

Ordination of New Sydney Bishops

The Episcopal Ordination of the two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Sydney will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 3 September 2003, at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Preparations are well underway for the celebration which will feature music from a combined St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Singers.

Bishop-Elect Julian Porteous B.THEOL. was born in Sydney, Australia, on 5th June 1949 and baptised in Rose Bay parish. His father, John, was a Staff Officer in the Australian Army, before retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel to pursue a career in private enterprise. His mother, Pam, was brought up a Catholic, but on her father's side can claim Methodist and Quaker antecedents. Bishop Porteous is the eldest of five children, and has two brothers and two sisters.



He completed his primary education in Melbourne, Singapore and Parramatta, and undertook secondary schooling with the De La Salle Brothers at Oakhill College, Castle Hill. He entered St Columba's Seminary, Springwood in 1968 and then continued studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly from 1971. He was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Sydney on 7th September, 1974.

Bishop Porteous served as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Kingsgrove, Manly, The Entrance, Woy Woy, and Mona Vale. In 1996 he was appointed Administrator of the Parish of Annandale and then Parish Priest of Dulwich Hill in 1999.

He has worked in youth evangelisation for many years and has developed programmes of formation of youth for the New Evangelisation.

Bishop Porteous has been involved actively with the development of Ecclesial Movements in Australia. Through his involvement with these

communities he has worked in the formation of young people for consecrated life.

His recreational interests are long range walking, swimming, tennis, and following the Wallabies.

Bishop Porteous was appointed Rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Sydney in January, 2002, and will continue in this role after his episcopal ordination on 3 September.

Bishop-Elect Anthony Fisher O.P., B.A. (HONS.), LL.B., B.THEOL. (HONS.), D.PHIL., is a friar of the Order of Preachers ('Dominicans'). He was born in 1960 at the Mater Hospital in Crows Nest Sydney where his aunt Sr M. Carmel Fisher was a nursing sister of the Sisters of Mercy.



He is the eldest of five children born to Gloria Maguregui — a Spanish Basque who migrated with her family to Australia from China and the Philippines in the 1950s — and Colin Fisher, a pharmacist from Ashfield, Sydney. He was baptised at St Therese Church, Lakemba, and attended the parish school in 1965 and 1966.

The Fisher family lived in Belmore, Canterbury and Wiley Park before moving to Longueville and Manly. Bishop Fisher attended St Michael's Primary School Lane Cove, Holy Cross College at Ryde, and St Ignatius' College Riverview where he was dux of the College in 1977. Thereafter he studied in the University of Sydney for six years, where he received an honours degree in History and a Law degree before practicing law in a city firm in Sydney. From this time he was also involved in various pro-life groups.

In 1985 he entered the Dominicans — a religious order dedicated to preaching the Catholic faith in the context of a life of study, prayer and community. He studied for the priesthood in Melbourne, receiving an honours degree in theology. He worked

for a time at Uniya, a centre for social research in Kings Cross, on immigration and refugee issues, and at Holy Name Parish in Wahroonga, Sydney. He was ordained a priest in Sydney on 14 September 1991. Thereafter he undertook doctoral studies in bioethics at the University of Oxford until 1995. His D.Phil. was granted for a thesis on Justice in the Allocation of Healthcare. He then returned to Melbourne to take up a lectureship in the Australian Catholic University.

For the past three years Bishop Fisher has been the foundation director and a Professor of Bioethics and Moral Theology in the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family — a post-graduate pontifical institute with ten campuses around the world. The principal work of the Institute is in teaching and research at the cutting edge of questions concerning respect for human life and the dignity of the person, and support for marriage and family life.

In the Dominican Order Bishop Fisher has been the Master of Students (seminarians) and Socius (deputy) to the Provincial. In the Melbourne Church he has been the Episcopal Vicar for Healthcare, spokesman for the Church on matters of ethics, visiting lecturer in the Catholic Theological College, and secretary to the Senate of Priests.

In the wider Church Bishop Fisher has been an adviser to the Australian and British bishops' conferences and is a corresponding member of the Pontifical Academy for Life. His community involvements have included being Chaplain to the Parliament of Victoria, a member of the Infertility Treatment Authority of Victoria, chair or member of several hospital ethics committees, and a chaplain to various organisations.

Bishop Fisher has lectured in several countries and extensively throughout Australia, and he is the author of many books and articles on bioethics and morality. He has had various engagements in parish life and the pastoral care of the handicapped and the dying. At 43 he will be the youngest Catholic bishop in Australia.

Welcome to Sydney Snapshot

THIS week began with our first real taste of winter, as some of us scrapped off the ice from our car windscreens before driving to work! Yet the bright blue days provide a great sense of hope for the new life of spring ahead. Perhaps it is very appropriate then that the new bishops for Sydney will be ordained in the first few days of Spring, as a sign of new life in our local Church? Then they will head off into Autumn as they go to Rome for 'bishops school'.

This edition of *Snapshots* also features several special events that will be happening around our Church this August. These include a national conference for the CWL, and a special debate featuring Bishop-Elect Anthony Fisher and Philip Nitschke; a lecture at CAEC by a visiting Professor of Social Ethics; and celebrations to mark the anniversary of a very significant document of Vatican II.

Sydney Snapshots is all about keeping staff informed about the activities of the Agencies of the Archdiocese. If your agency has a new program, staff member or activity, please let us know so it can be communicated to all staff of the Archdiocese.

Deadline for material for the next edition is Monday, 25 August.

Please email richard@sydney.catholic.org.au or call 9390 5301.



Feast Days during August

- 1 St Alphonse Mary de Ligouri, bishop & doctor
- 4 St John Vianney, priest
- 5 St Dominic, priest
- 6 Transfiguration - Feast
- 8 Mary Mackillop, Religious - Feast
- 9 St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein), martyr
- 10 St Laurence, Deacon & Martyr - Feast
- 11 St Clare, virgin
- 14 St Maximilian Kolbe, priest & martyr
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin - Solemnity
- 20 St Bernard, abbot & doctor
- 21 St Pius X, pope
- 22 Our Lady, Mother & Queen
- 24 Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast
- 27 St Monica
- 28 St Augustine, bishop & doctor
- 29 Beheading of St John-Baptist, martyr

Liturgical Commission — 40th anniversary



ON Wednesday 30th July, the Liturgical Commission hosted a dinner to prepare for celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the signing of the *Sacred Constitution of the Liturgy* at the Council of Vatican II. More than 50 people, including the current Liturgical Commission, attended the dinner at the conference center at the Catholic Centre, Lidcombe. Guests included Monsignor John Walsh, Mr Patrick Kirkwood, and many others who had a key role in intro-

ducing the liturgical reform into the then Archdiocese of Sydney that included Parramatta and Broken Bay. Apologies were received from Archbishop Pell, Cardinal Clancy, Bishop Pat Murphy and Rev Paul Crowley. At the dinner many memories were shared. These will form the material for a presentation at the celebration at St Mary's Cathedral on 4th December, the actual anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Please mark this date in your diaries!

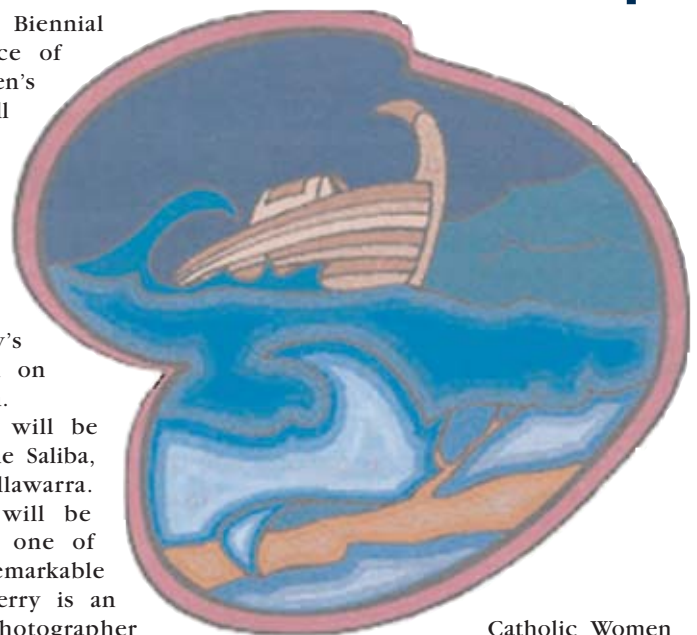
Launch into the Deep

THE forty-first Biennial National Conference of the Catholic Women's League Australia will be held 13-15 August 2003 in Sydney.

The Opening Mass with Archbishop George Pell will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral at 10am on Wednesday the 13th.

The Conference will be opened by Marianne Saliba, Member for Illawarra. Keynote Speaker will be Terry Underwood, one of Australia's most remarkable outback women. Terry is an award winning photographer and the author of a best selling autobiography, "In the Middle of Nowhere". Terry will share the love, challenges and fears of her life in the outback and it will be an inspiring experience for those attending.

Therese Vassarotti, Executive Officer of the Commission for Australian



Catholic Women will give a presentation on Thursday 14th and Workshops for discussion will follow. On Friday 15th there will be a presentation by Julie Greig "Getting Our Message Heard" — The Future Direction of CWLA.

More info: www.cwla.org.au or www.cwlsydney.org Tel: 9390 5153

Theology of the Body

An 8 week intensive course.

The Catholic Chaplaincy of Sydney University will be running an eight week intensive course on the Theology of the Body of Pope John Paul II, presented by Stephen Lawrence.

THE most revolutionary and comprehensive teaching about sex, from the original intention of God who created man and woman; through the reality of the various struggles; to the nature of true human love as the expression of God's love; the expression of this love through the sacrament of marriage and celibacy; the 'theology of the body' of Pope John Paul II is the THE key to the building of a new civilisation of love and the establishment of a culture of life.

The course will follow the outline of the Pope's eight sections, as presented below.

1. Introduction
2. Original Man
3. Historical Man
4. Eschatological Man
5. Celibacy for the Kingdom
6. Sacramentality of Marriage
7. Love and Fruitfulness
8. Questions and Conclusion

'Theology of the Body' is not just the provision of a teaching, but a formation of the human person and a vital part of the spiritual journey with God. For this reason the course will be presented in a context where each evening will include:

- welcome
- brief time of prayer
- the teaching
- group sharing based on the teaching by the participants

NB. The course includes a personal meeting two or three times with an experienced mentor during the eight weeks (at a time other than the evening course)

Cost: \$30 (Study Guide included)

Dates: Wednesdays 20, 27 Aug, 3, 10, 17, 24 Sept (week break), 8, 15 Oct.

Time: 7.30 pm sharp.

Place: John Paul II Student Resource Centre, Level 1, 245 Broadway, Glebe

Contact: Stephen Lawrence or Carmel Taffa 9518 6415 or slawrence@usydcc.org



Catholic Adult Education Centre activities

THE Catholic Adult Education Centre will host a special lecture on August 12 by distinguished Italian academic, Professor Gianni Manzone, Professor of Social Ethics at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome.

The lecture, on "Biblical Foundations of Social Justice", will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 7.30 pm at The Catholic Centre, 3 Keating St, Lidcombe. A donation of \$5 is suggested and supper will be served following the lecture.

Professor Manzone is in Sydney as a guest lecturer at the Australian Catholic University. He has published some 40 articles in various journals and is the author of four books on such themes as Christian freedom and institutions, economic theory and social doctrine of the


Church related to the market, business ethics, etc.

Other activities of the CAEC in August are a course on Christian Prayer, based on Part IV of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, given by Fr John Flader, and a Scripture course on the Gospel of Mark given by Br Brian Beggs FMS. Fr Flader's course is given at The Catholic Centre on six Thursday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30, from July 24 to August 28, with an alternative session on the following Friday mornings from 10 to 12 noon. The fee is \$15.

The course on the Gospel of Mark is held on seven Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 11, from August 7 to September 18. The fee is \$20.

Further information can be obtained from Mary Carolan at the CAEC on 9643-3660.

THE LIFE DEBATE



Euthanasia

Yes or No?

Dr. Philip Nitschke
MBBS, PhD

Dr. Nitschke is the Director of Exit (Australia) and Australia's most prominent Euthanasia advocate






VS

Rev. Professor Anthony Fisher OP
BA LLB, B THEOL, D PHIL

Professor Fisher (43) is the Founding Director of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family (Melbourne) and in September will be ordained as Australia's youngest Catholic Bishop.

Monday August 11th 1pm, Great Hall, University of Sydney

Co-hosted by

www.lifeweek.org

The beginner must think of themselves as one setting out to make a garden in which the Lord is to take His delight.

St Teresa of Jesus, *Life*, 11.6

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.

St Therese of the Child Jesus.

Feast Day for Mary MacKillop



ON August 8, Australians will celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Mary MacKillop. The celebration of Mary MacKillop's life calls us at this time to be people of hope in our broken and fragmented world. It calls us to be people who relieve suffering and bring hope in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. The celebration of her Feast day challenges each Australian to know the God who is with us, to embrace with a compassionate heart those who travel the journey with us and to believe that each person can and does make a difference in our world.

On August 8, the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel will be open all day to allow the public to visit Mary MacKillop's Tomb. School students will provide entertainment from 10.30am - 2.30pm in the grounds, food and refreshments will be available and entry to Mary MacKillop Place Museum will be free of charge all day.

Masses will be held at 8.00am and 9.30am in the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, then from 10.00am on the hour, the quarter hour and half hour at three venues at Mary MacKillop Place until 3.15pm. There will be an evening Mass in the Chapel at 7.30pm.

Life-Week at Sydney Uni

THE LIFE DEBATE:

Euthanasia: Yes or No?

Monday August 11th: 1pm - Great Hall, University of Sydney

Dr. Philip Nitschke vs Bishop-Elect Professor Anthony Fisher

ON Monday 11 August, the Great Hall will be home to one of the most important events held at Sydney University this year - The LIFE DEBATE. **Euthanasia: Yes or No** will feature perhaps Australia's finest speakers on this issue, Dr Philip Nitschke and Bishop-Elect Professor Anthony Fisher op. Dr. Nitschke is the Director of Exit (Australia) and Australia's most prominent Euthanasia advocate; Professor Fisher is the Founding Director of the

John Paul II Institute for Marriage & Family & next month will be ordained as Australia's youngest Catholic Bishop.

The LIFE DEBATE is co-hosted by the Union Debates & Public Issues Committee, the SU Medical Society, the SU Psychological Society & the SU Catholic Chaplaincy and will begin at 1pm in the Great Hall. For more information visit www.lifeweek.org

The LIFE DEBATE will open Life Week 2003 which will be held at Sydney University from 11-14 August 2003. Life Week, an initiative of the SU Catholic Chaplaincy is being run to promote awareness and discussion of issues relating to human dignity. Call: 9518 6415

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With David Ranson

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20 August - 24 September 2003

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Christian figures and communicates the lasting truths discovered by these people in their way of holiness.

Reading the Classics

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Contact CIS: 9752 9500

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