

# Witness

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## Cardinal Degenhardt to visit Pirie Diocese



*The Archbishop of Paderborn (Germany) Johannes Degenhardt was created a Cardinal. On his right is his Vicar General, Monsignor Bruno Kresing. Both of them have visited our Diocese when Bishop DeCampo was bishop and are soon to visit again.*

## Fr. Frank Cresp received Papal Honour

Bishop Eugene Hurley was delighted to announce on August 24 that Fr. Frank Cresp has been appointed by Pope John Paul II as a Supernumerary Protonotary Apostolic; (Monsignor). Congratulations are extended to Fr. Cresp on behalf of the Diocese of Port Pirie. Fr. Cresp is the Vicar General of the Diocese of Port Pirie and has served in parishes throughout the expanse of the diocese for the past forty-six years. He was one of the pioneer priests of Coober Pedy and the Inland Mission, overseeing the opening of the dugout church. Bishop Hurley said, "This is a fitting recognition of Fr. Frank's fidelity, loyalty, and commitment to the people and the bishops of our diocese."



*Fr. Frank Cresp appointed as Monsignor.*

Cardinal Degenhardt of Paderborn, Germany, will make a flying visit to the Port Pirie Diocese this month, giving Bishop Hurley the opportunity to return the hospitality extended to him during his recent journey to Paderborn for the Feast of St. Liborius (See August Witness). Cardinal Degenhardt, along with the Vicar General of Paderborn, Mons. Bruno Kresing, will spend time in Port Pirie, Port Lincoln, Coober Pedy and other remote areas of the Port Pirie Diocese while in Australia.



*The Diocesan logo for the new pastoral plan.*

Diocese moves towards a pastoral plan for the new millennium

The Diocese of Port Pirie is entering a new phase of response to Pope John Paul II's appeal to draw on the experience of our Jubilee Year and the Apostolic Letter, 'At the beginning of the new millennium' to develop a pastoral plan at a local level. Bishop Hurley has asked for the preparation of a program of study and consultation to engage Catholics throughout the Diocese in the mission of being a Church which hears and shares the Good News of Jesus Christ. See this month's Central Issue for more.



# Young mother wins Bishops' Scholarship

The Australian Bishops have awarded their fourth Social Justice Scholarship to the mother of three young children.

The recipient, Queensland born and raised Ms Andree Rice, now lives in Point Lonsdale, Victoria, with her husband, Dr Justin Coleman, and their children, Charlie (aged 6), Jimmy (4) and Finn (three months).

A teacher by profession, Andree will take up the scholarship next year while still on maternity leave from Sacred Heart College, Newtown (Geelong), where she has been employed since 1999 as part-time Assistant Religious Education Co-ordinator. She plans to enroll at Yarra Theological Union, Box Hill, Victoria, in a Graduate Diploma in Theology, specialising in social justice subjects and leading towards a Master of Arts.

Andree was educated at All Hallows School, Brisbane; the University of Queensland (BA with a double major in Literature and a major in History); and the Australian Catholic University, Mercy Campus, Ascot Vale, Victoria (Diploma in Education, English and Religious Education methods). She has worked as a teacher in Catholic secondary schools for a total of seven years.

As part of her ongoing professional development as a RE Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, Andree has completed many RE in-services and faith development courses. She has also contributed several reflective articles to Catholic publications.



*Andree Rice with sons Charlie (6), Finn (3 months) and Jimmy (4).*

In 1996-97, Andree and Justin accepted a placement with Australian Volunteers Abroad (Overseas Service Bureau) in Tennant Creek, where she worked part-time as an educator at Anyinginyi Congress, an Aboriginal-controlled health clinic, and taught adult Aboriginal students who were training to be health workers. In 2000 she took a group of students from Sacred Heart College, Geelong, to Central Australia on a reconciliation journey, a "Journey to the Heart."

Andree and her future husband met in the late 1980s. In 1998 both were part of the Companions Volunteer Community (CVC) project, co-sponsored in Melbourne by the Jesuits and the Sisters of Mercy. The project enabled six young people to live together in community and work as full-time volunteers with marginalised people. Andree describes the CVC ideals as "community, social justice, spirituality and simple living."

This will be the first of the Bishops' scholarships to be taken up within Australia. The three previous scholars were Sandie Cornish, now National Executive Office of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, who

studied in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University; Stephen Anthony, who is working as an economics adviser in the Department of the Treasury, Canberra, after graduating from Georgetown University, Washington; and Suzanne McManus, who has accepted temporary teaching appointments in Melbourne since returning late last year from Belgium, where she graduated at the Catholic University, Louvain.

Dr Michael Costigan, Executive Secretary to the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development and Peace, said this week that the Bishops received outstanding applications for the scholarship this year. The BCJDP administers the scholarships on behalf of the Australian Bishops.

The selection panel, chaired by Bishop William Morris, Secretary of the BCJDP and Acting Chairman of the SCSJC, had a difficult task, Dr Costigan said. Applicants were all strongly committed to social justice and many had the required qualifications for the award.

The present value of the scholarship for a full-time scholar is \$24,000 a year. Only one scholarship is available at a time.

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# CWL St. Mark's Cathedral Vicariate meeting

The Catholic Women's League held its annual St. Mark's Cathedral Vicariate meeting in Kadina on July 25, commencing with Mass celebrated by Parish Priest of Kadina, Father Arthur Hackett.

Guest speaker was Sister Julie-Anne (R.S.J). Sister spoke of her work within the Kadina Parish and with the children of Kalori School; the Catholic school serving the area of Kadina, Moonta and Wallaroo.

Work and activities reports for each CWL branch of the Vicariate were read to the meeting by secretaries.

Both the Diocesan President, Mrs. Pat Thomas and the Diocesan Secretary, Mrs. Anne Reichstein, gave addresses of encouragement to the CWL members and commended them upon the work which is carried out "year after year" in their parishes.

The Meeting was privileged to have CWL's State (SA) President, Mrs. Denice Featherstonehaugh, present. Denice spoke at length of her hopes and plans for the forthcoming National CWL Conference, held in Queensland in late September.

The next St. Mark's Cathedral Vicariate Meeting will be held at Port Pirie by CWL during July next year (2002).



*Sr. Julie-Anne, photographed with  
CWL Port Pirie Diocesan Chaplain,  
Father Leon Quinn of Port Lincoln.*

*Three previous students of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan's St. John's High School Port Pirie (now St Mark's College) were re-united at the CWL Meeting. Father Arthur Hackett, Carmel Foristel (left) or Port Pirie and Mrs. Pat Mackrill (nee Speck) of Fisherman's Bay were all students of the SGS during the early/mid 1940's*



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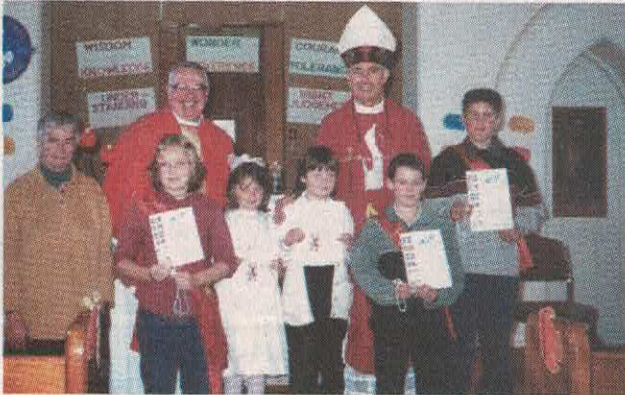
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# Carrieton CWL celebrates its 20th birthday



*Left to right: Patsy Manning, Maria Neuhaus, Trish Case, Mary Williams, Tess Reid, Kate Williams, Dorothy Moroney, Karon Williams, Gay Williams, Karin Gibson, Barbara Smith, Helen Williams and seated Margaret Hoare.*



*Bishop Hurley and Fr Ron Daveron with Sr Moreen and five newly Confirmed young people at Wilmington.*



*Bishop Hurley imparts a blessing to conclude the confirmation at Wilmington.*



*Frank and Irene Lee at the Memorial Mass on the anniversary of their daughter, Margaret. The mass was held at St Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie, and attended by many family and friends who had been touched by this amazing young woman's life.*



*Fr Tony Redden is pictured here with first Communicants at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Whyalla West.*