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THE HEART OF OUR JOURNEY

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF MARY AIKENHEAD MINISTRIES

THE CONFERENCE, CO-SPONSORED BY THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF AUSTRALIA AND MARY AIKENHEAD MINISTRIES, WAS HELD AT THE NOVOTEL BRIGHTON-LE-SANDS, SYDNEY ON THURSDAY JULY 22 AND FRIDAY JULY 23, 2010.



Richard Harpham, Chairman Trustees Mary Aikenhead Ministries; Sr Annette Cunliffe, Congregational Leader; David Robinson, Deputy Chairman, Mary Aikenhead Ministries.

Delegates celebrated the Patronal Feast of Mary Aikenhead Ministries at St Thomas More Church, Brighton-Le-Sands.

The occasion recognised the significant milestone of the first anniversary of establishment of Mary Aikenhead Ministries on 1 July 2010. The Conference explored the notion of stewardship, the call to serve the poor and marginalised, and celebrated all who share the story of Mary Aikenhead. The gathering brought together leaders who serve the ministries through the Sisters of Charity Foundation/Community Care, and those in the health, aged care, research institutes, education and welfare organisations, under the auspices of the Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries.

For more information about the Conference please visit: www.maryaikenheadconferences.com.au



Opening Prayer, His Eminence Cardinal George Pell AC and Rev Fr Danai Penollar.



Procession of the Book of Gospels, Sr Leone Wittmack.



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Conference co-sponsors come together during the Prayers of Intercession: Ms Catherine Briggs, Sisters of Charity Foundation; Dr Tracey Batten, CEO, SVHA; A/Prof John Gurry, Chairman SVHA; Sr Margaret Fitzgerald, Executive Director, Sisters of Charity Outreach and Mr P Ferris AM, Trustee of SVH, Sydney.



Ms Catherine Briggs, Sisters of Charity Foundation.

"We ought to pray constantly for the means of relieving the suffering of the poor."

MOTHER MARY AIKENHEAD

"We commemorate today the anniversary of the death of Mother Mary Aikenhead. We acknowledge not only the life of the woman with great vision and enormous courage, but also a life vested in Divine Providence."

CARDINAL PELL (FROM THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION)



Cardinal Pell preaches the homily.



Combined Choir, St Vincent's Hospital and St Vincent's College.



Trustees Elizabeth Dodds rsc, Rowena McNally, David Robinson, Linda Ferrington rsc and Richard Harpham.



Greg Sword, Christopher Doogan, John Gurry, Paul McClintock AO, Nic Curtis and Paul Robertson AM.



Chairman Richard Harpham opens the Conference.



Teresito Marcelo rsc, Sr Bernadette, Provincial Holy Spirit Sisters and Maria Ugonotti, St Vincent's College.



John Geoghegan, Jose Aquilera and Dr Richard Chye.



Srs Linda Ferrington and Margaret Fitzgerald, presentation of the facility plaques.



St Vincent's College, Potts Point Garraway Dance Troupe.



Presenter Kathleen Bryant rsc, from Los Angeles California.

"You have become part of Mary Aikenhead's enterprise, part of an energy field, Caritas Christi, that is passed on from generation to generation, with a distinctive focus and mission."

SR KATHLEEN BRYANT



Brenda Shanahan, Chair, SVI; Anne McDonald, SVHA and Joseph Smith OH.



Srs Elizabeth Costigan, Jean Montgomery and Margaret Guy.



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Presenter Sr Michele Connolly rsj explores the Theological Statement.



The Theological Statement: A Table Talk Group.



David Robinson, Leone Wittmack rsc, Lauren Dixon rsc, Margaret McKenna, Linda Ferrington rsc and Judith Gardiner after presenting the Foundation Documents.



David Faktor and Rosemary Jandura, St Vincent's and Mater Health.



Margaret McKenna presents The Foundation Documents.



David Robinson, Melissa Webber, Kathleen Bryant rsc, Loretta Jagucanskas and Richard Harpham after the Missioning Ritual.



Conference Organising Group: Fay Gurr, Michelle Wilson, Michelle Webber, Elizabeth Dodds rsc, Rosemary Jandura, Loretta Jagucanskas and Margaret Fitzgerald rsc.



Paul Robertson AM, Margaret Beirne rsc, Robert Cusack, Michele Connolly rsj and John Slattery gather for the Conference dinner.



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