

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved. Forever!

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Dear Associates,

We are well into the season of Lent and I would like to remind you of the thoughts in the last Ametur about taking “another way”, a “different road” in life’s journey, in imitation of the Magi. Lent gives us the opportunity and the encouragement to pursue that different way as we journey along our pilgrim path to God. As the ashes were placed on our heads we heard the words: “Remember that thou are dust and unto dust thou shalt return”, or “Repent and believe the Gospel.” The Gospel is our way of life, our “different way”. In the Wollongong Catholic Diocesan Lenten Program, **Hope**, Shane Dwyer wrote in the Foreword, page 4:

*“Lent is a purpose-built opportunity to re-find our way.
We take a look at the landscape and ourselves in it,
and focus again on what is at the heart of our faith:
the hope that we hold in the redemption won for us,
and the reorientation of purpose offered to us
in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.”*

In just a few weeks we will be celebrating the Feast of all Feasts, Easter, and I would like to share with you some thoughts from Pope Francis regarding our preparation for this grace-filled feast. He said that in order for good Christians to have a “good Easter” they must “enter into the mystery” of the **Easter Triduum** and make Jesus’ feelings and attitudes their own. This is exactly what we, as members of the Chevalier Family, are all about – learning from Jesus so that we, too, can act like Jesus, and actually **be** the Heart of Jesus on earth. (*The Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening and concludes on Easter Sunday evening.*)

During the Mass on **Holy Thursday** evening there is the symbolic gesture of the washing of the feet, when we are called anew to a life of service to our brothers and sisters. Jesus, the Suffering Servant, gave us the example throughout his life, especially at the Last Supper and through his suffering and death, of the great importance of service. Pope Francis said that:

*“If we receive Holy Communion
without being open sincerely to washing each other's feet,
we do not recognize the Body of the Lord.”*



The second day of the Triduum, **Good Friday**, recalls how Jesus *"transformed the greatest iniquity into the greatest love"* with his sacrifice on the cross, the Pope said. He went on to dwell on the significance of Jesus' last words on the cross: *"It is finished."*



"They mean that the work of salvation is accomplished, that all of the Scriptures find their complete fulfillment in the love of Christ.

How beautiful it would be if all of us, at the end of our lives, with our mistakes, our sins, even with our good works and our love for our neighbor, can say to the Father as Jesus did, 'It is finished.'

Not with the perfection [of Jesus] but saying, 'Lord, I did everything that I could. It is finished'."

On **Holy Saturday**, the church identifies with Mary and contemplates Christ in the tomb, after the "victorious battle of the cross". The Pope continues:

"In the darkness that envelopes creation, she remains alone to keep the flame of faith lit, hoping against all hope in the resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes, the darkness of night can penetrate the soul and we think, 'there is nothing left to do,' and the heart no longer finds the strength to love. But it is in this very darkness that Christ lights the fire of the love of God."



The Pope said the great mystery of **Easter** is that

"the stone of pain is rolled back, leaving room for hope." As Christians, we are called to be sentinels of the morning, who know how to see the signs of the Risen one, like the disciples at the tomb on Easter morning."

I came across this beautiful reflection on Daniel O'Leary's website – *Learning Heart*- taken from St Benedict's Bulletin Easter 1999.

"EASTER IN YOUR HEART"



*Christ rises in your heart when:
You wake in the morning with new hope;
You go to bed with a forgiving heart;
You truly grieve at another's loss;
Your heart rejoices at another's joy;
You keep your temper with a trying friend;*

*You refuse to nurse a niggling hurt;
You try again to beat your fear;
You face the routine of another day;
You try again to say, 'I'm sorry';
Your broken heart begins to mend;
You notice beauty you missed before;*



*You weep at the greed that causes war;
You delight when love comes round again;
You put together the broken pieces;
You make with God a work of art;
You dare to love despite the grief;
You discover, within your winter,
a summer-time that never ends;
You hold the earth and all people
as you hold the hearts of those you love;
You trust in dawn at the darkest hour;
You accept your weakness and it makes you strong;
When you live in the present moment:
you know your freedom is truly won
And you dance on your grave like the Easter Son.*

Rejoice

I will finish with those beautiful thoughts. May Easter be truly a time of deep blessings for you and your families.

The pages that follow will give you some exciting information about the forthcoming International Meeting of the Laity of the Chevalier Family in Brazil. Please read them and see how you can participate, knowing that its success depends on the prayers of all members of the Chevalier Family. How blessed and privileged we are to have received the Charism of Father Jules Chevalier and to be living the Spirituality of the Heart.

United with you in the Loving Heart of Jesus with Mary

Sr. Ancilla White Osh

3RD INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE LAITY OF THE CHEVALIER FAMILY

The Lay members of the Chevalier Family are dedicated women and men who have been attracted to Father Chevalier's Charism and Spirituality of the Heart through one of his three religious groups – Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

As members of the world-wide Chevalier Family our mission, as we well know, is “to be on earth the Heart of Christ” by living out a Spirituality of the Heart through prayer, through the promotion of peace, justice and the integrity of creation, and in healing broken relationships and divisions in our own personal lives and in our society.

Chevalier Lay Associates come from 52 countries throughout the world. In 1995 and 1999 they held their first Meetings in Issoudun, France, our founding place and the home of Father Chevalier for most of his life. In 2008 a 2nd International Meeting was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. It is with great joy that we have received news of the 3rd International Meeting. The details of the 3rd Meeting are as follows

Sao Paulo, Brazil, 17th – 26th July, 2017

Theme: “Our Mission: a Spirituality Without Borders.”

The Lay Associates of the Brazilian Chevalier Family is organizing this meeting. They have invited 2 Associates and a spiritual mentor from each country to participate. Our Australia OLSH Associates will be represented by Mrs Ellenmary Lomman, Enfield (SA), and Mrs Therese Poulton, Mascot (NSW). I also have the privilege of attending as spiritual mentor.

The organizing committee expressed the aim of the meeting as follows:

*“Beside the richness of personal meeting during these days,
the main goal of our international meeting is to deepen our spirituality,
so that the participants will be able to pass on this spirituality
in a renewed way to their own groups.”*

This we hope to do in the months after the International Meeting when we will endeavor to visit as many groups as possible to share the fruits of this special event in our Chevalier Lay Associate Movement.

While most of the participants from the 52 countries will be able to manage their own costs some lay Associates are not in that position, and some countries will be unable to send participants because of financial hardship. If you are able to afford a small donation to help we would be very grateful. Without financial assistance Associates from the following countries will not be able to participate:

Columbia, DR Congo, El Salvador, Ecuador, Fiji, Futuna, Guatemala, India, Kiribati, Namibia, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Senegal, Slovakia, Venezuela, Vietnam.

An important matter to be discussed at the Meeting will be a Working Document entitled ***“Guidelines Regarding the Identity of the Lay Members of the Chevalier Family”***. In preparation for this discussion we have been asked to circulate the Document for your information, for your discussion and for your feedback. While this is readily done in the groups I would ask that those Associates who cannot attend a group would also give the paper some thought and from your own experience **send feedback to me** regarding it.

It is important that we look to the future of our Chevalier Associate Movement so that it be nurtured, formed and strengthened in all aspects of Father Chevalier's Charism to continue living out the dream that was his passion – *that the Sacred Heart of Jesus be known and loved everywhere and forever.*

GUIDELINES REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE CHEVALIER FAMILY

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

These guidelines are presented as a working document, in preparation for the General Assembly in Brazil in 2017. Local and national lay groups of the Chevalier Family will be invited to read these Guidelines critically, in order to make suggestions for improvement.

Suggestions will be presented to and taken into consideration by the General Assembly of the Chevalier Laity in Brazil 2017.

After confirmation by the General Assembly, the final text of these Guidelines will be made available to the National Boards which may use the Guidelines in composing their own Manual for the lay groups of the Chevalier Family in their country or region.

In the Manual these Guidelines may be elaborated and specified in accordance with the local situation and cultural needs.

These GUIDELINES will be followed by a second part presenting a concept of Statutes concerning the Organization of the lay-branch of the Chevalier Family. In these Statutes the role of the National Board and the General Assembly will be clarified, besides offering paragraphs regarding the role of the International Board, membership and finances. This Concept of Statutes will also be shared with the local lay groups of the Chevalier Family for comments, before being presented to the General Assembly for authorization.

CONTENTS of the GUIDELINES

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1. The Identity of the Laity of the Chevalier Family

We, the lay members of the Chevalier Family, are a communion of people, animated by a Spirituality of the Heart, which has its roots in the charism of the Founder, father Jules Chevalier.

Together with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, we belong to the Chevalier Family, and share the same Spirituality and Mission with Father Chevalier's religious families.

2. Spirituality of the Heart

We believe in the healing power of God’s unconditional love for every human being and all of creation, as revealed in the heart of Jesus Christ.

We draw strength from the *pierced* Heart of Jesus Christ as a source of new life and the birthplace of a new world.

We trust in the Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus Christ to love people unconditionally with a human heart. We also believe that the same Spirit enriches our hearts with gifts of love, gratefulness, joy, courage and faithfulness, as well as respect for every human being and creature.

In Mary, known as “Our Lady of the Sacred Heart”, we discover a mother who leads us to the Heart of her Son.

Our motto is: “May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be loved everywhere.”

3. Mission

We participate in the mission of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the world, and are committed to live and spread a Spirituality of the Heart, as shown by the Heart of Jesus Christ.

The heart of Jesus was concerned about people, cared for their needs and took action accordingly. We experience that God has a heart for us too and sends us to be God’s heart in the world. This commitment gives our lives meaning and content.

In our personal relationships, professional occupations and social engagements we try to make visible and real God’s love and mercy, while particularly paying attention to the less fortunate in society.

4. Sources we draw on:

- The Word of God by reading the Holy Scriptures.
- Jules Chevalier’s Charism and his various writings, handed down to us.
- Papal Documents and other publications reflecting a Spirituality of the Heart.
- Personal and communal prayer.
- The counsel of a group whose members try to live a Spirituality of the Heart.

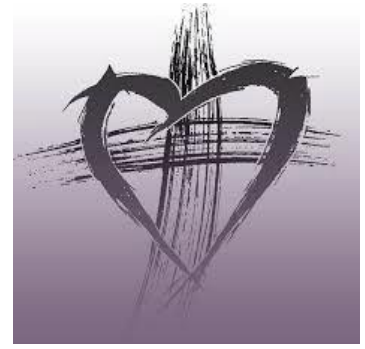
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**SO, DEAR ASSOCIATES, THERE IS YOUR “HOMEWORK!”
I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR THOUGHTS.**

SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART

in accordance with FR. JULES CHEVALIER'S CHARISM.

An on-line program for members of the Chevalier Family and for everyone interested in a Spirituality of the Heart.



Section 20

The Healing of a Wounded Society

Pope Francis and Fr. Chevalier are both aware of the fact that the central message of the Gospel concerning God's unconditional love is received not only for our private consolation, but for the healing of a wounded society. In "Evangelli Gaudium" (EG), the Pope shows himself to be deeply conscious of the ills of modern society. He speaks extensively about the suffering of people and the big challenges faced by today's world: poverty, inequality, violence and war. He criticizes modern economies that disadvantage the poor. However, the Pope sees the root-causes of the appalling social inequality in today's society not only in failing economic systems, but also in maladies of the human heart.

Above all, he points to two illnesses: indifference and selfishness. He goes even so far as to speak of "*a globalization of indifference*" and declares: "*Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were not our responsibility*" (EG n. 54). Regarding egoism, he urges all of us to say a firm "*no to selfishness*" (EG n. 81).

In his day, Fr. Chevalier felt himself upset by exactly the same social evils, rooted in the human heart. Two evils, he said, are "*destroying our unhappy world: indifference and egoism*" (Personal Notes, Appendix p. 107). He found "*an effective remedy*" (Daily Readings January 4), for these evils of the heart in the devotion to "*the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is all love and charity.*" Why? Because this devotion, he said, will "*kindle in all hearts the fire of God's love found in the Heart of Jesus.*"

Pope Francis does not specifically mention the devotion to the Sacred Heart, but he also considers love and charity to be the remedies of today's social evils. Here he sees a role both for politicians and every private person. Politicians, he says, should get involved in "*sincere and effective dialogue aimed at healing the deepest roots of the evils in our world,*" while all of us should be convinced that, "*charity not only should shape our personal relationships with family, friends, and small groups, but also our social, economic and political relationships*" (EG n. 205).

Several times, the Pope refers to *“the inescapable social dimension of the Gospel message”* (EG n. 258), which *“before all else, invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, ... and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others”* (EG n. 39).

A REFLECTIVE MOMENT

What sort of society do we want?

*“A society that encourages us to break open
the shell of selfishness and self-centeredness
contains the seeds of a society where people are honest, truthful, and loving.
A society can function well only if those within it are concerned,
not only with their own needs
or the needs of those who immediately surround them,
but by the needs of all,
that is to say, by the common good and the family of nations.”*
(Jean Vanier - Daily Thought)

Pope Francis writes:

*“The joy of the Gospel is such
that it cannot be taken away from us
by anyone or anything (cf. Jan 16:22).
The evils of our world – and those of the Church –
must not be excuses for diminishing our commitment and our fervor.
Let us look upon them as challenges
which can help us to grow.
With the eyes of faith,
we can see the light which the Holy Spirit
always radiates in the midst of darkness...
Our faith is challenged to discern
how wine can come from water
and how wheat can grow in the midst of weeds.”*(EG n. 84).

- What spoke to your heart while reading the above?
- In your group you may like to discuss the wonderful similarities between Pope Francis’ thoughts and Father Chevalier’s thoughts concerning the two prevalent ills of society.

MEETING REPORTS

ALICE SPRINGS: We gathered for our first meeting of the year and began with a reflection prepared by Sr Kathleen – Br James Maher’s hymn, “*Two hearts of Love*” and a reading from Father Hans Kwakman’s writings. We chose words or phrases which had personal meaning and shared them.

We discussed Sr Anne Gardiner’s Award as Australian Senior of the Year for 2017. We are very proud of her work over many years on Bathurst Island with the Tiwi people, and are very grateful to our OLSH Sisters for their work. We congratulated our long-time Associate, Angela, on becoming an Australian in the recent Australia day celebrations. We have planned our meetings for 2017 and look forward to a busy year with a variety of activities. Sr Kathleen is going to advertise the OLSH Associates in the parish Bulletin. Sister gave each of us a copy of the Lenten Program, “*Up from the Waters*”, for prayer and reflection during Lent. **Paula Thornton**

BENTLEIGH: Sr Elaine welcomed us back from our break as we began our first meeting on 25th February at the Convent. There were 16 Associates present. We discussed family news and the health of various members. We read part of Pope Francis’ Lenten message. We discussed the poem from the Ametur, “*The Road Less Travelled*”, which encourages us to walk in the company of Jesus towards Easter. After a time of quiet prayer in the Chapel we enjoyed afternoon tea together.

We met on the feast of the Annunciation 25th March so we celebrated the importance of Our Lady’s role in our lives. During Lent the Sunday Gospels of St John have been wonderful. Sr Elaine suggested that we find a quiet space each week and read through the Gospel. God may speak to our hearts with a personal message from that reading, one that may be completely different for each person. We then spent some time in silent prayer in the Chapel. **Patricia Mirabile**

BOWRAL: We had our first meeting for 2017 on 13^h February. We began by exposing the Blessed Sacrament and singing “We are many parts, we are all one body” and a Scripture reading from Timothy: 6.10 – “Fan into a flame the gift God gave you.” This was a fitting hymn as Sr Dain Mary joined us to share her varied and wide experience of her apostolate in our Congregation - from Papua New Guinea, to many African countries and Rome. We were particularly touched by her stories from Holy Family Centre in South Africa where the Sisters care for AIDS orphans and vulnerable children. It encouraged us, OLSH Bowral Associates; though we cannot be out there we can be the power house of prayer for strength and courage for all Chevalier Family members, so that together we can be “The Heart of God on earth” – in our many ways and at home and with our families. We concluded our beautiful and moving morning sharing a ‘cuppa’ with the Sisters. May 2017 be a year of hope for all that we do!

Our March meeting was on 13th and we began with prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We were moved by Pope Francis' words from *Evangelii Gaudium*: *"The joy of the Gospel fills the heart and lives of all who encounter Jesus. This joy urges us to share the beauty of this dignity enthusiastically with as many people as possible."*

And as women of the Heart we warmed to Bishop Cuskelly's words: *"True spirituality begins when God enters your life and is accepted as your God, and when you delight in being a son or daughter of God. We truly let the Lord enter into our lives, if, in the process, joy enters into our hearts."* We ended our meeting with these beautiful and inspiring words! **Sr Annabella.**

CALLALA: At our December meeting at Anna Zanin's home we welcomed Fr Patrick Faherty, Parish Priest of St Michael's, Nowra. Father celebrated Mass for our ten members present and said that he pleased to see the group still meeting after more than 25 years. He said that it is important to share our faith ideals and support one another. We welcome Francine Robertson to the meeting and farewelled Jeanette Easton who is moving away and will be missed. Prayers were offered for our deceased members and for the Sisters who have been part of our Associate group over the years. We then enjoyed a pleasant lunch together.

Our first meeting for the year was held at Gabriella Padovan's home. We prayed the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then shared our thoughts on our own prayer times and their importance in our lives, and also the sharing at our Associates' Meetings. We will meet next week to participate in the Lenten program. **Ann Collier**

CANBERRA: Sr Mary Ruth led our first meeting on February 4th with a meditation called, *"The Virtue of Hope"*. We must not let Hope abandon us because God, with his love, walks always with us. We hope, that with God beside us we can all say this. From Pope Francis: *"We have such a need for Hope in these times which appear dark, in which we sometimes feel disorientated at the evil and violence which surrounds us, and it can sometimes seem that this darkness in our world might never end. We are sure that what God has promised will happen, and we can leave the future peacefully to God"*. And from Father Chevalier: *"There is no room for misunderstanding: in our difficult times devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the means given to the world for its salvation."*

We met on March 4th for our Annual Day retreat. Sr Dain Mary gave a most wonderful retreat with the Theme, *"Earthen Vessels, We are Clay in the Potter's Hands"*. This is a beautiful scriptural image for the whole of our lives and a profound way to enter into the season of Lent.

Sr Dain's booklet prepared for the retreat stated: *"An earthenware jar is fashioned for holding something. What it holds is has to be eventually emptied so that something more can be put into it. We cannot always expect our lives to be full. There has to be some emptying, some pouring out, if we are to make room for the new. The spiritual journey is like that – a constant process of emptying and filling, of giving and receiving, of accepting and letting go."* The group felt that this booklet would be invaluable as we journey through Lent.

We concluded our prayerful Retreat Day with a beautiful Ceremony in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament when Catherine Bird made her Commitment as an Associate of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Catherine's joy was contagious and we continued our celebration over afternoon tea.

It was sad to say good-bye to Sr Mary Ruth who will not be able to travel down to us on a regular basis any more. She has been our leader for the past 17 years. We will stay in touch with her. We are delighted that Sr Dain Inglis has agreed to take over and will travel, when able, from Hartzler Park to Canberra.

Christine Casey

CORINDA: We held our first meeting for 2017 on 26th February at the Convent.

Doreen McCarthy shared her reflection on the celebrations in the Parish for the 100 years of the presence of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. We then gathered in the Chapel for prayer and sharing reflections on the Charism using Sessions 3 and 4 of our *Spirituality of the Heart Formation Program* from the Ametur.

Sr Merrilyn also shared a little from Fr Nick Harnan's retreat at Kensington earlier this year. He said that in order to live out our Charism we need to: "... *stay close to the Eucharist, close to Mary and close to the people*". After our shared reflection we celebrated the 90th birthday of Lois Kerwick with high afternoon tea.

Bev Trenear & Sr Merrilyn

HARTZER PARK: Our first meeting of the year was on 19th February. As the Anniversary of the death of Mother Marie Louise Hartzler occurs on 22nd February, and the title of our group and the place where we meet owe their name to this holy and inspiring woman, it was both appropriate and timely that our thoughtful and prayerful reflection, presented by Sr Ancilla, focused on the words and history of Mother Mary Louise, the first Superior General of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

For our Formation time, Section 17, the Introduction was read and reflected upon at home. At the meeting Section 18, especially the words from the Reflective moment, "*Share with others something of the joy that the faith has brought into my life*" was reflected and commented upon. We began our meeting on 19th March with a reflection on St Joseph, the husband of Mary and "human" father of Jesus, and the Saint favoured by Pope Francis for intercession for his many intentions. Contemplating the words in the Ametur that called the Magi to return home by a *different way*, we applied these to our Lenten journey and the way in which we are called to live our everyday lives in what Section 19 of the Formation program calls, *The Very Heart of the Gospel*. Much discussion and sharing culminated in reflecting on some of the closing words of the Section where the MSC Constitutions remind us, "*In our communion as brothers and sisters we live our faith in the compassionate love of the Lord*".

Janet Clark

RANDWICK: Our last formal meeting for the year was on 21st November. The meditation on the following Sunday's Gospel reminded all of Our Lord's kindness in that it spoke, in parable form, of the necessity to meet God AT ANY TIME. We cannot expect extra time to prepare. Our daily living is our preparation.

Three members who attended the Annual Associates' Retreat at Douglas Park spoke of the deep spiritual value of all they received from the Presenter, Michelle Vass. Her warm and insightful interpretation of the image of the Crucified Jesus and His Mother, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, which she reflected upon on her visit to Issoudun, had a profound influence on them. They reported that they had a deeper, lived experience of what it means to LIVE the Spirituality of the Heart. All appreciated their contribution. This was followed by a brief linking with what Fr Chevalier came to understand that this Spirituality means in our daily lives.

On 19th December the Randwick Associates hosted a special Christmas "Get-together" for all the Sydney Associates able to attend, at OLSH Church, Randwick which holds the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. All gathered at the Church for midday Mass followed by the beautiful Commitment Ceremony of Mrs Margaret Tate who made her Commitment in the presence of Sr Elizabeth Little, our Provincial, who warmly welcomed Margaret into our Chevalier Family as an Associate of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

We continued our celebrations with a shared Christmas luncheon at the Parish Meeting Place, Ventnor. In this relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere Sr Rita Grunke, on holidays from South Sudan, spoke to us of her experiences in her mission and the situation and the plight of the people. Over the past few years we have discontinued giving and receiving Kris Kindle gifts to each other – instead we give a monetary gift to the Sister down from the Missions who addressed our Christmas Gathering each year. Sr Rita promised to let us know just how our donations were spent.

Sr Theresa Coleman

CHEVALIER FAMILY NEWS

Loving Congratulations and Welcome to Catherine Bird

who made her commitment as an Associate of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart on 4th March at St John the Apostle Church, Kippax, Canberra, in the presence of our Provincial, Sr Tess Ward. Catherine was following in the family tradition as her mother, Frances, and her grandmother, Nell (dec.), are both Associates having made their Commitment together on 10th March 1979. As well Catherine's great aunt, Sr Campion (dec.) and her aunt Sr Brenda (PNG) are both Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. May you be truly blessed, dear Catherine, as you live out your beautiful vocation.

Loving Congratulations to: Cardinal Sir John Ribat MSC



Fr. Mark McDonald, Superior General of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, wrote:

“The announcement that in the consistory of November 20, 2016,
John Ribat, MSC, Archbishop of Port Moresby,
would be created a cardinal of the Church was a moment of great joy.
He is the first MSC Cardinal and the first Cardinal from Papua New Guinea.

His appointment underscores his own service of the Church in PNG
and his leadership on a number of moral and social issues.

He adamantly opposes the death penalty
and is a proponent of simple life styles in order to protect the environment.

His appointment brings our charism and spirituality
to the government of the universal Church and to the next conclave.

At the same time Cardinal Ribat’s appointment
is a testimony to the tireless work of so many people

– our own confreres over the past 135 years;

other religious and priests; many lay people

– to proclaim the Gospel in the Pacific

and to bear witness to God’s merciful love everywhere and to all people.

We can be justly proud of what our “Little Society” and the whole Chevalier

Family

have done in PNG and throughout the South Pacific.

Cardinal Ribat is an icon of that vocation and of that mission. “



Loving Congratulations to Sr Anne Gardiner Olsch Senior Australian of the Year



*"I'd like to say thank you to two groups,
to my congregation
for allowing me to have all these years with the Tiwis,
and to the Tiwi people, thank you,"
Sister Anne told the awards ceremony.*

As a 22-year-old, Sister Anne was asked to move to Bathurst Island to live among the Tiwi people. In the years since, she has devoted her life to enriching community, enhancing opportunity and supporting the Tiwi culture.

An advocate of peace, love and the traditional Tiwi way of life, Sister Anne has worked tirelessly with the local people to document and preserve the Tiwi language for future generations.

As the Principal of the local primary school, Sister Anne has educated generations of children while also establishing community clubs, from mothers' groups to Little Athletics. She runs regular prayer meetings, founded an Op Shop and established a cafe to raise funds to support her much-loved community.

Sister Anne's labour of love, the Patakajiyali museum, shares valuable Tiwi stories, language and traditional customs, while also bringing financial benefit to the people.

Sister Tess Ward, our Provincial, spoke of how Sr Anne's naming as Senior Australian of the Year is another blessing from our God who daily manifests himself to us in so many ways:

*"It is an occasion for gratitude and rejoicing in the beautiful charism we share,
a gift from the Spirit through Jules Chevalier MSC.*

*This event has been a graced time for all of us as OLSH
and the recognition that Anne received is for all of us who,
in whatever way we have been called,
genuinely live to make manifest the Heart of Christ on earth.*

*While we congratulate Anne on this well-deserved award,
it highlights the fact of the amazing ways that each one of you live each day
doing your best for God and God's people."*

Thank You and Bless You Sr Huyen and Members of the Springvale Vietnamese Youth Group

who, during February, travelled to Vietnam to spend several weeks working with the poor and using money they had raised and saved to alleviate poverty in some way. Their work included ministering to lepers, building dwellings for the homeless and assisting poor children in whatever way they could.



Thanks be to God

***for the Centenary of our OLSH Sisters
in the Corinda-Darra Parish, Brisbane.***

On 28th January, 1917, the convent of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at Corinda and St Joseph's Primary School were blessed by Archbishop Duhig. Even special trains, to cater for the crowds attending this event were scheduled. Exactly 100 years later, on 28th January 2017, St Joseph's Parish Corinda sang in jubilant praise and thanksgiving for all the things God had done in and through the presence of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart who have lived and ministered in that parish during the past 100 years.

We Remember Our Beloved Deceased

Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Sr Mary Paschal Duigan (St Joseph's Kensington)
Sr Benedicta Kock and Sr Teresita Raats (Holland)

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Fr. James McMahon (St Joseph's Kensington)

OLSH Associates

Mary Bundock (Port Keats), Ina Loxton (Berwick),
Patricia Palmer (Darwin), Veronica Howard (Brisbane)

Relatives and Friends

Martin & Zita Mullumbuk, Abel (AJ) Bundock, Pilimpi Agatha Perdjer, Roger Whelan, Mary Menso, Isabelo Taguinod, Bryan Butler, Sheila Booth, Ian Little, Stan McTaggart, Rita Jenner, Fr. Paul Gardiner SJ, Mervyn Littlefield, Patricia Murray, Sema Sulamani, Desmond Kerwick, Sr Therese Farrell.

We Remember Our Sick and Those in Need of Our Prayers

John Perks, Sr Marlene, Sr Marilyn, Bundock Family, Mullumbuk Family, Perdjer Family, Bill Hitchin, Gus, Vince, Margaret Butler and Family, Frances and Bella, Patricia O'Keefe, Esme Elefante, Twins Max and Alex (9 years), Peter Shannon, Rita Joyce, Nancy Hall, Fr Maurice McNamara, Joan, Sheila, Heather Hardy, Ruth Kelly, Joanna Madrid, Terry Coleman, Sheila Sheehan, Dos Forsythe, Martin Leiby, Fr Patrick Creed, Fr Clem Cafarella, the People of South Sudan, Zoe Logan, Irene & Michael Jarvis, Martin Jameel, Danielle Casey, Andy Brown, Lachlan Bird, Kevin McFadzen, Chapman Family, Fran Simoris, Cheeseman Family, Peter Small, Margaret and John Keen, Maria Hribar, Annie Little, Patricia Jones, Donna Gabriel, Danielle Hefferman, Joyce McCormack, Helen Selinger, Kaitlyn McCarthy, Patricia Crampton, Lisa (marriage problems) Patrick & Louise Houston

We Pray in Thanksgiving For:

- Catherine Bird's Commitment
- Kath Turner on her 102nd Birthday – our oldest Australian Associate
 - For the many wishes and blessings for the Golden Anniversaries of Margaret & John Toye, and Christine and Allan Casey
 - Cardinal Sir John Ribat
 - Sister Anne Gardiner
 - 100 Years of OLSH Presence in Corinda-Darra