would like to encourage you to become a participant in our Diocesan Assembly 2009. Assemblies have been a part of the story of our Diocese and have always contributed to the strength and future direction of our journey in faith.

“Fanning the Flame” reminds us of God’s call, not merely to receive the gift of faith, but to nurture it and hand it on to others.

I am confident that God’s Spirit will guide us as we plan for the future. I am also sure that our gracious God is inviting you to be part of this Assembly to join with your sisters and brothers for a time of faith, friendship and fun.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Heenan', with a cross at the end.

*Brian Heenan
Bishop of Rockhampton*

A word from the Assembly Task Force

Fanning the Flame Assembly is a time when the Diocesan Family “will come together as Church

- **to celebrate,**
- **to re-energize, and**
- **to fan the flames of our faith as People of God in the Diocese of Rockhampton as we seek directions for the future of OUR CHURCH**

We encourage YOU to come along to grow in and share your faith.

The following people have worked with the Bishop to bring this Assembly to fruition:

Father John Grace	Ms Joy Philippi
Sister Maria Rhule	Mrs Annette Rowe
Mrs Karen Page (Secretary)	Mr Joe McCorley
Ms Margaret Hallinan (Coordinator)	Mr Matthew Vandeleur

**On behalf of the Assembly Task force we hope you come to celebrate
“Our Diocesan Church”**

Keynote Speakers:

Father John Chalmers

“What is it to be Catholic in the 21st Century?”



Rev Dr John Chalmers 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 fifteen years of parish and hospital ministry. He holds post graduate degrees in theology, ministry, organisation development and higher education.

Mrs Mary Loch

“How do we live the ‘dream’ as Catholic in the 21st Century?”

I was born in Murwillumbah but have almost recovered from being born in the land of the cockroach! I was educated by the Josephite Sisters at St Joseph’s Convent, Yeronga, in Brisbane and completed my high school education at Lourdes Hill college, where I was dux of college in my senior year. (Not a very bright intake that year!) After doing my teacher training at University of Queensland I took myself off to my first posting in Emerald. “Where the blazes is Emerald?” Which was my reaction to the posting guaranteed that I would not be assigned any geography classes. I have been married to a grazier/irrigation farmer, Ced, for 40 years and have two children, one an Economist and one a PhD student in Adelaide.

Communication is my field and I have 35 years practical experience in presentations at seminars, conventions and conferences. While living on the Gold Coast, I ran my own company tutoring high school and university students in English and Communication. This business also provided an editing service for university assignments and theses. Currently I am struggling to cope with a life of semi-retirement on the beach at Keppel Sands. I was tricked into being a presenter at this assembly but I am committed to and passionate and optimistic about the future direction of church in this Diocese and in Australia. I am 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.



Facilitator: Father Kevin Hennessy CP

“Going forth as a Diocese in 21st Century”



Fr Kevin Hennessy CP has been a Passionist Priest for 33 years. He 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.

Fanning the Flame 2009

From Monday 21 September until Thursday 24 September the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton will be holding a Diocesan Assembly. The Assembly will be held at St Brendan's College, Yeppoon.

Fanning the Flame will bring together the priests of the diocese, religious, individuals and families from parishes, schools and our regional and diocesan agencies to explore, learn, reflect, discuss, plan, pray and celebrate together. The Eucharist will be celebrated each day.

Those encouraged to participate include:

- lay people from their local faith communities as well as priests,
- members of religious institutes,
- pastoral and parish workers, and
- those who minister in aged care, health care and welfare services.
- those who minister to our young people in states schools, catholic schools and post school youth,
- families are particularly welcome.

There is **no limit** to the number of persons who can come from each faith community, however it is expected that each parish be represented by sending **at least 4-6 members**.

Workshop Titles

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 - **Srs Mary Ann Cassanova & Rose Schick rsj**
4. Ecumenism – Caught up in the Mission of Jesus Together - **Sr Beryl Amedee rsm**
5. Evangelisation through Stewardship - **Joe McCorley**
6. The Ministry of Faith Education in the Diocese for the Future? - **Sr Carmel Boyle pbvm**
7. The Contribution of Religious Life to the Future - **Sr Kym Harris osb**
8. Priests and People in Parish Ministry - **Fr Don White**
9. The Place of Women in the Church - **Kimberley Davis**
10. Life-giving Liturgy - **Sr Ursula O'Rourke sgs**
11. Developing a Social Justice Conscience - **Coralie Kingston**
12. The Social Mission of the Church - Where to? - **Dr Ricki Jeffery**
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**

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME AND CATERED FOR:

Young
people's
programme



Family

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*What is life without love?
And what is love without family?
Family is the glue that keeps us together
keeps us whole.
Friends may come and go
but family is there to stay.
You can't trump blood
it's always there flowing through you.
Without family the world would crumble
and the sun would not shine.
So I just wanted to say
I would not be whole without you
because you are my rock
My world would crack and collapse
without you and your wisdom*

Childcare
available



REGISTRATION FORM

(Remove this middle section from Registration Booklet and return as per instructions below)

Closing dates for Registrations: 21 August 2009

ONE FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING

(This form maybe photocopied for additional registrations)

PLEASE PRINT:

Surname..... Given Name.....

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Fr / Sr / Br / Rev – other title

Preferred name for name badge:.....

Address for all correspondence.....

Post Code: Phone Number.....

Work Phone Mobile

email

REGISTRATION DETAILS: Please tick the relevant boxes below

A. FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (Monday 21 September – Thursday 24 September)

- EARLYBIRD FULL REGISTRATION \$200.00 per person (registration and payment before 7 August 2009)** Special group offer (pay five registrations and get the sixth one free). This applies only to earlybird or full registration
- FULL REGISTRATON \$225.00 per person (registration received after 7 August but before 21 August 2009).** This entitles participants to all sessions, meals and accommodation
- FULL REGISTRATION AFTER 21 August \$265.00 per person**
- CONCESSIONAL REGISTRATION \$150.00 per person (please attach a copy of full-time student or pensioner identity card)**
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILIES
- YOUNG PEOPLE (6 – 16 YEARS OF AGE) REGISTRATION \$ 80.00 per person**
- CHILDREN FIVE AND UNDER FREE (please indicate the number of children)**

B. OTHER REGISTRATION OPTIONS – INDIVIDUAL DAYS (prices relevant up until 21 August 2009)

- FULL DAY REGISTRATION \$ 80.00 per person (includes all meals, overnight accommodation)**
Please circle Tues/Wed
- FULL DAY REGISTRATION \$ 65.00 per person (including evening meal) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.** Please circle
- MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING \$ 30.00 per person INCLUDES LUNCH, DINNER AND SESSION**

- TUESDAY EVENING REGISTRATION \$ 25.00 per person (INCLUDING DINNER AND CONCERT)**
- WEDNESDAY EVENING REGISTRATION \$ 25.00 per person(INCLUDING LITURGY & DINNER)**
- EVENING REGISTRATION \$ 40.00 per person (WITH ACCOMMODATION AND BREAKFAST) Please circle Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday**
- THURSDAY REGISTRATION \$ 25.00 per person (INCLUDES SESSION, MORNING TEA AND LUNCH)**

Late fee (a fee of \$25.00 applies to any of the above registrations after 21 August 2009)

**C. YOUNG PEOPLES REGISTRATION 6 – 16 YEARS (SESSIONS FREE)
FREE MORNING TEA & AFTERNOON TEA**

Breakfast: \$7, Lunch \$8, Dinner \$10 Overnight accommodation \$10

	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs
Break				
Lunch				
Dinner				
O/N				

Please list your children's names and ages

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Child-Care Registration (FREE)

I will be utilising child-minding facilities for my child(ren) under 5 years.

Available mornings 9am – 12.30pm, and afternoons (2-5.30pm Tuesday or 2-4pm Wednesday)

Names and ages: _____

- Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Dietary Requirements

Please indicate if you have any specific dietary requirements:

- Vegetarian Lactose Free Gluten Free

Residential Requirements

If you know you would be unable to use a high bunk while staying in residence please tick

Please refer to back page

Registration for Workshops

Name: _____

Each participant has opportunity to attend three workshops as outlined on pp 5,6 & 7.
Please clearly indicate below in ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCE A B C or D (A being your first preference and D being your last preference).

Workshop Tuesday 2pm

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____

6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____

Workshop Tuesday 4pm

1. ____ 2. ____ 3. ____ 4. ____ 5. ____

11. ____ 12. ____ 13. ____ 14. ____ 15. ____

Workshop Wednesday 2pm

6. ____ 7. ____ 8. ____ 9. ____ 10. ____

11. ____ 12. ____ 13. ____ 14. ____ 15. ____

**Please check that you have completed all sections for registration for Workshops
and return to our office:**

Assembly Task Force
For the attention of Karen Page
P O Box 524, Rockhampton 4700
Phone : 4931 3656 / Fax: 4931 3683

Payment details

Payment can be made by cheque or credit card.

Total Registration Fees: \$ _____

Card type Visa Card Mastercard

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P.O. Box 524, ROCKHAMPTON Q 4700.
Marked to the attention of Karen Page

Cancellation Policy: A service fee of \$25 applies for cancellations received prior to 21 August for all registrations. There will be no refund on cancellations after this date.

For more information:

For more information regarding the conference or registration please contact:

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Fanning the Flame – Timetable

	Monday 21 September	Tuesday 22 September	Wednesday 23 September	Thursday 24 September
7am		Eucharist		Eucharist
7.30 – 8.30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast / Registrations
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> ” Recommendations facilitated by Fr Kevin Hennessy
9.30 – 10.30	“ <i>What is it to be Catholic in the 21st Century</i> ” Fr John Chalmers Morning Tea	“ <i>How do we live the dream as Catholic in the 21st Century?</i> ” Mrs Mary Loch Morning Tea		
10.30 – 11.00		Group discussion on keynote address	Group discussion on keynote address	Morning Tea
11.00 – 11.45		Feedback & Response	Feedback & Response	Actions for the future (continued)
11.45 – 12.15	Registration			
12.30 – 1.30	Lunch (available)	Lunch	Lunch	Commissioning – Go out and Fan the Flame Lunch
1.00				
2.00	Registration	Workshops	Workshops	
3.30	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea	Afternoon Tea / free time	
4.00	Reflective Walk	Workshops	Assembly Mass and Graduation (Certificate in Pastoral Liturgy)	
5.00		Closing Prayer		
5.30		Dinner		
6.00	Dinner		Dinner	
7.00				
7.30	Launch Assembly Song Bishop’s Address Close with Prayer	Concert		

Information about Workshops



1. Baptismal Call for All People – Vivien Williams

Vatican 2 returned us to some of our 'home truths'. We discovered baptism at the heart of our Catholic Christian identity - with huge repercussions for both local and wider church:

- How do we form initiating communities, supporting the baptismal call?
- How do we ensure spirit-filled community life and worship?

How do we enable the baptised to discern and utilise their unique gifts, including leadership?

In this workshop we will explore the creative tension between the lived reality of parish life and ongoing pastoral responsibility. We will talk about forming initiating communities which foster the gifts of each person - including the leaders whose task is to work with the Spirit in the shaping and reshaping of community. *Vivien has traversed a number of dioceses across the eastern states, with most of her family living in the south. She began her working life in secondary education, moving gradually into adult education and various pastoral ministries - prizing highly her recent parish pastoral ministry at Upper Mt Gravatt in Brisbane. She loves country life, theatre, music and shared meals, and is now keen to get to know the people and parishes which comprise the warmly-accoladed Rockhampton diocese.*

2. Nurturing Family Life for the Future – Mark & Ursula (Tink) Boyd

In this ever changing world, we are constantly bombarded with the negatives of society; many of these caused by the breakdown of the family unit. As the family is the first and most important place of education, how are we as a Diocesan Community nurturing, encouraging and empowering families to undertake this vital role? In this session, we will discover the role that family life plays in the Catholic Church today and challenge participants to consider their own family situations. We will then look at how we, as a Catholic community, can support these family structures now and in the future. *Mark and Tink Boyd are locals of the Capricorn Coast Parish in Yeppoon and they state that their greatest claim to fame is their family of seven children. With children ranging from a university graduate to the youngest still in grade one, their family experience is real and is one that is continually growing. Selected to represent the Diocese at the World Congress of Families in Mexico in January 2009, Mark and Tink's passion for supporting "The family way of life" has been ignited and they are now eager to share their experience.*



3. Environmental issues for a Sustainable Future - Srs Mary Ann Cassanova & Rose Schick rsj

Sustainability is a 'buzz word' used in all sectors of industry and advertising. Business talks about balancing the triple bottom line of finance, environment and resources. This workshop will explore the relationship between sustainability and the Diocese in the 21st century. How might we, as a Diocesan community, create a sustainable environment which is underpinned by Catholic Social Teaching? What spiritual formation would support us in this endeavor? *Both Rose and Mary-Ann are members of the Diocesan Commission for Environmental Awareness within the Rockhampton Catholic Diocese. Since the refurbishment at The Haven, Emu Park, Rose and Mary-Ann have been responsible for the implementation of several ecological projects. Initiatives to date include the design and construction of a large composting worm farm, a labyrinth, the establishment of a bush tucker garden and landscaping using plants indigenous to the site.*



4. Caught up in the Mission of Jesus Together – Sr Beryl Amedee rsm

Participants will be invited to identify the challenges that our Diocesan Church faces today 'in becoming a "pilgrim" church moving towards Christ rather than on a movement of "return" to the Roman Catholic Church' and make a practical recommendation/s to ensure that our diocese with other Christians is caught up in the Mission of Jesus in relevant and meaningful ways. *Beryl has a passionate and enthusiastic energy for promoting the mission of Jesus together with other Christians. She was the executive officer for the Commission for Ecumenism & Interfaith Relations in the Archdiocese of Brisbane and presently is Chair of the Commission for Ecumenism & Interreligious Relations in the Diocese of Rockhampton. During Beryl's years of Service in Brisbane, she studied Ecumenical and Interreligious Movements in Rome and was a Catholic Delegate on an Ecumenical team who were the guests of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Turkey and Armenia. Beryl was a delegate to the Forum of the World Council of Churches in Harare, Africa, to three forums of the National Council of Churches Australia and has been a delegate for Queensland Churches together since its inauguration. Beryl looks forward to working with you in this challenging and life giving mission.*



5. Evangelisation through Stewardship – Joe McCorley

This workshop will address:

- Imagine a church
- What do I own? What owns me?
- What do I do with my God-given gifts?
- How can we work together to get started in our parish?

Joe is presently Coordinator of Adult Faith Education & Formation and Coordinator Religious Education in State Schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton. Joe has worked in the ministry of education for almost 50 years. As a family, Joe and Judy have been blessed with 5 children and 15 grand-children (at present!)



6. The Ministry of Faith Education in the Diocese for the Future – Sr Carmel Boyle pbvm

Apart from the basic requirement of faith for this ministry there is also a need to understand faith development. This is not just about WHAT we know, but more importantly OUR WAY OF KNOWING. This Workshop will explore the various ongoing stages of faith development as we journey through life; the implications this has for ourselves; and how we respond to the Lord's command to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." (Mt 28:19a) *Sr Carmel is a Queensland Presentation Sister. She has had a lifetime of involvement in faith education in schools and parishes as well as through weekend and home retreats. Sr Carmel is currently working as a Pastoral Associate at Blackwater.*



7. The Contribution of Religious Life to the Future: What Flame Do We Want to Hand on?

- Sr Kym Harris osb

For well over 100 years, religious orders have had a profound influence in the life of the church and the wider community in our diocese in various areas: education, health care, care for the disadvantaged, promotion of the arts, etc. This workshop review the work they have done and explore creative ways to build on their legacy for the proclamation of the Gospel. *Sr Kym Harris has been in the Rockhampton diocese for only 7 years but has been so impressed by some of the distinctive features of our region that now calls herself a Central Queenslander. She belongs to the Benedictine Monastery in the Capricorn Coast Parish.*



8. Priests and People in Parish Ministry” Fr Don White

A workshop that looks at a variety of current issues concerning our Parishes, such as the shortage of Priests, evangelisation at the Parish level, and some thoughts from recent Priests' gatherings.

Fr Don White was ordained a Priest for the Rockhampton Diocese in 1990 and has worked in Parishes in Mackay, Dawson/Callide Valleys, Monto and is currently Parish Priest of Rocktonia & Park Avenue Parishes in North Rockhampton. He is the current Chair of the Priests' Council.



9. The Place of Women in the Church – Kimberley Davis

“But the angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid’ (Matthew 28:5-6;8)

Women of all ages give of their knowledge, skills, experience and wisdom every day. It is a matter of justice as well as good governance to nurture this rich resource by fully including women in the exercise of the Church's mission. This workshop will imagine and explore initiatives to support the active and meaningful involvement of women of all ages, increasing the vitality and richness of the Church community as they continue to spread the Good News with great joy. *Kimberly was born and raised in Brisbane. She has taught in Bowen, Townsville and Brisbane. In 2006 Kim was the recipient of a young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship which involved moving to Canberra. Kim was appointed Director, Office for the Participation of Women, Australia Catholic Bishops' Conference, in 2006. this office is mandated to act as a focal point for ongoing dialogue and the integration of ideas pertaining to women and their participation in the Church.*



10. Life-giving Liturgy – Sr Ursula O'Rourke sgs

In celebrating the liturgy, we, the Body of Christ are shaped by the rituals of the Church.

We are called to fully, consciously and actively participate in the mystery of Christ, expressed in and through our liturgical actions. How does the liturgy we celebrate in our faith communities make a difference in people's lives? How does the liturgy call us to be life-giving communities of faith, where we steward the mysteries of our faith, and live these mysteries in our world? *Ursula O'Rourke is a Good Samaritan Sister. She teaches in the liturgical studies program at St Paul's Theological College, Banyo. She also conducts workshops in all areas of liturgical formation throughout the Archdiocese of Brisbane and throughout the dioceses of Queensland, and other parts of Australia. She is a member of the National Liturgical Council, and a member of the Australian Academy of Liturgy.*



11. Developing a Social Justice Conscience – Coralie Kingston & Anne McGuire

In focusing on "developing a social justice conscience", the workshop will canvass the scriptural basis of justice and relevant parts of the Church's social teaching. It will consider faith and moral development and explore how a sense of social justice can be nurtured as an integral part of the development of a faith identity. Case studies will be used as part of the process. The workshop will be interactive and will draw on participant's own experience to map out pathways for developing a social justice conscience – both individually and within the wider faith community. *Coralie Kingston is the Executive Officer - Mission Integration for Mercy Health and Aged Care Central Queensland. Prior to this she worked in various roles in both the public and community services sectors in policy research, notably in women's policy and poverty research. For ten years, Coralie was the Coordinator of the Social Action Office (SAO) which was sponsored by the Catholic Religious Orders in Queensland. SAO was a research, education and advocacy organisation which ranged across socio-economic and environmental issues and human rights – from a social justice perspective. Her commitment to social justice began with involvement in rights and civil liberties in Queensland. Anne McGuire from the Sydney Catholic Education Office will co-lead the workshop. Anne also has a long history in working for justice and has worked closely with Indigenous people over the years. She is a new member of the Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy and brings a wealth of experience in adult education to the workshop.*



12. Social Mission of the Church ... where to? Dr Ricki Jeffery

In this workshop we will reflect on how we can best share in the healing ministry of Jesus to enhance the wellbeing of individuals and families in the 21st century. We will look at the themes of the messages about healing from both the old and new testaments and witness the shift from the practice of excluding to including those who are unwell in our communities. We will note examples of how Jesus worked on the breaking down barriers as we begin to examine how we might, as Jesus did, challenge social norms in terms of our capacity to build community healing. *Dr Ricki Jeffery is currently the Diocesan Director of Centacare: Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton. Ricki came to Centacare with experience in the areas of economic and community development; education and training. She has worked in both Australia and the USA with a number of regional communities investing in civic engagement, looking at capacity not deficiency and in coaching community leaders. She has also worked in design, development and delivery of education and training for industry, government and community groups throughout Australia, Asia and the South Pacific.*



13. Unity in the Diversity of Culture – Linda Esguerra

Unity in diversity is the highest possible attainment of humanity. To establish a common concept of unity, there is need to accept that universal principles apply and are reflected in values that every human being adhere to. This workshop will provide a forum for interactive discussion of cultural traits, thus enhancing awareness and appreciation of diversity within our community. *Linda migrated to Australia after a successful stint at EXPO '88, Brisbane, where she was the Pavilion Manager at the Philippine Pavilion. She landed in Sydney where she worked in various areas of administrative fields. In February 2000, she accepted a mystery tour that landed in Rockhampton. She claims it was a case of 'love at first sight.' Linda, as well as working full time, finds time to participate in community activities such as the Rockhampton South Parish Pastoral Council, Crime Stoppers, Central Queensland Community Legal Centre, Volunteer with the Rockhampton Regional Council, Indigenous Catholic Ministry, Gawad Kalinga, a Global Program for the Poor, Q150 for Women, and Presenter in the Community Radio, 4YOU.*



14. Beyond World Youth Day – Michael Hart

World Youth Day 2008 highlighted the incredible passion and enthusiasm that young people possess. The wider community was perplexed by these young people who openly shared their faith and demonstrated their commitment to Christ and the church. In an ongoing way, the church is faced with the challenge to engage with, animate and respond to the spiritual lives of young people far beyond the 'big event'. Our parishes and schools are asked to connect with young people and offer themselves as companions for them on their faith journey. The workshop will identify some of the key factors that impact on the establishment of an effective youth ministry programme which engages families, youth leaders, parish leadership and the whole faith community. *Michael has been involved in diocesan youth ministry for 18 years. Having attended the last three World Youth Days he brings experience in leading and planning pilgrimages and sees World Youth Day as having the potential for developing young leaders and forming adults for youth ministry. Michael believes that World Youth Day can be a catalyst for change that will help define the shape of the Catholic Church into the future.*



15. Catholic Education: Looking To the Future—Leesa Jeffcoat & Di-Anne Rowan

The Diocese of Rockhampton has always had a strong focus on the ministry of Catholic education. Over the years Catholic education has undergone many changes as it has responded and adapted to meet the educational and faith development needs of successive generations. At its heart as a lifelong Catholic ministry has been the central mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to all who seek to learn more about the God who loves and sustains us. This mission is carried out through Catholic schools, through Religious Education in State Schools programs or by providing adults with opportunities to nurture and deepen their faith through Adult Faith Education and Formation. In the 21st century the best way to take forward the ministry of Catholic education in this Diocese is often the subject of passionate and enthusiastic debate. In this workshop we aim to look at some of the challenges Catholic education is currently facing, explain a little how those challenges are being presently met and hopefully hear from and discuss with participants their hopes, expectations, ideas and suggestions for Catholic education today and tomorrow. *Leesa Jeffcoat was a student, a teacher and a principal of Catholic schools in the Rockhampton Diocese prior to being appointed Diocesan Director of Catholic Education in 2001. Leesa has been a leader in curriculum innovation and she has served on many educational bodies for both Catholic and State Education currently holding the position of acting Chair of the Queensland Studies Authority. Di-Anne Rowan is currently the Assistant to the Director: Mission for Diocesan Catholic Education having previously been a student, teacher and Religious Education Coordinator in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockhampton. In her current role, a major focus for Di-Anne is offering formation opportunities in spirituality for aspiring leaders in Catholic schools.*



Residential Information:

Conference participants will be utilizing dormitory facilities at St Brendan's & St Ursula's Colleges. PLEASE NOTE: *If you require a low bunk bed, please be sure to indicate this on the registration form (in the section pertaining to residential requirements).*

Please note that you are required to bring the following things with you: Your own linen (including blankets, sleeping bags and pillows). **Instruments**—if you play one. **Please do NOT bring any aerosol cans, ie deodorant, hairspray.** These trigger the fire alarms and an expensive call out fee by the local fire brigade!
You may also like to bring: Your own coffee cup; cots (if applicable).

Dietary Requirements:

If you have any special dietary requirements please be sure to indicate this clearly in the appropriate section of the registration form.