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Newsletter of the agencies in the Archdiocese of Sydney

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Appointment of Acting Chancellor

Fr John Doherty has been named the new Acting Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Sydney. He will be taking on some of Fr Brian Lucas' duties (Fr Lucas was appointed General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference in April).

Fr Doherty returned to Sydney last month, following a three-year stint at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada, where he completed and successfully

defended a Doctoral Thesis in Canon Law. Ordained as a priest of the Sydney Archdiocese in 1974, Fr Doherty has had several parish appointments, including Miranda, Penshurst, Liverpool, Mascot, Forest Lodge and Rockdale.

He has been involved in Marriage Tribunal work for 20 years, and has been the Judicial Vicar for the Regional Tribunal of Sydney (which includes all of NSW and the ACT) since 1989.

Media Training

Thursday 20th June

The next Media Training Day will take place on Thursday 20th June, 8.30am-5pm.

The Media Training Day, run by Catholic Communications, is a comprehensive course tailored to suit the specific media needs of those working in Church agencies. Participation from people from other dioceses is also encouraged.

Workshops cover areas such as: the basics of news, media relations, planning a communication strategy, television and radio interviews, new media, and getting stories in print in religious and secular papers.

Last Media Training Day, participants were blessed with the expertise of ABC weatherman Mike Bailey, and former Australian journalist and commentator, Frank Devine. Mike Bailey has confirmed his attendance for June 20.

Cost is \$175 per person for the whole day, which covers the fee of the television crew, notes, morning tea, and lunch and all participants take home a copy of their mock television interview with Mike Bailey.

For further information or to enrol in the Media Training, please contact Helen Ransom at Catholic Communications, 9518-9101. Please note that spaces are limited. If you are unable to attend this time, you can register your interest for training later in the year (dates tbc).



Welcome

The year is rushing by and we're almost at the mid-way mark. There's been a lot of fantastic works and programs going on in and around the Archdiocese so far this year, and we look forward to continued progress. We hope that our returning pilgrims, after a few weeks abroad for World Youth Day next month, will return with a zeal to further strengthen the Church. A number of Archdiocese agencies have been heavily involved with WYD preparations, and we ask for your prayers for every success for all involved.

There will be another Media Training Day this month. If you would like to attend now or at some other time (another two are planned for later in the year), please express your interest. Further details opposite.

If your agency has any upcoming events or stories of interest that could be published in 'Sydney Snapshots', please send it to Helen Ransom at cpmedia@sydney.catholic.org.au, phone (02) 9518-9101, or fax (02) 9518-7705. *Please note that the editorial deadline is the last week of each month



World Youth Day

HUGE representation for Archdiocese

Over 300 young Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney will be representing Australia at World Youth Day in Toronto, Canada, next month.

The Sydney delegation is the largest in the country with 315 pilgrims. The Archdiocese of Melbourne will be taking 210 pilgrims.

Leading the young Catholic men and

women will be Archbishop George Pell, Bishop David Cremin, and priests.

Agencies involved in sending the pilgrims include Catholic Communications and Catholic Youth Services. Pilgrims from Natural Family Planning and the Ephpheta Centre will also attend.

The Chaplaincy has the largest number

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Archdiocese Website

Interest in the Archdiocese of Sydney's website is rapidly increasing, averaging 8,800 hits per day and 232,400 hits every month.

Agencies are encouraged to check that their details on the website are up-to-date. If you require any changes or additions, please contact the Webmaster, Mark Wei, on 9518-9101.

The newest addition to the Archdiocese website includes separate pages for each parish, which outline Sunday and weekday Masses, contact details and other information. Each parish has a confidential username and password which allows them to update details when necessary.

The Archdiocesan website can be viewed at www.sydney.catholic.org.au

International Recognition for Australian Scholar

An Australian academic has been named the 2001 Novak Award winner for a research paper assessing the impact of globalisation on different cultures.

Dr Michael Casey, private secretary to the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr George Pell and permanent fellow in sociology and politics at the John Paul II Institute in Melbourne, will present his research *'Preliminary Reflections on Globalization and Religion after September 11'* and receive the \$10,000 (US) award in Washington in September 2002.

The Novak Award is an annual award of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, a US-based Institute that seeks to promote a free and virtuous society characterised by individual liberty and sustained by religious principles.

The Award, named in honour of contemporary religious philosopher Michael Novak, recognises outstanding new research on the interrelation of religion and liberty.

Dr Casey's paper surveys the impact of globalisation and considers the approach taken to it by Pope John Paul II, who draws particular attention to its effects on different cultures. Building on this, Dr Casey analyses the Islamic world's response to globalising trends, and offers suggestions as to how globalisation might be reconsidered.

"Before the attacks on the World Trade Centre last year it was assumed that globalisation would make the world safe for the secular values of the West," Dr Casey said. "While the benefits of globalisation are con-

siderable, September 11 showed us that they are not going to be accepted on these terms.

"People outside the West want prosperity and freedom, but they don't necessarily want secularisation. This puts an urgent focus on the whole question of religion and globalisation, and the need to find a new way forward."

Dr Casey said he was delighted to receive the Novak Award.

"Both Michael Novak and the Acton Institute have made tremendous contributions to the way Christians think about politics, economics and society, and especially to our understanding of the role religion can play in a democracy," he said.

"It's a privilege to be associated with them, and also to have an opportunity in this small way to help promote the social teaching of the Church."

For further information on the Acton Institute, view their website www.acton.org

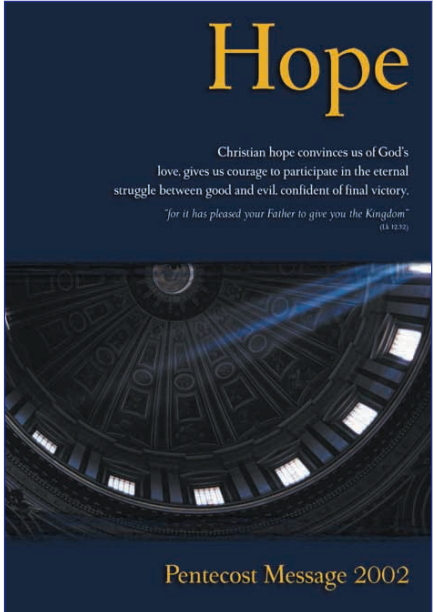


Pentecost Message 2002

"Christian hope convinces us of God's love, gives us courage to participate in the eternal struggle between good and evil, confident of final victory."

Copies of Archbishop Pell's Pentecost Message 2002, on the subject of Christian hope, are available on the Archdiocese website www.sydney.catholic.org.au or from the Chancery.

Much of the Pentecost Message is based on preparatory meetings with young Catholic men and women, and students from Catholic secondary schools across the Archdiocese.



"Where there is no obedience, there is no virtue; where there is no virtue, there is no good. Where good is wanting, there is no love; where there is no love, God is absent; where God is absent, there is no heaven." (Padre Pio)

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of students attending out of any Australian university, with 20 pilgrims.

Many thanks must be extended to the Catholic Education Office, who are sending 56 students and 8 teachers.

There will also be a strong cultural mix, with representatives from the Vietnamese, Tongan, Lebanese, Chinese, Indonesian, Samoan, French and Croatian Catholic communities attending.

"It's a delight to see so many young people wanting to respond to the invitation offered by the Holy Father to come to World Youth Day," said Chair of the Sydney World Youth Day Committee, Marita Franklin.

"The support of parishes, agencies and ethnic communities has been remarkable, and our hope is that these young people, whose lives will be transformed by the experience, will have an enormous impact on the Archdiocese."

Harvest Pilgrimages, based at Polding House, is co-ordinating the arrangements for the Australian pilgrims.

Feast Days

June 5	St Boniface
June 15	St Germaine Cousin
June 20	St Silverius - Pope and Martyr
June 22	Sts John Fisher and Thomas More
June 24	Birth of St John the Baptist
June 29	Sts Peter and Paul



Catechism of the Catholic Church

Weekly lectures on the Catechism of the Catholic Church — *What Catholics Believe*

Venue: The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe

When: Wednesday evenings, May 15 to June 12, 7.30 to 9pm.

Topics Covered: the ways of knowing God's existence; the nature of God; Revelation; creation and original sin; and the person of Jesus Christ, God and man.

For further information or to enrol, phone the CAEC on 9643-3660.