

Archbishop Pell elevated to College of Cardinals

Sydney's Archbishop George Pell is one of 31 new cardinals Pope John Paul named (one *in pectore*) during Sunday Mass in the Vatican on 28 September. The new Cardinal-Elect Pell spoke to a full Press Conference on level 5 at the Polding Centre during his inaugural press conference, on Monday 29 September 2003. He stated that "It is a signal honour to be appointed a Cardinal of the Catholic Church. The ancient College of Cardinals reflects the unity and universality of the Catholic Church, both wonderful blessings. As Archbishop of Sydney, my appointment also recognises the contribution of the Catholic community to Australian life. I will continue working to maintain and deepen this tradition of service."

During the Conference, Cardinal Pell said he hoped to continue working as Archbishop of Sydney "health permitting ... for a long, long time. It was never an ambition of mine to be a cardinal, and I'm more than happy to be staying in Sydney."

When a reporter asked if it were unusual for a 'boy from Ballarat, who played AFL' to become Cardinal, His Eminence replied: "Well, I mean Cardinals have got to come from somewhere. And I wouldn't think being a supporter of the AFL is any impediment to promotion in the Catholic Church. But I'm sure that my story today is repeated amongst the overwhelming majority of the thirty-one new Cardinals. That is local boys, people who worked as priests and bishops from right around the world and who are now called to this office."

When asked what his priority will be as Cardinal, he replied: "I preach the truths of the gospel without apology. I preach and teach what the Second Vatican Council teaches. I don't make up teachings. I stand with the Pope. I'm happy and proud to continue to try to do that, and convince people that this is worthwhile and useful. I mean, the modern pagan mix in our society is not making people happier or more productive.



I think that the set of Christian teachings does produce human flourishing, to the benefit of humans and I try to explain that."

Another reporter asked if he thought that he had the support of the Australian Church and leadership. Cardinal Pell replied: "I do. The Catholic Church is not a small sect. We're a great church. There's a billion Catholics throughout the world, and obviously, there are different schools of theology, different approaches. Different approaches here in Australia. But, as I repeat, I stand with the gospels, with the Second Vatican Council, with the Pope. I don't make up the teachings that I try to present to the people. And I'm proud to do that, and I'll try to do it as well as I can."

So just what does it mean to be a Cardinal? "It's a very ancient honour. It doesn't bring with it any particular office. I mean, some of the new cardinals are theologians, some, like me, are archbishops, some are working in the Curia. [They are] special counsellors or helps to the Holy Father, the Pope, and I sup-

pose they have a particular importance on the death of a Pope ... because then, the cardinals elect the next Pope. So, that is a primary function."

Can the gospel be made more relevant for the people of today? "Well ... Our Lord, Christ, lived two thousand years ago. I think it's very difficult for anyone who claims that they're a Christian to say that they're other than trying to conserve Christ's teaching because we don't believe that Christ is just another prophet or a great religious poet or a philosopher. We believe Christ is the Son of God, and that what he explained to us basically embodies the maker's instructions. ... I've got no mandate from the church to correct or improve Christ's teachings, but I've got to try to understand them more deeply, explain them. There are many things that weren't issues in Christ's time.

When asked whether he thought that it was likely that there would be an Australian Pope, Cardinal Pell replied in the negative. When a reporter pressed him on this, he replied: "Well ... I mean, we're a very small country. There are more Catholics in Mexico City than the entire population of Australia. And let ... me speak hypothetically. We've got the Melbourne Cup in a month or so, and a little bit of form on a country course doesn't signify that you should be a major challenger for the Melbourne Cup."

Archbishop Pell will be elevated as a Cardinal during a consistory in Rome on 21 October.

Cardinals who are under the age of 80 may vote in a conclave to elect a new Pope. Currently, with the new Cardinals, there are 109 voting Cardinals and 55 non-voting Cardinals of 164 living Cardinals. Australia now has three Cardinals, including the former Archbishop of Sydney, Edward Bede Cardinal Clancy, and the former President of Vatican Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Edward Idris Cardinal Cassidy.



Sophia

www.sydney.catholic.org.au/events/sophia

Truly feminine, Truly beautiful

For the first time in Sydney, a Catholic Women's Conference on the theme of Sophia — Truly Feminine, Truly beautiful, is being held on Saturday, 25 October at St Patrick's, Church Hill. Read all about it on the last two pages of this edition of Sydney Snapshot.



Pope John Paul II

Silver Jubilee Mass

On Thursday, 16th October 2003, the Catholic Church across the world will celebrate a profound event in the life and history of the church... the Silver Jubilee of the papacy of our Holy Father Pope John Paul II, the fourth longest in the history of the Pontificate.

This is your opportunity to join in the celebrations:

Thursday, 16 October 2003
at 7pm

St. Mary's Cathedral
St Mary's Road, Sydney

Principal celebrant
His Eminence,
Cardinal George Pell,
Archbishop of Sydney

Celebrating the creative arts in Catholic Primary schools

MUSICIAN and performer David Campbell joined with principals, teachers and students from Sydney Catholic Primary schools on 17 September to celebrate the launch of two new creative arts resources — 'Creative Arts Primary Position Paper' and 'Moments and Movements in Life' dance and drama resource — developed by the Catholic Education Office (CEO), Sydney.

The 'Creative Arts Primary Position Paper' provides a framework for creative arts teaching and learning in Primary schools. It also gives principals and teachers with information on developing a

New Vice-Rector at Seminary of the Good Shepherd

Fr Joseph Thanh, has been appointed as the new vice-rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, Homebush. Fr Thanh has been parish priest of Our Lady of the Rosary, Fairfield. "It was a strong shock for me, but now I'm at peace," he said. "I'm very aware of my big limitations, but I believe in God's will. First I will ask the Rector what he wants me to do and I will co-operate with him because I strongly believe that the seminarian's education and formation is best when we work together as a team, a unity."

Fr Thanh's experience as Rector of the Pontifical College of St Pius X in Dalat, the major seminary in Vietnam, should stand him in good stead at Good Shepherd.

But seminarians will probably learn as much from his life experience, including his seven years as a prisoner in communist Vietnam and the dangerous escape he made from his homeland after living as a fugitive for nine months.

Fr Thanh has been at Fairfield since the beginning of 2001, first as the assistant priest. Before that he was assistant priest at St Jerome's Parish, Punchbowl. He was also a chaplain for Sydney's Vietnamese Catholic community for six years. Fr Thanh believes that a culturally diverse Catholic community requires a multicultural clergy.

After he was ordained by Pope Paul VI in 1970, he was appointed Professor, then Dean of Studies, then Rector of the Minor Seminary in Lam Bich, Vietnam. When the communists took over South Vietnam, the Bishops' Conference appointed him Rector of the Major Seminary in Dalat city. Fr Thanh was targeted by the com-



well-liked among the Catholic clergy. The new rulers wanted him to spy for them and make accusations against his fellow priests. They offered to 'promote' him to a Bishop, to help him in this work.

His refusal was rewarded with seven years' imprisonment, most of it in solitary confinement, some of it under house arrest. It included two years' hard labour.

For some of his time in prison he had a cell next to his archbishop, who later became Cardinal François Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan (who died in September 2002), and they managed to celebrate Mass together in secret. After he escaped from prison Fr Thanh fled 500km from his home town to live as a fugitive in forests and mountains for about nine months. He would sometimes steal into a village where old friends overcame their fear of the authorities to give him assistance. He eventually made his way to another friend who gave him the means to pay for the risky passage by boat to Malaysia. Fr Thanh began his appointment on 22 September. Contact the Seminary: 9752 9600.

New editor for re-launched Catholic Weekly

MR Kerry Myers has been appointed as the new editor for the re-launched *Catholic Weekly*. Johnno Johnson, former president of the NSW Legislative Council, and chairman of the board of *The Catholic Weekly* took the opportunity during the re-launch dinner held at Parliament House on 11 September, to announce the appointment of Mr Myers, currently editor of the *Central Western Daily* newspaper in Orange, as new editor of *The Catholic Weekly*.

Mr Myers, who has worked for the *Australian* and *Sydney Morning Herald*, will begin his new role on 20 October.

"There is still a need for a public voice to speak for Catholic perspectives and to reach younger Catholics," the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr George Pell, said. *The Catholic Weekly* carries on a tradition of Catholic press in Sydney that goes back more than 160 years, beginning with the *Australasian Chronicle*.

whole-school plan for creative arts programs in their schools. 'Moments and Movements in Life' aims to inspire and guide teachers in bringing to life in the classroom the dance and drama forms of the K-6 Creative Arts syllabus.

Mr Campbell believes the creative arts are essential for children. "We are living in such a technological age it is really important to get kids expressing their minds, their hearts, their hands, their humanity, their souls. The creative arts are a great way to do that and they can also help kids communicate, especially in those difficult adolescent years."

Kate Clancy, Head, Primary Curriculum,

CEO, Sydney, said that 'Moments and Movements in Life' would be a valuable resource for teachers in the dance and drama forms of the Kindergarten to Year 6 Creative Arts syllabus. Written and devised by John Charadia, a teacher with 25 years experience in the creative and expressive arts, it invites teachers and their students to examine awe and wonder, anticipation, laughter and celebrations, disappointment, memories, imaginations and dreams through dance and drama.

For more information contact
Therese Spruhan, CEO Communications
Co-ordinator on 9568 8223.

CWL Luncheon

FAIKAH Behardien will be the guest speaker at the October Catholic Women's League Sydney luncheon. Faikah is a Muslim woman who recently attended a Food and Friendship Day at Auburn. The luncheon are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 12.15pm. This month, the lunch will be on 14 October.

Venue: Dame Mary Barlow Room on Level 8, Polding Centre.

The cost: \$6 per person for a beautiful basket lunch, cakes/slices, tea/coffee.

Everyone is welcome: come alone or bring along some friends. Call: 9390 5153



St Francis

Lover of all creation.
 Feast day is 4 Oct.



Married at St. Mary's Cathedral?

Celebrate your marriage again and
renew your vows.

Marriage Sunday
12th October 2003
10:30am Solemn Mass
(followed by morning tea)

Were your parents or descendants
married at St. Mary's Cathedral?

Join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Do you know of anyone married at
St. Mary's?

Please pass on the invitation.

Commemorative Certificates

A Commemorative Certificate will be handed out
on the day, please contact Anne 9220 0469
at the Cathedral House with marriage details.

Seminar on the Rosary and Sacramental Program Workshop

A seminar on "Living the Rosary" organised by the Catholic Adult Education Centre, will be held at Mary Immaculate Parish, Bossley Park on Thursday 9th October 2003, at 7.30pm.

The speakers will be:

- Fr John Flader, on 'Where did we get the Rosary?'
- Fr Francis O'Shea CSsR on 'The New Luminous Mysteries,'
- Mr Gary Cartmer on 'The Family Rosary,' and
- Mr Charbel Raish on 'The Rosary in the Parish.'

A workshop on Sacramental Programs will be held at the Catholic Adult Education Centre in Lidcombe, on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm. This will provide an opportunity to hear about and discuss the approaches being taken in various parishes.

Presenters include:

- Fr John Walter, St Joseph's, Riverwood, 'The general principles and pastoral aims of sacramental programs,'
- Sr Joanna, Pastoral Associate, St Brigid's Marrickville, on 'Parish and School working together',
- Sr Anne Martin, Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove, 'The importance of a team approach; education of leaders and parents,'
- Jacinta La Motta and Rita Cordina from Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park on 'A Parish based Confirmation Program.'

Presentations will be followed by an open forum providing the opportunity for discussion and questions. Further details are available on our website or by phoning the centre on 9643 3660.

Love Life Sex — The good news about sexuality

A two-day conference on human sexuality is being presented by Centacare Natural Family Planning for young adults who want to hear more than just the safe-sex message.

- What does the Catholic Church teach and why?
- What about sex before Marriage, Abortion, being a Christian Man, being a Christian Woman?
- What about sex in Marriage — what is the real meaning?

When: Friday evening 10th October, 2003 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm AND Saturday 11th October, 2003 from 9am

till 6pm including vigil Mass at end of day. Come for one day, come for both.

Where: Polding Centre, Level 8, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney.

Cost: \$10 (before 3 Oct) or \$15 on the day, includes supper, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

RSVP: 3 October for catering purposes.

Respected speakers including Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and Francine & Byron Pirola (Celebrate Love) and workshops are planned.

Call Centacare NFP on 9390 5156

or email: info@natfamplan.com.au
for more information.

Sydney Archdiocesan Archives (SAA)

SYDNEY Archdiocesan Archives has been working with Hyde Park Barracks Museum who are having a display called: "Asylum Women: aged, infirm, destitute" as part of the *Ruffians, Rodents and Rosaries* exhibition. SAA has given on loan a small prayer book called *The Complete Manual of Catholic Piety, containing a selection of fervent prayers, pious reflections and solid instructions, adapted to every state of life*, by the Rev William Gahan OSA, Published in Dublin by Thomas Richardson and Son in 1856.

This prayer book will be displayed with a set of rosary beads from the period of the display. The beads appear to be some form of seeds and are red in colour. This display will be occurring during the month of the rosary which is October. Pauline Garland, the Archivist comments: "As a Catholic I was able to point this out to the Assistant Curator, Micheal Lozinzki who I have been assisting with this display. I see this as an important inter-relationship with other archival organi-

sations and as a way of a Catholic Church organisation being involved with other civil and public organisations for good and giving witness to our Christian history and values."

Ruffians, Rodents and Rosaries is free with museum entry at Hyde Park Barracks Museum; it is open every day in October and November.

19th Century
Catholic Directories

THE SAA has also embarked on a project of microfilming 31 issues of the Australasian Catholic Directory from 1841 - 1899 in its various titles as a means of preserving and conserving these valuable publications and also with the ultimate aim of producing a set of CD-ROMs in conjunction with Catholic Communications. It is hoped that this resource will be available for distribution and sale within the next few months. Already great interest has been shown in this project and it is expected there will be a great demand for this publication.





Mother Teresa to be Beatified on World Mission Day

The beatification of Mother Teresa will take place on 19 October, 2003, World Mission Day. The founder of the Missionaries of Charity religious order in Calcutta has



had the quickest road to beatification in modern history. Pope John Paul II waived the traditional five-year waiting period after her death to start the proceedings of the beatification, due to her proven and extraordinary record of helping the poor and sick in India and throughout the world.

Mother Teresa in her own words

On poverty

"I see God in every human being. When I wash the leper's wounds, I feel I am nursing the Lord himself. Is it not a beautiful experience?" — 1974 interview.

"When I see waste here, I feel angry on the inside. I don't approve of myself getting angry. But it's something you can't help after seeing Ethiopia." — Washington 1984.

On abortion

Abortion "is murder in the womb ... A child is a gift of God. If you do not want him, give him to me."

Mission Week

Welcome to our Village Space

CATHOLIC Mission in Sydney is organising a "Sacred Village Space" as part of its celebrations of Mission Week. Each school-age participant will wear a "Peace for Life" armband, as they listen to storytellers. It is



hoped that school students through the encounter will experience peace — touching it, breathing it, learning it, praying it — and in the process they will come face to face with what it is to be a peacemaker. In groups of 80 to 100, students will be prepared to enter the Village Space. They will be told what the labyrinth represents — a pilgrimage, a journey to the centre of the themselves where they encounter God. In the centre of the labyrinth will be placed five characters, the significance being that God also speaks through the stories of others, often in the people we least expect.

The students will remove their shoes, enter and walk the labyrinth. There is

only one path to take, unlike a maze. On the labyrinth they will encounter the characters and hear their stories.

They will meet an indigenous character; a refugee child; a South African who has come through the Truth and Reconciliation process; a Filipino priest who has written a letter to the American people in sympathy for September 11 but then proceeds to explain the suffering of his people; and an Iraqi Dominican Sister who wrote a letter of appeal to the world before war broke out. The words of these real people are being written into a scripted, dramatic presentation that will engage the students and invite them to respond.

Where: Sacred Heart Monastery, 1 Roma Ave, Kensington

When: Wednesday, 22 October (Secondary session: 10 to 12 noon; Primary session: 12.30 to 2.30pm) and Thursday October 23 (Primary session: 10 to 12 noon; Secondary session: 12.30 to 2.30)

For more information contact The Schools' Team at Catholic Mission on 9390 5430



As part of our re-launched website, Catholic Communications is very pleased to announce a brand-new version of the Australian Retreat Directory — *A Quiet Place*. Almost three months in preparation, the new directory contains greatly expanded information on every retreat centre from across Australia. The list of centres included is greater than ever to make *A Quiet Place* the most comprehensive retreat directory ever seen in Australia. So if you need to find a quiet place to get away — either for yourself or with a group — check out all the information available at our new site: www.cathcomm.org/retreats

Welcome to

Sydney Snapshot

THE elevation of the bishop of a local Church to the College of Cardinals is certainly a momentous occasion. The announcement on Sunday night that our Archbishop was to receive the red hat was greeted with great joy around the Polding Centre, and a flood of messages of support have been received. October is certainly going to be a busy month in the Archdiocese from the looks of all the events that we have highlighted in this bumper edition of Snapshot. We have new staff to highlight at the Seminary and Catholic Weekly, plus the celebrations around the Holy Father's Silver Jubilee. You will read about new Seminars offered by CAEC, a conference on Love, Life and Sex, and special events organised to celebrate Mission Week. You can take part in an exhibition at Hyde Park Barracks and discover items on-loan from our Archives. We also take this opportunity to highlight Sophia, the Catholic Women's Conference. Here at CathComm, 1 October will mark the launch of our new website at www.cathcomm.org — which will include an on-line version of Snapshot, plus archives of earlier versions.

Deadline for material for the next edition is Wednesday, 29 Oct.

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



Saints days during October

- 1 St. Thérèse of Lisieux, virgin & doctor of the Church
- 2 Feast of the Guardian Angels
- 4 St. Francis of Assisi, deacon
- 6 St. Bruno, priest
- 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9 St. John Leonardi, priest & St. Denis and Companions
- 11 Blessed John XXIII, pope
- 14 St. Callistus I, pope and martyr
- 15 St. Teresa of Avila, virgin & doctor of the Church (pictured above)
- 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin
- 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr
- 18 St. Luke, evangelist — Feast
- 23 St. John of Capistrano
- 24 St. Anthony Claret
- 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles — Feast

"The hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of women is being acknowledged in its fullness, the hour in which women acquire in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is undergoing so deep a transformation, women imbued with a spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling"

Mulieris Dignitatem, 1

Sophia

Truly feminine, Truly beautiful

"Seek Wisdom rather than gold because Wisdom has more value than any jewel and no human desire can equal it".

Prov 8:10-11

Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday 25 October 2003
8.00am to 1.30pm

Crypt, St Patrick's Church Hill
20 Grosvenor St
Sydney NSW 2000

Phone: (02) 9643 3660

- Opportunities to share experiences with other women
- An occasion to share our faith in a truly female way
- Inspirational local and international speakers
- Show bags for all participants

Sophia, a conference for Catholic Women, seeks to nurture and support women and promote true feminine dignity. Through presentations and discussions it is hoped to foster the spiritual and intellectual growth of women. This conference is under the patronage of Blessed Mother Teresa.

Sophia

A Conference
for Catholic Women

Registration to:
Catholic Adult Education Centre
3 Keating St
Lidcome NSW 2141

Phone: 9643 3660

Email:
catholicwomen@sydney.catholic.org.au

Website:
www.sydney.catholic.org.au/sophia

Registration

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Email..... Phone..... Mobile.....

Age: <19 19-25 26-35 36-50 50+

\$25 Standard \$15 Concession / Student / Pensioner

Total enclosed: \$..... (Cheque payable to Catholic Adult Education Sydney)

Please charge my credit card:  **MASTERCARD**  **VISA**  **BANKCARD**

Expiry Date ____/____

Signature.....

Do you want to be placed on our database to receive further relevant information? Please tick Yes No

Please forward reply to Catholic Adult Education Centre, 3 Keating St Lidcome NSW 2141



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Catholic Women's Conference

\$25 Standard

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\$15 Concession / Student / Pensioner

This is an important opportunity for women to share their faith with one another, and to reflect on their calling in the modern world. Beginning with Mary Magdalene, who was the first to proclaim the Resurrection, women have played a decisive role in the work of evangelisation throughout history. This task, and the need for women to play their part in it, is no less urgent today. To this end, the Sophia Women's Conference has my wholehearted support and I encourage all women of faith to attend.



+ George Pell

Archbishop of Sydney

Conference Details

Date: Saturday 25 October 2003

Time: 8.00am — 1.30pm

Schedule:

8.00am	Mass
8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Official Conference Opening
9.15am	"The Feminine Genius" — Anna Krohn, Director of Catholic Adult Education, Melbourne
10.15am	Break
10.30am	"Fullness in Daily Life" — Tammy Grady, Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi (USA)
11.30am	Morning Tea, time to chat
12.30pm	"Beauty, is it really skin deep?" — Virginia Monagle, Co-founder of PARED

Location: Crypt, St Patrick's Church Hill
20 Grosvenor St
Sydney NSW 2000

RSVP: Catholic Adult Education Sydney
3 Keating St
Lidcome NSW 2141

Ph: (02) 9643 3660

Email: catholicwomen@sydney.catholic.org.au

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Patrick's at
7.30-8.30am and 10.30am-12.30pm.