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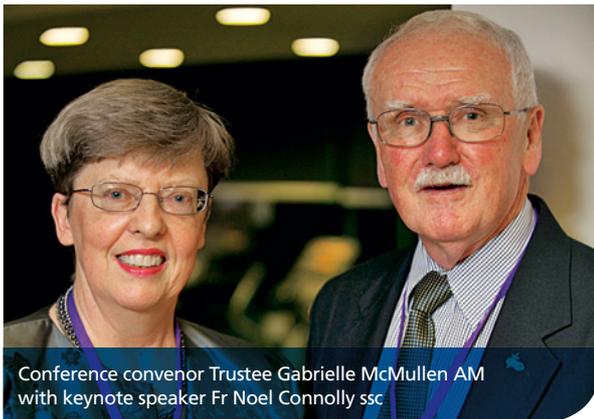
NEWSLETTER

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SETTING HEARTS ON FIRE

MARY AIKENHEAD MINISTRIES 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On 1-2 May 2014, the Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries conducted their national conference at the Pullman Albert Park. Entitled *Living the Mission – Hearts on Fire*, the conference was a major formation activity for those in governance and executive roles across Mary Aikenhead Ministries.



Conference convenor Trustee Gabrielle McMullen AM with keynote speaker Fr Noel Connolly ssc

The conference opened with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart whose homily took up the Gospel message reflected in the conference titled: *"Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'"* (Luke 24:32). Archbishop Hart also joined delegates for the conference dinner. Dinner speaker Karin Clark related the story of a former medical student and then doctor at St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (now part of Mary Aikenhead Ministries). Karin titled her address *Encountering a Heart on Fire: Sr Dr Mary Glowrey JMJ, Servant of God*.

Conference keynote speaker Fr Noel Connolly ssc captured the theme of the conference in his addresses, *Call to a Joyful, Merciful, Missionary Gospel Service and Lessons from Pope Francis' Compassionate and Encouraging Leadership*. Another highlight of the conference was the presentation of five scenarios illustrating the essence of the mission for Mary Aikenhead Ministries and the Sisters of Charity:

- *Sr Maria Cunningham Centre: Taking the Mission to a New Frontier* (Huntington's Disease Unit at St Joseph's Hospital Auburn in Sydney) – Helen Miller of St Vincent's Care Services NSW;
- *Taking the Mission to Prisoners* – Stephen Vale of St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne;
- *Taking the Mission to Christmas Island* – Sr Dorothy Bayliss rsc, Jesuit Refugee Service pastoral care worker with asylum seekers on Christmas Island;
- *Street Retreats: Collaborating in the Mission* – Rachel McLean of St Vincent's College, Potts Point in Sydney;
- *Taking the Mission to Manila* – Catherine Scerri, graduate of St Columba's College in Essendon and now Deputy Director of Bahay Tuluyan, a Filipino NGO for children in need of protection.

The conference was attended by 160 delegates including Sr Annette Cunliffe rsc, Congregation Leader, and the Congregational Council and 15 Sisters involved in the Ministries. The Melbourne conference achieved its goal with feedback from attendees indicating that they returned to their Ministries with their "hearts on fire".

Gabrielle McMullen AM

Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries



Toast to 175 years of the Religious Sisters of Charity of Australia with dinner speaker Karin Clark, Archbishop Denis Hart, Congregational Leader Sr Annette Cunliffe rsc and Mary Aikenhead Education Australia Advisory Council chair David Hutton

HONOURING THE SISTERS

AT STELLA MARIS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHELLHARBOUR



The Sisters of Charity 175 year anniversary plaque

The Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries were very pleased when Congregational Leader Sr Annette Cunliffe rsc and her Council invited the Trustees to consider a special project to mark the 175 year anniversary of the Australian Congregation, namely to place a plaque in facilities that the Sisters of Charity of Australia conducted. Over some months, the Congregational leadership team and the Trustees worked together with Jenssen Design Associates on the design and production of a beautiful bronze plaque, recognising the remarkable contribution of the Sisters of Charity to the Australian Church and wider society.

The Sisters of Charity of Australia conducted some 70 ministries across the eastern States and Tasmania – some of these are now part of Mary Aikenhead Ministries;

others are within different healthcare and education systems such as Catholic Education Offices. These ministries conducted by the Congregation have been invited to accept a plaque commemorating the Sisters' contribution to their story. Over coming months ceremonies to present the plaque will be held at these ministries with Sisters of Charity and Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries in attendance.

The first such ceremony was held on Tuesday, 20 May at Stella Maris Primary School, Shellharbour. Twenty Sisters of Charity attended together with Trustees Dr Tessa Ho and Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM. The school had also invited parents, local politicians and other community leaders, and parishioners.

The school received its plaque at a ceremony to mark Foundation Day, which took place in the grounds and included a liturgy, a pageant on Mary Aikenhead and the first five sisters, a blessing of the plaque by the parish priest, and a few short speeches. We then adjourned to a lavish "country" morning tea provided by the parish. The children continued their celebrations of the occasion with sport and a sausage sizzle.

Stella Maris Primary School is very proud of its Sisters of Charity heritage and was thrilled to receive the plaque and to be the first ministry to do so.

Gabrielle McMullen AM
Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries



Foundation Day at Stella Maris Primary School, Shellharbour

EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

MELBOURNE, 25 JULY 2014

On Friday, 25 July 2014 members of Mary Aikenhead Ministries education ministry have the opportunity to participate in the 2014 Mary Aikenhead Education Australia (MAEA) symposium at the RACV City Club in Melbourne. The symposium will bring together those who currently have a direct involvement in the education ministry: College Board Directors, Principals and College Leadership Teams, Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries, Sisters of Charity of Australia, and members of the MAEA Advisory Council as well as others with a connection to, or interest in, the ministry.

The symposium presenter is Fr Gerald Arbuckle SM and the day will be facilitated by Ms Kerry Bretell.

Participants will engage in a process to discern the key elements of the foundational story of our education ministry which define its identity, and what this identity means as we work to meet the challenges of our contemporary and future contexts.

Registrations for the symposium close on Friday, 27 June 2014 and further details can be obtained by contacting: the MAEA Executive Officer, Mr Peter Kelly on:

pkelly@maryaikenhead.edu.au

Peter Kelly
Executive Officer
Mary Aikenhead Education Australia



Fr Gerry Arbuckle SM



GREEN CUPCAKES FOR TEA – SWEET!

TMAM VISIT ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AUBURN, ON ST PATRICK'S DAY

On 17 March the Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries visited St Joseph's Hospital Auburn, where they enjoyed a wonderful morning tea with Hospital executives.

The theme of the morning tea was St Patrick's Day and beautifully decorated cupcakes greeted the Trustees upon their arrival. Following the festivities the Trustees toured the newly furnished palliative care courtyard and the recently opened Sr Maria Cunningham Centre, which caters for patients with Huntington's disease.

Raff Del Vecchio
Executive Officer
Mary Aikenhead Ministries



The Trustees enjoyed a wonderful St Patrick's Day themed morning tea

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY AIKENHEAD

A PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

At the conclusion of the Mary Aikenhead Ministries annual conference, sixteen pilgrims from the health and education ministries were missioned to the pilgrimage to Ireland.

After ten days of journeying all pilgrims returned to their respective ministries safe and enriched by the experience.

The next edition of *Journeys* will showcase highlights of the pilgrimage.

Sr Helen Clarke rsc
Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries



Sixteen pilgrims from the ministries were missioned to Ireland

TWILIGHT GOVERNANCE SESSIONS

We would like to remind you that the popular Twilight Governance sessions will be held soon. We are expecting increased numbers this year, so please save the date. These sessions are open to all Board Directors as well as members of Board sub-committees and the Community Advisory Councils.

Brisbane	Mt St Michaels College	7 August 2014
Sydney	St Vincent's Private Clinic	4 September 2014
Melbourne	St Vincent's Public Hospital (11th Floor)	11 September 2014

Sessions will run from 5.30pm to 8.30pm, with light refreshments provided.

TMAM HAS MOVED

The TMAM office has recently moved to:

**Suite 201
Level 2/55 Grafton Street
Bondi Junction**

Please note the office line is now (02) 9291 9400 and the fax (02) 9389 5747.

Email addresses remain unchanged.

An official office opening and blessing by Bishop Terry Brady is scheduled for 16 June 2014.



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