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TERM 1, 2018

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Catechist Newsletter

From the Director

Welcome to Term 1

Welcome to all our returning Catechists and new recruits for Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE). I look forward to meeting you at our practical training courses and events throughout this New Year.

This year, SRE classes will start just as Lent begins our journey to Easter (Ash Wed 14 Feb). Please see the article on Lent (pages 6 & 7) and Easter/Term dates to note (page 20).

"Initial and ongoing training" as per our Archbishop's annual assurance to NSW Education Dept

Keeping kids interested = keeping on track = more chance of lasting memories of hope and joy

Your 2017 feedback on our revised **Level 1 (Basic) training** was very positive, e.g. for "Using the approved curriculum" in age-appropriate and engaging ways, "Classroom management" and "Resources".

For all those who have been enquiring, our **Level 2 (Intermediate) training** has been revised and refined over the course of 2017. This will be running in venues around the Archdiocese. Please book. Similarly, we will be revising our **Level 3 (Advanced) training** this year. See pages 17, 18, 19 for course descriptions, dates and training venues around Sydney.

Level 1 (Basic) training requirements for new catechists and helpers:

Before entering a classroom as a new Catechist or Helper, complete:

Unit 1: SRE Safeguarding Module, Role of the Catechist in the Church & Public School

Before teaching a class as a new Catechist, complete:

Unit 2: Using the Approved Curriculum

Before starting your second year of service, complete the remaining Level 1 units:

Unit 3: Classroom Management

Unit 4: The Bible

Unit 5: Classroom skills, Awareness of the Child in the Classroom

Tailoring training – note to Parish SRE Coordinators:

If any of your new recruits find it extremely difficult to attend face-to-face training, please contact your Area Faith Education Officer (FEO) to discuss other training options, such as, arranging a convenient time or enrolling in online training. That said, the unit on "Using the Approved Curriculum" must be done face-to-face given its "hands on" nature. CCD staff also need an opportunity to get to know new recruits to tailor support and direction if needs be.

Renewals for Working with Children Checks (WWCC):

For those who first applied for a WWCC in 2013, renewals will be due this year. You will receive a renewal reminder via email. Your parish, which knows your WWCC number and expiry date, will help with reminders and renewals.

Continued...

From the Director

Concern:

New marriage law and teaching the Archbishop's approved Catholic SRE curriculum

If you follow the Teacher's Manual, you are following the Archbishop's approved curriculum. Do not give your own opinion on same-sex marriage nor enter into conversation on the topic with children.

Aim:

We want to safeguard students and safeguard you.

Direction:

It is not your role to answer same-sex marriage questions from children (or within their hearing).

Recent social discussion and media attention may have put the "sex" word into some children's vocabulary; however, whilst they may use the word, they do not all know what the word means; and, importantly, it is not your role to tell them, even if they do seem to know; therefore,

- ☒ Please direct children's same-sex marriage questions or comments to parents/caregivers

How to direct same-sex marriage questions/comments from children:

"Today we are talking about ... (e.g. creation; the sacraments; what the People of God, the Church, know marriage to be). Your question/comment is a 'home topic' not an 'SRE classroom topic'. Ask your parents/It is best to talk with your parents about it."

Feedback/Reporting:

If any students do bring up same-sex marriage, report it to the front office along with what you said to direct their question/comment appropriately. Then, phone or email the CCD so we can keep a record, discuss the matter with you and, if needs be, offer any help or suggestions.

"The Christmas Story" Art Competition & Exhibition 2017 – congratulations!

Thank you again to all who helped their students contemplate Christmas in Term 3 last year through drawing and writing reflections for the Years 5 and 6 "The Christmas Story" Art Competition and Exhibition.

To help you plan ahead for the 2018 Art Competition, our new CCD website now provides more "how to" information and practical resources – go to the ccd.sydneycatholic.org homepage then click on Catechist Support, then Classroom Resources.

Your CCD staff will continue to encourage the use of four weeks during Term 3 to inspire students to be "co-creators in Christ" through their use of pencil, pastel, chalk or charcoal drawings (dry materials) and reflective writing.

May our loving God continue to bless you and your students as we start Term 1 and throughout this New Year,

Doug



"Artistic Achievement" and "Highly Commended" awardees, Emma and Michael, pictured here with Denise Humphreys (CCD), John Charadia (Catholic Schools Officer: Gifted Education, Creativity & Critical Thinking) and myself.

Book Orders & Resources

To Order SRE and Sacramental Books

✓ **Christ our Light and Life** Catholic SRE "Scripture"

Student Activity Books and/or Teacher Manuals

✓ **The Gratia Series** Archdiocesan Sacramental Preparation Program ...



Please contact the CCD Parish Catechist Support Centre:

CCD website: ccd.sydneycatholic.org (click on Book Orders)
CCD support staff: (02) 9307 8340
CCD email: books@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

CCD Parish Catechist Support staff offer friendly advice and service to provide the above resources for Catholic Special Religious Education classes and Sacramental Preparation.

To download an Order Form, please visit our CCD website: ccd.sydneycatholic.org

- On the CCD Homepage, click on the "Book Orders" tab on the top of the Homepage.
- The Book Orders webpage will then direct you to click on either the SRE Curriculum (Christ our Light and Life) or the Archdiocese's Sacramental Program (The Gratia Series) on the left-hand side menu to download an Order Form.

Please call us on 9307 8340 if you wish to enquire about these resources or to have an Order Form sent to you.

To Order other religious items

✓ including **approved resources** as listed in the Christ our Light and Life SRE Teacher's Manuals for Catechists to use in public school Scripture classes ...

Please contact The Mustard Seed Bookshop & Café:

Mustard Seed website: www.mustardseed.org.au
Mustard Seed staff: (02) 9307 8350

The Mustard Seed Bookshop & Café has moved from Lidcombe. It is now located on the street-front of the Catholic Archdiocese's Polding Centre at 133 Liverpool Street in Sydney (on the corner of Castlereagh & Liverpool Streets next to the Commonwealth Bank). The nearest train station is Museum Station: exit onto Liverpool Street.

Tips for Parish Catechist Co-ordinators

Being a Parish SRE Catechist Co-ordinator is a big role and each of us does it in our own way. However, here are some tips that have worked well in my parish:

- Think big ... plan small! (In other words, have a vision but ensure that you pay attention to all the details – this will save you trouble in the longer term.)
- Have one or two key people who are passionate, organised and willing!
- Plan well ahead: start your planning for the next term (or next year) a term or two beforehand.
- In conjunction with your team of catechists, take time to review the current year and to reflect on what changes you would like to make. What worked? What didn't work? What could be done better? Write this information down and use it as a guide.
- Keep a record of key dates – Catechist Sunday, school terms and holidays, public holidays, significant parish events, sacramental programs, dates when catechists have planned holidays during terms.
- Schedule recruitment drives and term meetings well ahead, in addition to any SRE special events (such as a mid-year social event, end of year Mass for Catechists or Mass for the children.)
- Make sure that you know what the most up-to-date requirements are for new and returning catechists. Check with the CCD regarding mandatory training in Safeguarding and other areas and ensure that requirements, such as obtaining Working with Children Checks, are not only completed but that records are stored appropriately by the parish office.
- Keep copies of the course training calendar handy and ensure that your catechists are encouraged to attend.
- Keep a contact list with the names, telephone numbers and email addresses of your Faith Education Officer, catechists and helpers, schools and SRE co-ordinators and any other key people.
- If using email, set up a group distribution list. Make sure that you remember to contact any non-email members of your team another way.
- Order your Teachers' Manuals and Student Activity Books well ahead to ensure that each and every catechist is well equipped to start the year. Don't wait to get class numbers - estimate what you will need based on the current number of students and then add a 10% contingency. You can always order extra books as needed.
- Ask for help in completing administrative tasks: many parishioners will not volunteer to teach but are willing to order and organise classroom books, prepare music, deliver things or be a contact person - you don't have to do it all!
- The mission of the catechists is a vital one but can be a bit 'under the radar' at times. Think about what you and your team need from your parish and ask for it. This might be practical assistance, more resources, a dedicated catechist space/storage, IT help or whatever. Teaching our parish children in state schools is a big job – share the load.
- Having shared the load, remember to share the joy. Let your parish members know what is being achieved and look for ways to celebrate the mission of Special Religious Education.

Let us know your tips! Email office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au or call us on 9307 8330 ... we would love to share your ideas with other catechists and co-ordinators.

Julia Goff

Easter - Our Lenten Journey

A Reflection you could use at your catechist meeting.....

Lent is a traditional time to reflect on our life journey, to ask ourselves once again,

- "Where am I going?"
and
- "How will I get there?"

Leader: This Lenten season we are called to journey towards God. Let us reflect on how to travel wisely and well, confident of God's companionship along the way.

Opening song: 'Companions on the Journey' by Carey Landry. (You could use other reflective music)

Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 7 -13

Then he (Jesus) made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic'. And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and the people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance, and they cast out many evil spirits, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Leader: Take a moment now to reflect in silence on the word you have just heard.

- If you can't take a walking stick or beggar's bag for your journey, what will you take and why?.... pause
- Which of these road signs best describe your current 'mode of operation' on your journey: Yield, Detour, Stop, Railroad Crossing, Curve Ahead? Why is this so? ...pause
- How will you use your travelling time with your class this Lent? ... pause

Invite spontaneous responses to these reflections from participants or you may like to use the following. Participant could make the response: Lord hear our prayer, after each.

- That each of us will use our gifts and talents to help one another on our journey,
Let us pray to the Lord.
- That we will remember to talk to God about the joys and sorrows of our journey,
Let us pray to the Lord.
- That we will always ask God to guide us when faced with difficult choices,
Let us pray to the Lord.
- For all the people in our world who are forgotten along the way,
Let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: Let us pray together, the prayer that Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father

Teaching Lent and Holy Week Lessons

Lent is a time the Church prepares to celebrate the great feast of Easter. Use a purple prayer cloth – purple because we are preparing for a feast. In Holy week we remember how much Jesus loved us. The students will learn that Jesus died for us on Good Friday and rose to new life on Easter Sunday. This is taught across the years with sensitivity in an age appropriate manner. The scope and sequence in your Teacher's Manual gives you details of what is taught in each year level. A section is reproduced below.

LENT AND HOLY WEEK			
	KINDERGARTEN	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Our Prayer Place <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Week: the washing of the feet and the Last Supper. <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday: we celebrate Jesus rising to a new life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. <input type="checkbox"/> Lent is a time to grow in love. <input type="checkbox"/> Palm Sunday is the first day in Holy Week. <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday: we celebrate Jesus rising to a new life. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lent: we prepare for Easter. <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus asks us to forgive. <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Week: we remember Jesus' love for us. <input type="checkbox"/> Easter Sunday: we celebrate Jesus rising to new life.
	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lent - we try to do something in our lives to bring us closer to Jesus. <input type="checkbox"/> Lent – a time for prayer, <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Week: Jesus teaches us how much he loves us. <input type="checkbox"/> Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lent – a time for change - almsgiving and making sacrifices. <input type="checkbox"/> Lent is a time to follow the example of Jesus. <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer helps us to grow closer to God. <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Week – the Stations of the Cross. <input type="checkbox"/> Rejoice Jesus is risen. 	
	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> During Lent we are called to reach out to others as Jesus did. <input type="checkbox"/> Lent is the season of forty days when we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus during Holy Week and Easter. <input type="checkbox"/> In Holy Week we remember the rejection, suffering, death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> The Easter vigil is the most important liturgy of the Church calendar. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lent a time for sacrifice. <input type="checkbox"/> Lent a time for change. <input type="checkbox"/> In Lent, the Church calls us to pray more, to make sacrifices and to give to the poor. <input type="checkbox"/> On Holy Thursday we remember the Last Supper. <input type="checkbox"/> In Holy Week the Church remembers that Jesus, in being faithful to his mission suffered and was crucified. <input type="checkbox"/> Hope in the Risen Lord. 	

Join us at our next Catechist Retreat - with Fr James McCarthy

Topic: "First Supper & The Last Supper"

Date: Friday, 2 March 2018

Time: 9.45am - 12.45pm

Venue: to be confirmed

CCD on Facebook 2017



CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools added 4 new photos — December 20, 2017 at 5:46pm · Cecil Hills · 🌐

Today the CCD Staff got to hang out with Archbishop Fisher over dessert at our Archdiocesan Staff and Agencies Christmas Party.
Great food, fantastic company and an awesome Church leader. 😊






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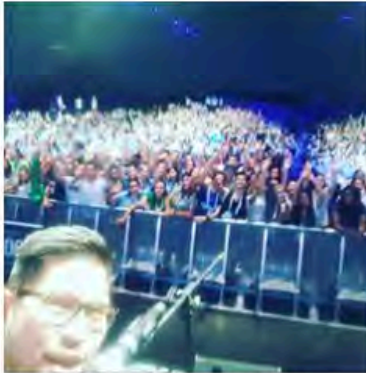

CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools added a new photo. July 4, 2017 · 🌐



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CCD Sydney - Catholic Scripture in Public Schools added 2 new photos — December 7, 2017 · Sydney Olympic Park · 🌐

CCD Sydney's very own FEO, Vincent Haber MCing at the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.
Please pray for all 19000 young people participating this next two days. 😊
See you at the Vigil Mass at the Domain this Saturday. 😊

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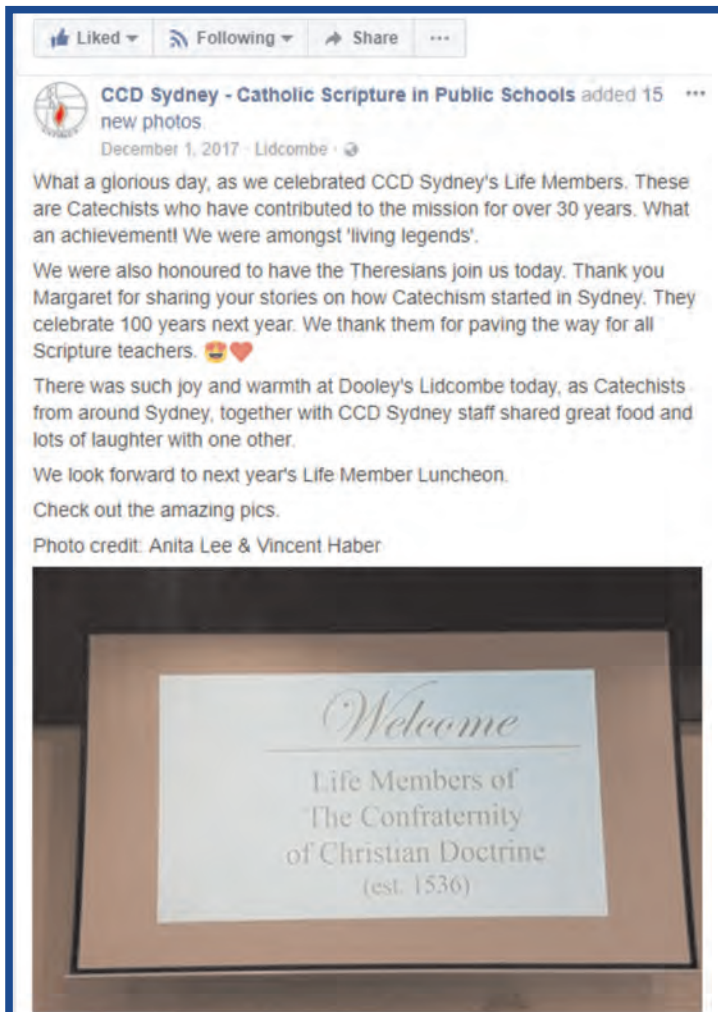
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Truth will always prevail.
As Catechists, let us teach TRUTH with love and compassion to all students.



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Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass 2017

Awardees



St John Paul II Award - 50 years service Van Bucek



Cardinal Gilroy Award - 40 years service
Dawn Poole, Ann Patricia Connor



Life Member's Award - 30 years service



Cardinal Freeman Medal - 25 years service



Apostolic Blessing - 20 years service



Certificate of Accreditation

Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass 2017



Choir of St Francis of Assisi (Paddington Parish)



Br Julian's 80th Birthday

*A word of thanks to all who participated in the planning and preparation of this celebration.
Congratulations to all catechists.*

Annual Archdiocesan Catechist Mass - Sunday 24 September, 2017.
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Photos by Patrick Lee

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Dear Catechists of the Central Area,

Welcome to another fulfilling year of SRE!

I hope you all had a peaceful and happy Christmas with your families and friends. As a "post HSC mum" I look forward to a New Year with less stress and exciting challenges, as my youngest son embarks on a new stage of his life.

The end of 2017 was busy but enjoyable. I was honoured to be invited to many parish and school celebrations. This gave me the chance to meet many catechists and witness the great comradery between them. One of the highlights was my attendance at the Christmas Spectacular at Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College. There I presented the student catechists with their certificates and enjoyed a Christmas concert prepared by the talented students. The co-ordinator, Michael Portelli, and I have great ambitions for the students' involvement in our student catechist program this year.

On 11th December, we received the sad news that our beloved coordinator of Georges Hall, Monica Fitch, passed away. Monica had been battling with cancer for a long time but continued to teach classes and fulfil her role as co-ordinator. Although Monica only touched my life for a short time, she left me with a lasting memory. May she now rest in peace in the arms of our loving Lord. Monica, your smile and enthusiasm will be greatly missed.

The beginning of the school year is always a busy one. As a teacher by trade, I always enjoyed my return to school, refreshed and full of enthusiasm. I looked forward to welcoming the class that I would spend many hours with that year. Even though we only see our SRE children once a week for a very short time, I have always found the first few weeks to be busy but enjoyable. The children are excited to meet their new teacher or reacquaint themselves with a familiar face. It is an important time to set the tone for the year. Here are just five golden rules:

- Be prepared and organised from day one
- Establish rules and routines
- Get to know the children's names
- Be enthusiastic
- Add variety to your lessons

Training courses will again be offered at Campsie this year. I hope to see many of you there. I am also happy to come to the parishes to do refresher courses. It is best to contact me via email or by making a call to Polding Centre. The message will be relayed to me and I will call you back.

Have a great year!
Suzanne



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Dear Eastern Area Catechists,

One of the greatest philosophers who ever lived, Aristotle, asks and answers the very question of life's existence: "What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." Our fundamental nature and our very existence, is to serve others and do good. This is consistent with the Catholic Church's teaching of the understanding of life: "To know, love and serve God, in order to be happy with God in Heaven". How we know, love and serve God is through service to others.

Some of the most reasoned minds have restated and invested their lives in the service of others, with a heart set on Charity (God who is Love). St Mother Teresa of Calcutta says, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."

The ultimate is surrendering to God our will and allowing God to work wonders through us. The philosopher and poet of The Prophet, Kahlil Gibran, reminds us that giving of material possessions is far less rewarding than when one gives of themselves. He says, "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."

Even the Son of God, in all His glory and might, humbles Himself when He says, "For the Son of Man also is not come to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life as a redemption for many" (St Mark 10:45).

You, our most treasured catechists, are all of the above, as you are truly the exemplifiers of the very nature and essence of life. You do what you do for what reason other than what has been stated. In other words, you are a true living witness to your own God-given nature, existence and, importantly, your loving response to answer the call to serve shows what it means to be Christian.

When the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak and you feel like giving in, remember that the many who have gone before us and have been glorified in Heaven – known and unknown Saints – were and are instruments of God. Their lives were centered in and on God, no matter what the struggle. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen reminds us that without Good Friday, there would be no Resurrection. We are all called to carry our crosses with Jesus to Calvary, who says "my yoke is easy and burden light" – may we live in Him with the hope of a new light.

I could write a litany of motivational and inspiring quotes but one that summarises the above is, "Don't ask for the task to be easy, ask for it to be worth it." Have a wonderful year serving God through the little ones who are so dear to Jesus.

Robert

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Peace greetings to all catechists in the Northern Area.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and now ready to share Christ's peace and hope with your students. Welcome to Term 1, my dear new and current catechists. I pray that you will feel God's love and joy in this New Year. May His Spirit give you wisdom and courage to invite your students to welcome Jesus Christ in their hearts with faith and love.

Thank you for all the invitations that I received in Term 4 last year. I was so humbled to be able to watch some wonderful productions of Christmas plays and felt immensely blessed to share meals with you during the joyful, festive season. The gatherings not only gave me the opportunity to get to know you better but also made my Advent preparation filled with excitement and anticipation as I witnessed each of you put your faith into action. To be Jesus' hands and feet, just as St. Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world."

With Easter approaching early this year, I hope you will have time to reflect that we are about to celebrate the most important event of Christian faith. Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to us; that Jesus was not only born to tell us about God, but he was also willing to suffer and die for us. Then, his resurrection, made this is the greatest 'Love Story' ever told. By making the ultimate sacrifice, Christ with his loving Father gave us the ultimate gift – Love – the Holy Spirit, who has been poured into our hearts. During the season of Lent, we are invited to reflect upon our identity as Christians, as people of Easter faith, and as members of the Church, the People of God.

As we prepare our class lessons each week, I would like to remember Saint Pope John Paul II's words, "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song."

Meanwhile please feel free to invite me to your meeting, morning tea and classrooms; we are here to support you. Thank you for your continued commitment and involvement in building the Kingdom of God here and now.

May the God of love and hope fill you all with joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Anita



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Dear Southern Area Catechists,

Welcome to the New Year and your new catechist class. Starting a new year with a new class can be daunting. How will I manage the class? What if I do not know enough about my faith? What will I teach? These are some of the things catechists often worry about.

The NEW CATECHIST TRAINING COURSES will help you gain basic skills in preparation and planning your lessons using the approved curriculum. They provide an opportunity for you to learn more about our Catholic faith and how to present it to students at an age appropriate level. These courses also provide opportunities to observe and discuss teaching strategies that are really creative ways of avoiding discipline problems. You will find details of these courses in this newsletter and on our webpage.

It is also a good idea to plan your lessons early and if possible 'talk through' the first few lessons with a more experienced catechist. Three sisters Geraldine, Angela, and Mary Anne (pictured above) know the value of this as they are catechists in the same parish.



- A well planned lesson usually means fewer discipline problems.
- After each lesson take the time to reflect on how you went.
- Get to know the names of the students as soon as possible.
- Use name tags and make a class roll.

This year SRE classes start just as Lent begins and we will celebrate Easter on 1st April – two weeks before the end of Term 1. In your Teacher's Manual you will notice that the Christ Our Light and Life curriculum has Lent and Holy Week lessons within some of the first eight lessons. Please refer to the Scope and Sequence chart in this newsletter to ensure you teach this topic at an age appropriate level.

All new catechists are required to have a verified WWCC and attend Level 1.1 of the Basic Training Course before entering a school and Level 1.2 before teaching a class. New catechists are then to complete the remaining three days of the Basic Training Course within their first year of being a catechist.

Please ring or email if you need help and I will get back to you.

Denise



Fr Mate and Caringbah Catechists pictured here celebrating at their December meeting with many of their newer catechists.

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Dear Western Area Catechists

Welcome to all Catechists who are taking Special Religious Education classes in 2018, especially to our new recruits and returnees! I hope you've all had a wonderful break celebrating, feasting and eating cake with family and friends. I did!!

In my first year in my role, I have certainly met many Catechists/ helpers who have inspired and motivated me in my work as a Faith Education Officer. I am humbled by your selflessness and dedication to the mission. A special mention to the nine incredible High School Scripture Teachers at Prairiewood High School; you have been a source of joy and strength. This year, there's one thing that I want the Western Region to focus on: continuous recruitment. With effective strategies and through incessant personal invitations, we can certainly increase our numbers and prevent burn out for some of our fellow Catechists. Let's work together to make this happen.

I cannot stress enough how imperative it is to continue to equip and better yourself as scripture teachers. We will have many opportunities this year for you to take part in Level 1 (Basic), Level 2 (Intermediate) and Level 3 (Advanced) training at various locations. Let's be diligent and make improving our skills a priority, for the benefit of those we teach. Check the back of this newsletter or the CCD website for the dates and locations. Make sure that you book as soon as possible to reserve your place in these courses

Our Western Area Mass will be hosted by Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta on 13 July during school holidays. Please save the date! I'm looking forward to another fantastic turn out, not to mention the amazing food.

Please don't forget I am only an email away if you need any assistance, or just want to touch base! Let's continue to pray for all students and Catechists in Sydney.

HAVE A WONDERFUL TERM 1!

Vincent Haber

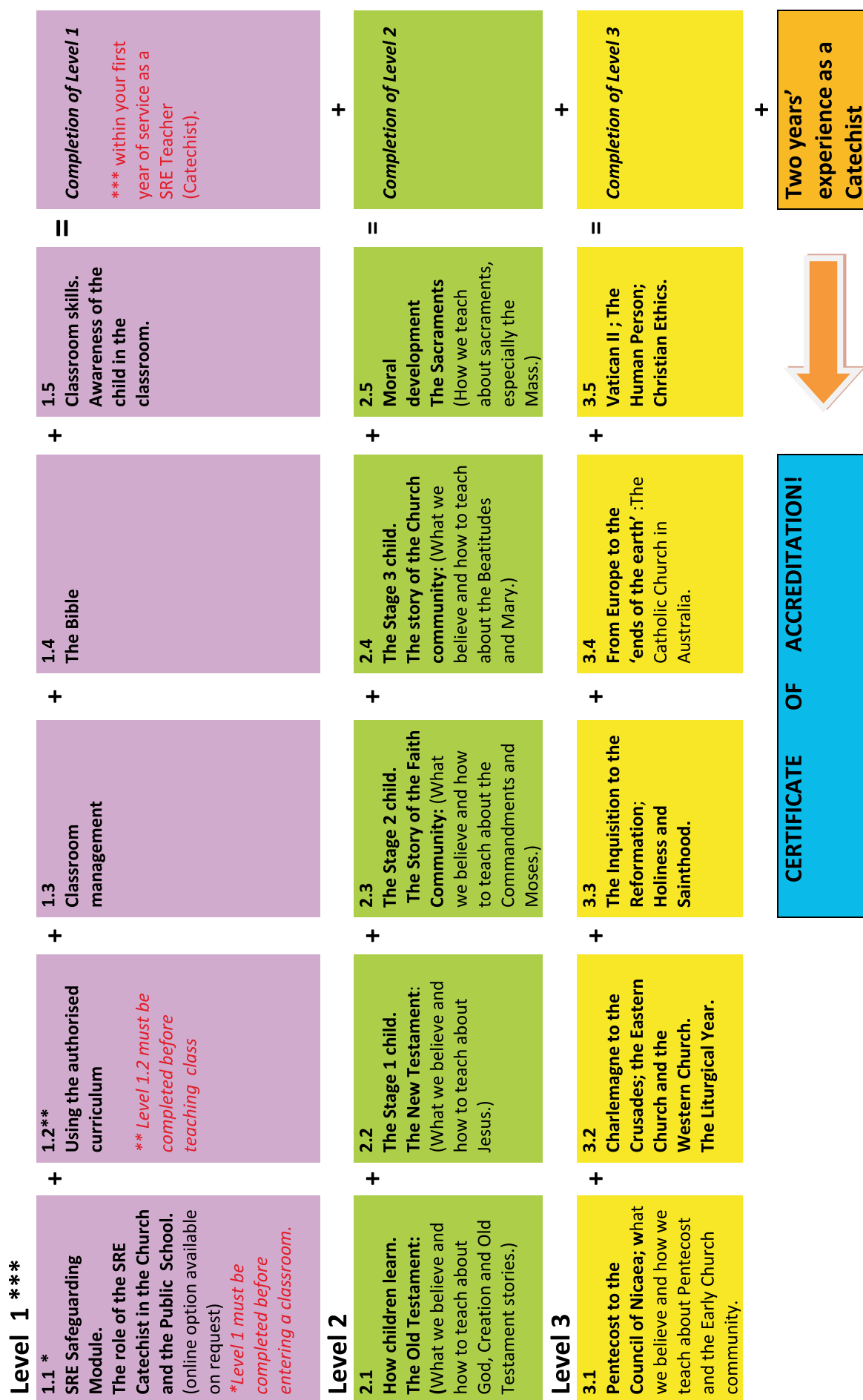
SRE Activity Books & Teacher Manuals
ready to post to Parishes around the country...

Well done Robert, Vincent, Eleanor and Eddie
with all the packing in summer temperatures at the
CCD "Gym" Warehouse!

We apologise to the parishes affected by the
delayed deliveries, due to printing and courier difficulties.



Training Course Outline



Course Information

Courses are subject to change - Bookings are essential

Please contact Laura or Julia:

EMAIL: office@ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au

TEL: 02 9307 8330

ONLINE: bookings now open at
ccd.sydneycatholic.org

ALL COURSES RUN FROM 9.45AM TO 2.15PM

Please bring your own lunch, tea and coffee will be provided

COURSE LOCATIONS

Brighton	St Thomas More, 298 Bay St, Brighton Le Sands
Bonnyrigg	John The Baptist, 45 Mount St, Bonnyrigg Heights
Campsie	St Mel's Parish, 16 Duke St, Campsie
City	Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney
Lidcombe	St Joachim's, 31-33 John St, Lidcombe
Maroubra Bay	St Mary & Joseph's Parish Hall, 246 Malabar Rd, Maroubra
Marrickville	St Brigid's Parish, Cnr Marrickville & Livingstone Rd's Marrickville
Miranda	CCD Centre, 50 Kiora Road, Miranda
Moorebank	St Josephs, 231 Newbridge Rd, Moorebank
Peakhurst	OLF Parish Hall, 825 Forest Rd, Peakhurst
Penshurst	St Declan's Parish, 92 Penshurst St, Penshurst
Mt Pritchard	Our Lady Mt Carmel, 230 Humphries Rd, Bonnyrigg
Randwick	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 193 Avoca St, Randwick
Ryde	St Charles Borromeo, Fr Gell Room, 582 Victoria Rd, Ryde

CCD Training Courses - Jan to June 2018

1.1

Friday 9 February	City
Saturday 10 February	Miranda
Monday 12 February (Evening)	Bonnyrigg
Monday 12 February	Marrickville
Tuesday 13 February	Brighton
Tuesday 13 February	Randwick
Wednesday 14 February	Maroubra
Friday 16 February	Campsie
Monday 19 February	Mt Pritchard
Thursday 8 March	Lidcombe
Monday 7 May	Campsie
Wednesday 30 May	Maroubra
Tuesday 5 June	City

1.2

Friday 16 February	City
Saturday 17 February	Miranda
Monday 19 February (1 st night)	Bonnyrigg
Tuesday 20 February	Brighton
Wednesday 21 February	Maroubra
Friday 23 February	Campsie
Monday 26 February	Mt Pritchard
Monday 26 February (2 nd night)	Bonnyrigg
Thursday 15 March	Lidcombe
Wednesday 18 April	City
Monday 14 May	Campsie
Wednesday 6 June	Maroubra
Tuesday 12 June	City

1.3

Friday 23 February	City
Saturday 24 February	Miranda
Tuesday 27 February	Brighton
Wednesday 28 February	Maroubra
Friday 2 March	Campsie
Monday 5 March	Mt Pritchard
Thursday 22 March	Lidcombe
Thursday 19 April	City
Monday 21 May	Campsie
Wednesday 13 June	Maroubra
Tuesday 19 June	City

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Friday 2 March	City
Saturday 3 March	Miranda
Tuesday 6 March	Brighton
Wednesday 7 March	Maroubra
Friday 9 March	Campsie
Monday 12 March	Mt Pritchard
Thursday 5 April	Lidcombe
Friday 20 April	City
Monday 28 May	Campsie
Wednesday 20 June	Maroubra
Tuesday 26 June	City

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Friday 9 March	City
Saturday 10 March	Miranda
Tuesday 13 March	Brighton
Wednesday 14 March	Maroubra
Friday 16 March	Campsie
Monday 19 March	Mt Pritchard
Thursday 12 April	Lidcombe
Monday 23 April	City
Monday 4 June	Campsie
Wednesday 27 June	Maroubra

2.1

Monday 5 March	Penshurst
Friday 16 March	City
Saturday 5 May	Miranda
Monday 21 May	Moorebank

2.2

Monday 12 March	Penshurst
Friday 23 March	City
Saturday 12 May	Miranda
Monday 28 May	Moorebank

2.3

Monday 19 March	Penshurst
Friday 6 April	City
Saturday 19 May	Miranda
Monday 4 June	Moorebank

2.4

Monday 26 March	Penshurst
Friday 13 April	City
Saturday 26 May	Miranda
Monday 18 June	Moorebank

2.5

Monday 9 April	Penshurst
Friday 20 April	City
Saturday 2 June	Miranda
Monday 25 June	Moorebank

Level 3

3.1 Tuesday 15 May	Peakhurst
3.1 Thursday 17 May	Ryde

3.2 Tuesday 22 May	Peakhurst
3.2 Thursday 24 May	Ryde

3.3 Tuesday 29 May	Peakhurst
3.3 Thursday 31 May	Ryde

3.4 Tuesday 5 June	Peakhurst
3.4 Thursday 7 June	Ryde
3.5 Tuesday 12 June	Peakhurst
3.5 Thursday 14 June	Ryde

Bookings Essential
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CCD Calendar 2018

January

Tuesday 30 **Start of Term 1** – Check with your school regarding the start of SRE lessons

Combined Area Co-ordinators' meeting and luncheon:
10.00am-2.00pm
140 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

February

Sunday 4 Catechist Sunday

Wednesday 14 Ash Wednesday – beginning of Lent

March

Friday 2 **Catechist Retreat, 9.45am -12.45pm**

(Venue: To be confirmed)

Sunday 25 Palm Sunday (*Annunciation moved to 9 April*)

Friday 30 Good Friday

Saturday 31 Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

April

Sunday 1 Easter Sunday

Monday 2 Easter Monday (*public holiday*)

Sunday 8 "Divine Mercy" Second Sunday of Easter

Monday 9 The Annunciation of the Lord (*transferred from 25 March due to Palm Sunday*)

Friday 13 **End of Term 1**

Monday 30 **Catechist Gathering**

Parish Hall, Lidcombe

May

Tuesday 1 **Start of Term 2**

Thursday 3 Southern Area Mass, 12 noon
St Joseph's Parish, Oatley

Thursday 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Friday 11 **Catechist Retreat**
(Venue – to be confirmed)

July

Friday 6 **End of Term 2**

Tuesday 10 Southern Area Co-ordinators' Meeting
10.00am-12 noon, 50 Kiara Rd, Miranda

Friday 20 Northern Area Mass, 11.00am
St Kevin's Parish, Eastwood

Monday 23 Eastern & Northern Co-ordinators' Meeting
Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St, Sydney

Tuesday 24 **Start of Term 3**

Central Area Co-ordinator s' Meeting
10.00am-12 noon – 4 Duke St, Campsie

Friday 27 Western Area Mass, 11.00am
Sacred Heart Parish, Cabramatta

August

September

Sunday 23 **Annual Catechist Mass;**
awards; afternoon tea, 2.00pm-4.00pm,
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Friday 28 **End of Term 3**

October

To be confirmed – Life Members' Function (30 years' service)

Monday 15 **Start of Term 4**

November

End of SRE classes – check with your school

December

Friday 19 **End of Term 4**

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