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Great Gift Ideas from Caritas

Caritas Australia is offering unique and life enriching gifts this year to help fund their vital overseas mission, Christmas gift certificates enclosed in a Christmas card.

Each certificate carries an illustration and description of the project purchasers will be helping to fund. Projects include the vital areas of food, water, education and health in the areas of Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, India and Tanzania.

With Christmas just a few months away, this is an excellent idea for Christmas gifts for your clients and business associates.



Christmas Gifts:

- Gift of Health — PNG: \$20
- Gift of Food Security — Cambodia: \$30
- Gift of Education — India: \$50
- Gift of Water — Tanzania: \$100

Christmas Cards

Christmas card pack: \$9.90

To order your life-giving gift or for further information, contact Caritas: 1800024413 or visit www.caritas.org

Great Resources for Marriage Sunday

– October 14



MARRIAGE Sunday is celebrated on Sunday, October 14, and the **Catholic Adult Education Centre** have a number of relevant INFORM articles which may be of interest to individuals or families.

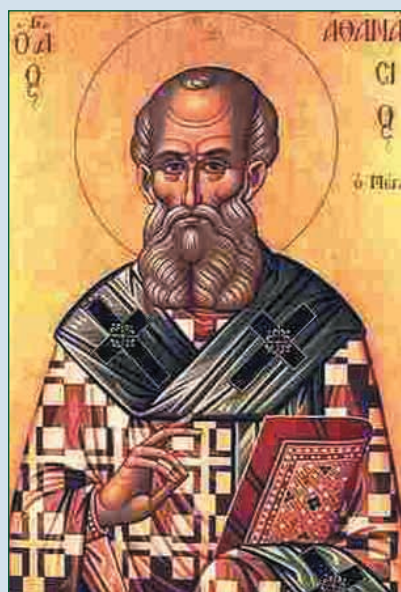
The titles include: Fighting Fair; Christian Sexuality; Why Relationships Succeed...or Fail; Stress and the Family - How to Develop 'Stress Resistant' Families; and The Baptism of Children - A Pattern of Dying in Order to Live.

All titles are approximately 60c each (less for high quantities) or \$5.00 for all six. Contact the CAEC on 9643-3660.

Media Training

Next media training takes place Thursday, 31st October. If you are interested in attending or for further details, contact Catholic Communications 9518 9101.

Welcome



OCTOBER is shaping up as a busy month in the Archdiocese, and some of the events are profiled in the October edition of *Sydney Snapshot*.

As well as the usual agency news, there's a story on Caritas Australia's Christmas gift program. Although this is through Caritas' National Office, we've included it in *Snapshot* because the various Archdiocesan agencies will need to start thinking about Christmas cards and gifts... and which could be a great idea!

If your agency has any upcoming events or stories of interest that could be published in 'Sydney Snapshots', please send details 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

Retreat for Newly Married Couples

CENTACARE Sydney is holding a retreat for couples married for 1-3 years in November to assess and strengthen their marriages.

The two-day retreat, held in rural Mulgoa, will offer newly married people the opportunity to strengthen bonds, identify strengths and weaknesses and address any issues of concern, and to celebrate Mass offered for the intentions of participants' marriages.

The cost for the retreat is \$250 per couple, which includes meals, accommodation, fees and resource materials.

For further information contact Toni Landrey at Centacare: 9660-2044 or emailtoni.landrey@centacare.org

What's On

Pro-Life Sunday
— October 6th

PRO-LIFE Sunday aims to raise an awareness of life issues and promote the sanctity and dignity of every human life from conception through to natural death.

World Mission Sunday
— October 20th



In solidarity with children Catholic Mission is promoting the Remember the Children Armband and Petition Campaign to commit all of us to working harder for the welfare of children and to demand of our leaders – political, social and religious – that they fulfill the promises that each of them has made.

Step 1

- a) Find 10 family and friends to sign the Petition.
- b) Cut it out and mail to: Catholic Mission Locked Bag 8760 Canberra ACT 2601.

REMEMBER THE CHILDREN - FOR THE SAKE OF THE HUMAN FAMILY
I call on my government, my Church, and my community to remember the children more by better protecting and defending the rights of all children.

I ask that we share our wealth and opportunities as well as increase Australia's overseas aid funding from 0.25% of our GNP to 0.7% as per the UN target.

Name: _____ Address: _____ Signature: _____

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The United Nations awarded the OECD countries with the obligation of 0.7% of their GNP to overseas development aid. Australia's contribution has declined from 0.51 in 1982/3 to 0.25% in 2002/3. For my reasons see 2002/3 the government has reduced their own further to 0.25%. ("Australian Aid: Making a Difference" April 18 2002 www.austlii.gov.au/au/other/dfat/pubs/aid/02/020401.html)

Step 2

- a) Wear a Yellow Armband on CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY - WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER.
- b) Sign the armband on THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER and mail it to the above address.
- c) Order your armband(s) by phoning Freecall 1800 257 296.

All armbands and petition sheets will be openly and publicly delivered to our political, social and religious leaders by Catholic Mission.



THE 76th annual World Mission Week takes place October 20-26th, and the campaign this year focuses on the theme *Remember the Children*.

"Every minute of every day 30 children die because of malnutrition, poverty and inadequate medical treatment," says National Director of Catholic Mission, Fr Terry Bell.

"Many more are at risk because of child labour, slavery, prostitution, lack of education and abandonment."

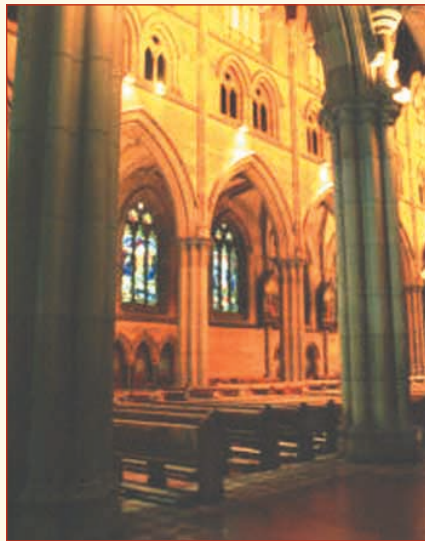
World Mission Day also highlights the Church's work in supporting people and communities in 160 developing countries, in areas such as health, nutrition, education, agriculture, and training of religious.

Petitions and yellow *Remember the Children* armbands are being distributed to Catholic schools and parishes across the country. You can *Remember the Children* on the parish level, by:

- Signing the petition on Sunday October 20th.
- Wearing a yellow armband on Wed October 23rd to raise public awareness of the plight of children.
- Signing a yellow armband on Thursday October 24th and sending it to Catholic Mission, Locked Bag 8760, Canberra, ACT, 2601. The armbands and petitions will be presented to the federal government by Catholic Mission.

For further information, please contact Catholic Mission: 1800-257-296, or visit www.catholicmission.org.au

St Mary's Cathedral Open Day
— October 20th



ST Mary's Cathedral will throw open its doors on Sunday October 20th for its annual Open Day.

The day will commence with Solemn Mass at 10.30am and finish at 5pm. It will include:

- Tours of the Cathedral, crypt, bell tower and stained glass
- Exhibition of the first 80 years of the Church in Sydney (in Crypt)
- The sacristies, chapter hall, and choir room will be open for inspection
- Display of convict Mass vestments dating back to the end of the 18th century
- Display of heritage chalices and precious vessels
- Slide presentation by the Archives
- Slide presentation of the construction of the spires
- Organ recital by Peter Kneeshaw
- Concert by the Royal Australian Navy Band
- Folk music concert by Gai Bryant
- Hand bell ringing demonstration

For further information, contact St Mary's Cathedral, 9220-0400.

Adult Confirmation Day, Cathedral
— October 27th

THE Sacrament of Confirmation for adults is being offered at **St Mary's Cathedral** this month. The Archdiocese advises adults wishing to be confirmed to visit their local parish priest with a copy of their Baptism certificate. He will give them a Confirmation card to take to the Cathedral before 10.30am Mass on Sunday October 27th.

Further information about Confirmation can be found in the Catholic Encyclopaedia: <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/04215b.htm>

"Choice" is a process we use to arrive at a goal. The question is not "choice" or "no choice". The question is what are we choosing? Is the choice good?

Natural Family Planning Annual Conference

THE 18th Annual conference of the Australian Council of Natural Family Planning (ACNFP) is being held in North Sydney from 25-27 October.

Director of Natural Family Planning for the Archdiocese, Evelyn Brien, says that the conference will include topics such as infertility, endometriosis and promotion, as well as workshops on family life education and natural family planning knowledge updates.

The conference is open for all to attend. For further information please contact Anne Nicey on 9452 5244.

Polding House Directory

THE updated annual Polding House directory will be available for distribution by mid October. As tenants of Polding House and other agencies will be moving to the new building next year, another edition of the directory will be produced and distributed at the time of the move to reflect those changes.

Catholic – I Believe; I Belong

Sydney University Catholic Chaplaincy, The Catholic Asian Students Society, The Cumberland Catholics, The Society of St Peter, and the Thomas More Society are holding a 'Catholic Week' at Sydney University from October 14th - 18th.

Catholic Week is being held to unite the Catholic students and societies at the University of Sydney so that they might work together to reveal Christ and His Church at the university level. The week includes the following events:

Mon 14th Oct. 1-2: Opening Mass & Free BBQ. Chapel of the Resurrection, City Rd (next to Tin Sheds)

Tue 15th Oct. 1-2: CATHOLIC; I BELIEVE: Mike Willesee on *God, Mercy & Forgiveness*. Education Lecture Theatre 351

Wed 16th Oct. 1-2: CATHOLIC; I BELONG: Testimonies of Catholic Life with Selina Hasham & Anthony McCarthy. Carlslaw 351

Thu. 17th Oct. 1-2: THE HARD ISSUES: Q&A. With Robert Haddad & Lucy O'Connell. Carlslaw 351

Fri. 18th Oct.: 1-2: Our Faith Journey hosted by the Catholic Asian Students Society. Wentworth Level 5 Room 2

For further information, please contact Catholic Chaplaincy on 9518-6415 or visit the website www.usydc.org

Feast Days

St Therese of the Child Jesus	Oct 1
St Francis of Assisi	Oct 4
Our Lady of the Rosary	Oct 7
Pope St Callistus I	Oct 14
Sts Simon and Jude	Oct 28