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FORMATION OF THE HEART

The Trustees launched their Leadership Formation Framework at the 2012 Conference in Brisbane – *Formation of the Heart*.

The term “formation” is quizzically, or even suspiciously, regarded by some as a form of indoctrination.

However, formation represents ongoing enrichment for us as leaders who assume responsibility in Catholic ministries. Formation provides leaders with skills, knowledge and spiritual grounding, to animate our ministries to be communities that embrace “the joy and hope, the grief and anguish of people of our time.”

Formation is beyond professional development and training...it engages the heart and soul.

The Trustees have initiated a number of formation activities for the year ahead, and we urge our leaders, whether Board members or executives, to take up these opportunities if at all possible.



Delegates convene at the 2012 conference – *The Heart of Our Service*, Brisbane.

MAM Conference 2014

*Living the Mission – Hearts on Fire**

1-2 May 2014

Pilgrimage to Ireland

May 2014

Leadership in Governance – capital city gatherings

August – September 2014

Mary Aikenhead Education Symposium

25 July 2014 (Melbourne)

* Online registration is now open and you are encouraged to register as soon as possible as places are limited.

For more information please contact Trustee and Conference Convenor, Gabrielle McMullen AM on:

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The Leadership Formation Framework document, *Formation of the Heart*, was launched at the Mary Aikenhead Ministries 2012 Conference, and is intended to provide a reference for leadership formation across the education, health, research and welfare ministries.

ST VINCENT'S COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT MASS



Commencement Mass for St Vincent's College

The St Vincent's College Mass of Thanksgiving for the commencement of the 2014 academic year was celebrated at St Mary's Church, North Sydney, by Fr Michael Storey SJ, with all classes from Year 7 to 12 present. A welcome to the new Year 7 Group, new leaders in Year 12 and staff commencing this year was incorporated. Representatives from the Parents and Friends, and general parent body, were present, as well as Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM and Sr Helen Clarke rsc.

Fr Michael, in his homily, encouraged the students to be aware of their responsibility and ability to participate in the Church and wider community. The Mass concluded with a rousing hymn, led by the College choir and orchestra, *Christ has no Hands but Ours*.

[Sr Helen Clarke rsc](#)
Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT MASS & STUDENT COMMISSIONING

The theme, *'To walk in the shoes of another'*, was proudly displayed as a backdrop to the altar. Six large 'modern' painted shoes, containing messages of aspiration by members of each student year, were centre to the banner.

All students, staff, several parents, Board Directors, Sisters of Charity, Mary Aikenhead Education Australia Executive Officer Mr Peter Kelly, and Sister Helen Clarke rsc from Mary Aikenhead Ministries, were present.

Fr Terry Kean, the College Chaplain, celebrated the Eucharist and participated (with Principal, Mrs Margaret McKenna) in the commissioning and blessing of student leaders for 2014.

[Sr Helen Clarke rsc](#)
Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries



Principal Margaret McKenna and Fr Terry Kean participate in the commissioning and blessing ceremony

SR DOROTHY BAYLISS

A MESSAGE FROM CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Sister of Charity Dorothy Bayliss, one of the presenters at the 2014 Mary Aikenhead Ministries (MAM) Conference, is currently in ministry on Christmas Island. She recently wrote the following letter to MAM:



Unless you were here, you would not believe the untold sufferings of a forgotten people, these beautiful men, women and children who came to Australia where they thought they would be protected and gain their freedom – that is all most of them are asking.

Here they are all in Limbo; their lives are put on hold, awaiting any news of what will happen to them. Then one day, they wake up to find that many of their friends are off to PNG or Nauru. Their agony begins all over again, awaiting their turn, whenever that will be.

From three months ago, when I was last here, people who were depressed then, are now in a state of despair. Their spirit is being broken by their continuous confinement and having no light at the end of the tunnel. Please, I ask for your prayers, for only God can change such an inhumane system.

Looking forward to sharing their stories at the Conference in May.

Peace.

Sr Dorothy Bayliss rsc

MT ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

CELEBRATES THE START OF A NEW YEAR

The Mt St Michael's College opening Eucharist and Commissioning of Leaders was held in the Sophia Centre on Friday, 14 February. The celebrant was Father Peter Brannelly, who challenged the students to aspire to the ideals put forward by Mary Aikenhead, now and in their future careers. A highlight of the Eucharist was a liturgical drama where students told the story of the Sisters of Charity's arrival in Sydney through dance and symbolism.

Principal Ms Alison Terrey addressed the gathering and highlighted the wonderful spirit in the College and its faithfulness to Mary Aikenhead's ideals. She was particularly touched by the action of two students who sought her permission on the morning of the Eucharist to hand write 700 messages of welcome and love which were attached to each student's locker. The work started at 5am and was successfully completed to the delight of all students.

[Mr Jim Russell](#)

Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries



The Eucharist and Commissioning of Leaders was a wonderful start to 2014.

WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR

With other Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries and Sisters of Charity, I have recently had the privilege of participating in beginning-of-year liturgies across the ministries.

At St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (SVHM), Archbishop Denis Hart was chief celebrant at Mass on 13 February for the commencement of the clinical year. New clinical leaders were commissioned by St Vincent's Health Australia Group Mission Leader, Jack de Groot, and SVHM Director of Mission, Lisa McDonald.

St Columba's College marked the new school year with Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on 25 February. It was a joyous occasion when staff, students and their families gathered to recognise St Columba's College as a Catholic school in the tradition of Mary Aikenhead and the Sisters of Charity, and to seek blessings for the coming year.



At the conclusion of Mass the new College House banners were blessed by chief celebrant Archbishop Denis Hart. The College Houses are named in honour of the five pioneer Sisters of Charity of Australia – Sisters M. John Cahill, Sr M. Lawrence Cater, Sr M. John Baptist De Lacy, Sr M. Francis de Sales O'Brien and Sr M. Xavier Williams; the first College Principal – Sr M. Ursula Bruton; and the first Australian-born Sister of Charity – Sr M. Xavier Cunningham.

*Gabrielle McMullen AM
Trustee of Mary Aikenhead Ministries*

TWILIGHT GOVERNANCE FORMATION SESSIONS

The popular twilight governance formation sessions are back for 2014. These sessions are open to all Board Directors as well as members of Board sub-committee and of the Community Advisory Councils. These were very well received in 2013 and once again will be facilitated by Sr Helen Clarke rsc and presented by Dr Maureen Cleary.

The same session will be replicated in each State on the following dates:

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

These sessions will run from approximately 5.30-8.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Further information will be forthcoming shortly.

TMAM ON THE MOVE

The TMAM office will be relocating to Level 2/55 Grafton Street, Bondi Junction from mid-year 2014 after nearly five years at Edgecliff. The Bondi Junction premises are centrally located, and in the same street as the head offices of the Sisters of Charity and St Vincent's Health Australia.

Phone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses will remain unchanged.

We look forward to welcoming you to our new premises.

2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mary Aikenhead Ministries (MAM) Annual Conference to be held on 1-2 May 2014 at the Pullman, Albert Park, Melbourne, is the primary formation activity conducted by the Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries for leaders of their health, education, research, aged care and outreach ministries.

The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity to participate in discussion and discernment around the vision and mission of Mary Aikenhead Ministries while carrying forward, in new and challenging ways, Jesus' mission of healing, teaching and service, in the tradition of the Sisters of Charity.

Electronic invitations to the 2014 Conference will be sent out in early March.



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