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Newsletter of the SA Cluster of the Christian Brothers



VISITORS TO THE CLUSTER

Richard Walsh, *Province Leader in Africa*. Richard, who is a train buff was with us on Christmas day for a couple of hours travelling on the Indian Pacific from Perth to Sydney. He will again be spending time with us while travelling on the Ghan later in the month.

Tony Shanahan spent a week with us towards the end of the year on holiday from Africa. He stayed at the Magill Community

Terry Cant was here towards the end of January. He was able to celebrate the Jubilees with us.

Tony Pawelski has made a couple of visits in order to spend time with his mother who is very unwell. It was good to catch up with him at our New Year celebrations at Middleton

Tony Hackett spent most of his holiday at the Regent St Community where Jim Murray looked after him. He also joined us at Middleton for the New Year celebrations.

EVENTS

Edmund Rice Reflection Group – November 10

Reg and Des welcomed us to the final reflection group of 2009 at the Huntfield Heights Community on 10 November from 7.30 to 9.00 pm. Despite the temperature which was extremely hot, the evening was most pleasant, with a marvellous supper. Reg Whitely presented a fascinating account of the history of the Brothers' involvement in the Southern Suburbs. I have included this account as an attachment to this e-mail.



NOTE

As mentioned in the last Cluster Chronicle, Pat Kelly and I have decided that we will send out news and information independently this year. I am calling this first edition for 2010 the rather uninspiring name – “SA News”. If anyone can suggest a more inspiring title, please let me know.

In 2010 I intend to send out the News once a fortnight. This will mean that each edition will be shorter and I hope will produce a routine that may help me to avoid my tendency towards procrastination.

Upcoming Birthdays

4 February Pat Carey

18 February Pat Guidera

Cemetery Prayer – November 18.

As in other years, Pat Cronin and the Regent St Community organised an evening Prayer at the Brothers' Plot at the West Terrace Cemetery on 18th November to coincide with the Diocesan Annual Mass for deceased Religious. After the Mass we gathered at the Amore Café in the city for a meal. Thanks to Pat and the Community.

Missiology Gathering – November 26

John Henry Thornber spent a day with different groups in conjunction with consultation on Missiology that Mary Murphy is coordinating as the Province Formation Director. The consultation is a response to the directive of the chapter to develop an appropriate Missiology John Henry met with two groups of Brothers and with key people in Ministry and the Edmund Rice Network. It was a valuable consultation and the feedback that John Henry sent us was most interesting.

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CREAT Team – November 21:

CREAT members, Terry Casey and Luke Quinn offered an introductory CREAT session here in the SA cluster, on Saturday 21st November at Thebarton. It was good to gather as the SA Cluster and to share and reflect on our living as Brothers. A powerful session for me was a sharing of what we may need to leave behind and what we believe we need to embrace as we move forward. As is customary, we concluded with a meal.



CREAT Team Session



Farewell to de la Salle Brothers – December 4

The de la Salle Brothers Community here in Adelaide was closed down in December; they had been in Adelaide since 1954. There was a farewell hosted by the Marist Brothers at Aquinas College. It was a good opportunity to recall the way in which the Brothers' Congregations have come together over the years. Matthew Heron, Peter McIntosh, Michael Carroll, Paul Kent, and Claude Sweeney of the de la Salles were there to represent the Congregation.

Thanks to Professor Denis Ralph, Director of Aquinas, for the hospitality, and to Br John Furlong who organised the gathering. It was a great experience of brotherhood.



Farewell to de la Salle Brothers

Edmund Rice Network Christmas Drinks – December 9

The Edmund Rice Network Annual Christmas Gathering was held at Thebarton from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Around sixty members of the network dropped in over the three hours. As last year, it was a most successful gathering celebrating and sharing what we have in common.



Helena Sweeney & Br John Marks

We were fortunate to have with us the Coordinators of the ER Network for the Province (Danny Moore, Peter Clinch, Andy Kuppe, Jill Parker and Matt Clayton with coordinator Steve McLaughlin. Also present was Mary Murphy, Province Formation Director. They were in Adelaide for planning meetings for the Network.

Thanks to Natasha Siebert and Lee Hack whose preparation made the evening so successful. During the evening, the Network Activities Booklet for 2010 was distributed (extra copies of the booklet are available).



Cathy & Mike Taggart, John Moylan, Pat Guidera and Mary Murphy



Jim & Shirley Dwyer, Helnea Sweeney & Cherrell Murray

Christmas Dinner at Magill

As usual, Christmas day for the SA Cluster was celebrated at the Magill Community. All members of the Cluster were there apart from Pat Cronin who was with his family in Melbourne. As he was unable to be with us for the Jubilees in January, it was good to have Vince Duggan with us for this Christmas dinner. We also had with us Dean's Father, John McLaughlin and

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Coming Events

Witnesses Gathering

A major Vocation initiative in the wake of World Youth Day has been the development of a group of Young Adults called “Witnesses – Where is God Calling Me?”. This year the group is going to visit a number of Religious Communities for an evening meal and to learn about the Charism and what is being done by the members and the network associated with the Congregation. Part of these evenings will be some input on how one discerns where God is calling in our lives. This group will be hosted by the Christian Brothers at Thebarton on **Wednesday 24 February**. Part of the idea of these gatherings is to have the opportunity for the young Adults to meet members of the hosting Congregation and so I would be most grateful if a number of the Brothers were able to be present on this evening from 6.30 to 9.00 pm.

Edmund Rice Associates

The first gathering for 2010 is next week on Wednesday February 10. Helena Sweeney, the newly appointed Chair of the Associates writes:

The theme for the first gathering next Wednesday relates to the quotation from the Munnar Chapter: I am waiting for you beyond your boundaries, your concepts, your understanding. ‘I Am Waiting Beyond the Boundaries – Meeting Jesus on the Journey’. Last year, I was asked to share in more depth my experience of walking 850 Kms of the Camino de Santiago, an ancient pilgrimage to the tomb of St James the Great in Spain. I’ve also asked two other trigger speakers to share their experiences of the very different pilgrim roads they have taken, and there will, of course, be opportunity for sharing. Brother John Ahern will be leading us in prayer.

Prayers

John Marks who is not expected to live for very much longer.

Ben McCabe who has been suffering from shingles for some months.

Jan Tobin, Bernie’s wife, who is still unwell and suffering mental confusion.

Kevin Ryan, who has had to return to Australia for tests and treatment for a worrying medical condition.

Cecelia Pawelski, Tony’s Mother, who is in residence at a nursing home in Gawler and whose health is deteriorating.

Br Paul Kent, one of the de la Salle Brothers whom we recently farewelled from Adelaide and who went to New Zealand. Within the past week, he has been diagnosed with aggressive leukemia.

May God’s blessing be on these people and to their relatives and friends at this time.

Recently Died

Mary Piotrowski, Al Howard’s sister, who died at the end of last year. Thanks to Pat Cronin and Des O’Grady who represented the Brothers at the funeral

Paddy Zammit, father of Lee Hack, the Office Manager at Southcourt.

Molly Pickett, Ollie’s Mother who died recently at the great age of 100 years.

Coming Events continued . . .

As agreed last year, the format of the evenings is designed to encourage as many as possible to be part of these gatherings. Please feel free to come for the whole evening, or only part of the evening, according to what is manageable for you. Your presence is important in the network.

It is always appreciated by the Associates when Brothers are able to be part of these gatherings and so if you can do so, you are encouraged to be present.

EVENTS continued . .

Monsignor John Swann of Tranmere. As always it was a wonderful celebration. Thanks to the Magill Community, Mark McCabe, Peter Faulkner and Michael Coughlin who hosted the celebration and special thanks to Dean McGlaughlin who prepared a great Christmas Dinner.



Christmas at Magill

New

Eve at Middleton

There was another Cluster celebration on New Year's Eve, held at Middleton. Those who were not already holidaying there made the trip down to Middleton. Again the time together celebrating the start of a new year was significant and thoroughly enjoyable. It was good to be able to have visitors to the Cluster, Tony Hackett and Tony Pawelski present with us at this time.



New Year's Eve at Middleton

Jubilees – January 20

We celebrated three Jubilees: Michael Coughlin (fifty years), John Moylan (sixty years) and Ray O'Donoghue (seventy years). Our celebration was held on Wednesday 20th January, with Mass in the Rostrevor Chapel at 5.00 pm. Archbishop Philip Wilson was chief celebrant and Archbishop Len Faulkner and Monsignor Robert Aitken concelebrated.

The Mass was followed by a meal and speeches at the Rostrevor Pavilion. Representing the Province we had Peter Harney (Deputy Province Leader) and Dean McGlaughlin (our representative on the Province Leadership). Peter Harney congratulated the Jubilarians on behalf of the Province then each of the Jubilarians spoke for about ten minutes and at the end Dean thanked the various people who were involved in the Jubilees.

It was really significant to have the opportunity to cele-

brate the totality of 180 years of Ministry in the Brothers of these three men.



Jubilarians
Michael Coughlin, Ray O'Donoghue & John Moylan



Jubilee Celebrations

THEBARTON COMMUNITY

The Community this year will have only two young adult members: Mieka van Rijn from last year and a new member, Oreste Farrugia who works at the Diocesan Vocations Office. Larissa Burke has joined Bernadette Toohey, who was a previous member of the community, and another young woman in forming a Community of their own. We farewelled Erick Niyiragira on Monday with a meal with all his family here at Thebarton. Erick headed off to Melbourne the next day to join the Passionists.

After Christmas we heard news that the Coroner had brought down the finding on the death of Ned Thomson, who died in the Community in the middle of the year. The verdict was that Ned had died from an accidental overdose of prescription drugs.

Final Note

I am always on the look out for any news, items of interest, recommended reading or anything else that might be of interest to the Brothers

Coming Events continued . . .

CREAT

The visit from the CREAT Team will be on the first weekend in May. The suggestion is that they will offer a full day on *Saturday 1 May*, with a possible Sunday morning session for those who wish to do more. They will arrive on *28 April* and will be available for individual Communities on the days before the weekend. If you would like some input to your Community, let me or Terry Casey know.