

# SYDNEY SNAPSHOT

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## International Congress for the New Evangelisation (ICNE 2004) Paris

The OER is organising an Australian pilgrimage for 50 people to attend the ICNE in Paris from 18 October to 3 November, led by Bishop Julian Porteous. The Congress, organised by the Cardinal Archbishops of Vienna, Paris, Lisbon, Brussels and now Budapest. It was first held in Vienna in 2003. Its focus is sharing and learning about evangelisation. ICNE will feature morning talks and testimonies at the Cathedral of Notre Dame and the Church of St Sulpice, afternoon workshops on mission, as well as practical opportunities to take part in street evangelisation, parish missions, concerts, plays, public debates, and street theatres across the magical city of Paris.

The OER will have an Information Night for people interested in attending the ICNE on Friday 13 August 2004 at 7:30pm at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 50-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush. The cost of the 17-day pilgrimage is \$2665 – which includes almost everything. More information, including a brochure and application form, can be found on the OER website: [www.oer.org.au/icne](http://www.oer.org.au/icne) or call Helen Philippou on 9752 9686.



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## Child Protection Legislation

A series of one day training sessions on child protection is being organised for the clergy of the Archdiocese over the coming months. The sessions, which are titled Safeguarding Children – Building Public Confidence, will be held on various dates and at a range of venues to enable Archdiocesan clergy to attend on the day that is most convenient to them. The sessions will run from 10.30am until 3pm on the following dates:

- 25 August – Hurstville Catholic Club
- 8 September – Lidcombe Catholic Club
- 22 September – Liverpool Club
- 13 October – Polding Centre

The Catholic Commission for Employment Relations (CCER) will be presenting the sessions to inform clergy of their obligations under the various pieces of child protection legislation. Registration forms will be sent out shortly.

Queries can be directed to: Anthony Spata (02) 9390 5317 or Anne Byrne (02) 9390 5253.

## Welcome to August Sydney Snapshot

In May we profiled two new staff in the Polding Centre who both answer to Maryanne. This month in Sydney Snapshot we highlight the arrival of two Anthony's – Mr Cleary is the fresh face of the CCD as their new Director; and Mr Spata is the energetic new Manager of Employment and Staff Development for the Archdiocese, a new position.

Both have been busy settling into their roles, and we include details of some of the programs that Anthony Spata will be running with CCER for Sydney clergy.

A new term begins at the CAEC, and a new batch of programs to keep us informed in our faith. Sydney Uni Catholic Chaplaincy will be again running its highly acclaimed Theology of the Body program, entitled *Sex: A Revolutionary View*; and CYS are holding a youth gathering on 15 August to mark one year from World Youth Day 2005.

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.

### date claimers

**28-30 Sept** Three day Intensive Course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church given by Fr John Flader. 10am-4pm at the Catholic Adult Education Centre Lidcombe.

Deadline for material for the September edition is 12 noon, Thursday 26 August. Please email [richard@sydney.catholic.org.au](mailto:richard@sydney.catholic.org.au) or call 9390 5301.

# August Activities

## New courses on offer for adults in Term 3

The new term will feature several new subjects of great interest to adults wishing to grow in an understanding of their faith. Peter Holmes, the Manager of Courses of Study at the Centre, will present "Sharing your faith", a new unit offering an approach to personal evangelisation that is effective and wins friends rather than losing them. Steve Lawrence, Marita Franklin and Peter Holmes will together present "Sex, Marriage and the Church" – an introduction to the Pope's "Theology of the Body" and the Church's teaching on the sacrament of Marriage, followed by practical discussions on manhood, womanhood, the complementarity of the sexes and roles in the Church. Anthony English will present "Introduction to Theology", which seeks to familiarise participants with the basic concepts underlying the study of theology. Fr John Flader, the Director of the Centre, will offer "Catholic Social Teaching", a look at the Church's teaching on social justice issues from *Rerum Novarum* to the present. Term 3 begins on Monday 2 August.

## "Of Life and Love" weekend of marriage preparation

The Centre will offer another weekend of marriage preparation aimed at couples who want to hear about the Church's teaching on the sacramentality and spirituality of marriage, openness to life, faithfulness and love, as well as such practical aspects as communication, finances and family of origin. The weekend includes talks by two married couples, one recently married and the other married for over 30 years. The course will be given over the weekend of August 7-8.

## "Living the Rosary" Seminar

Fr John Flader, Fr Frank O'Shea CSsR and Gary Cartmer will present "Living the Rosary", a seminar on the Pope's letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* and the new Mysteries of Light, at St John Bosco Parish, Engadine, on 11 August, at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

## Youth & Young Adult Gathering with Cardinal Pell

15 August

Around Australia youth are celebrating this day as a significant moment to commemorate one year before World Youth Day 2005. This 15 August Sydney Archdiocese, with Cardinal Pell, will unite with the rest of the nation to celebrate

WYD05. There will also be a WYD Gallery (St Mary's College Hall) and a Youth Mass (St Mary's Cathedral). The gathering begins at 4pm with a Youth Mass at 6pm. Contact CYS for more info [cys@bigpond.com](mailto:cys@bigpond.com).

## Sex: A Revolutionary View

A six week intensive course on Theology of the Body with personal guidance will be run by University of Sydney Catholic Chaplaincy in conjunction with Catholic Adult Education Centre with the possibility of accreditation for their certificate courses.

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 key to the building of a new

civilization of love and the establishment of a culture of life.

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

- Introduction & Original Man
- Historical Man & Eschatological Man
- Celibacy for the Kingdom
- Sacramentality of Marriage
- Love and Fruitfulness

Cost: \$30.00 (Study Guide included)

**Dates:** Wednesdays 11, 18, 25 August; 1 September; 15, 22 September

**Time:** 6.30 – 8.30pm

**Where:** Legion of Mary Rooms 245 Broadway 2007  
Contact Carmel Taffa on 9518 6415 or email [contact@usydcc.org](mailto:contact@usydcc.org).

## Events



### August

- 1 St Alphonsus 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

## Anthony Cleary – CCD Director

On Monday 19 July Mr Anthony Cleary commenced duties as Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Anthony is one of five children, born and raised in Orange in the Central West of NSW. After receiving his education from the De La Salle Brothers, Anthony moved to Sydney at the age of 18 to attend the Catholic College of Education, where he graduated with a Diploma of Teaching in 1986. Since finishing his studies at the Mount St Mary Campus, Strathfield Anthony taught at Benedict Senior College Auburn (1987-1993) and Christian Brother's College Lewisham (1994) before commencing a ten year tenure as the Assistant Principal of St Charbel's College, Punchbowl, a K-12 Maronite Catholic school.

As a means of developing a clear educational vision and further enhancing his understanding of educational leadership Anthony has undertaken significant post-graduate tertiary studies. In 2003 Anthony completed a Masters of Religious Education through the University of Notre Dame. Anthony recently completed the course requirements for a Masters of Educational Leadership, and will graduate with this

degree from ACU National in September. Anthony is hopeful that in the next few years he will be able to complete a doctorate, researching the area of adolescent spirituality.

Despite the demands of being an Assistant Principal and of undertaking post-graduate studies Anthony spends a considerable amount of time doing charitable work, and working for charitable organisations. In particular, Anthony is an educational advisor and volunteer for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. One of Anthony's passions is public speaking and writing and this is illustrated in a number of his achievements in recent years. During 1999 and 2000 Anthony was a key-note speaker at international conferences sponsored by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. On each occasion, both in Penang and Melbourne, Anthony's addresses focused on the challenges facing Australian educators in a contemporary setting, a setting which is increasingly multi-cultural, multi-faith and multi-lingual.

Anthony has expressed genuine excitement about joining CCD, an ecclesiastical organisation established



in 1958 for the provision of Religious Education and the Christian formation of Catholic children in government schools. He looks forward to meeting and working with the Parish Priests, Faith Education Officers, Parish Coordinators, catechists and students. Anthony is determined to ensure that the CCD is dynamic in its mission of evangelisation so that it can be effective in meeting and serving the needs of the Catholic community.

## Anthony Spata – Manager, Employment and Staff Development

Anthony Spata has commenced at the Chancery of the Sydney Archdiocese as Manager, Employment and Staff Development. Anthony joined the team on 12 July and has certainly hit the ground running!

In this role, Anthony will be responsible for employment contracts and the oversight of the recruitment and selection process. He will also be responsible for the operation of the Chancery payroll, the co-ordination and support of performance appraisals, as well as training and staff development. A key aim of Anthony's role is to ensure the Archdiocese has in place policies and practices for managing staff in the most appropriate and professional way and in accordance with all relevant legislation. The Church has an important obliga-

tion to manage her staff well and Anthony will be available to assist Agencies in their responsibilities in this area.

While Anthony started his career in human resources in the area of recruitment, human resource management and staff development, his background and broad exposure in the telecommunications and insurance industries will be of particular benefit to the Archdiocese. Most recently Anthony was working for Optus in their mobile marketing group in the area of product development.

Anthony is married with two children. He is actively involved in his local parish of Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove where he is the Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council. While not working, Anthony enjoys spending time



with his family, keeping fit and listening to music.

## Catholic Weekly Advertising

The Catholic Weekly has recently changed its production day to allow for more timely positions vacant advertising. The paper's classified deadline has moved back 24 hours so that *ads can be taken up to midday on a Monday* (rather than midday

on Friday). This will ensure ads placed at the beginning of the week are published on the following Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

This will help all Agencies in their recruiting.

The Catholic Weekly remains the most effective way to reach Catholics in more than 600 parishes and schools.

Positions vacant and other classified can be placed simply by calling the office on 9390 5400.

