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mercy of our God...*



CHAPTER NEWS

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CONGRATULATIONS EVELINE

Sisters would now be aware (via an earlier email from Frances Fitzpatrick, Chapter Secretary) of the wonderful news that Eveline Crotty has been elected as the new Leader of the Institute. Since being professed as a Sister of Mercy fifty years ago, Eveline's ministries have included:

- * Primary School teaching (at Pymble and Rose Bay);
- * Exploring bringing Mercy and Justice to pastoral situations in the Philippines;
- * Living in a community with four Sisters in a housing commission area of Western Sydney;
- * Member of the Leadership Team of the North Sydney Congregation for 12 years;
- * Chief Executive Officer of the Mercy Foundation;
- * Establishing and leading for past 30 years the 'Urban Ministry Movement'; and,

* Establishing 'Transforming Practices' for the training of pastoral supervisors.

Eveline holds a Masters in Clinical Pastoral Counselling, majoring in supervision in pastoral ministry. She is an accredited supervisor.

Congratulations Eveline and may God's blessing be with you.



SPIRIT DIVINE

This important day for the Institute began with a Eucharist of the Holy Spirit. Sisters joined with Fr Dave Austin OSA to call on the Spirit's guidance as we discerned our future leadership.

In his homily, Fr Austin said as the discernment was reaching a pivotal point, all of those gathered should seek to remain open and trust in the action of God's ever present spirit.

True leaders have leadership thrust upon them. Humility is an essential quality of leadership. Augustine said you need three things for leadership: humility, humility and humility. Leaders also know full well that leadership does wonders for your prayer life!



Eucharistic Ministers: The ILT

Repeating the refrain from the Chapter Commencement Ritual, delegates sang:

Spirit of love, enfold and teach us; Spirit of peace, rest deep within; Spirit of change, transform and heal us; Spirit divine; Spirit divine.

Highlights from this Eucharist are in today's video - <https://vimeo.com/230722209>

MANDALA TAKES SHAPE

Yesterday we featured the jars of coloured rice as the main photo. The rice is gradually being turned by delegates into a mandala. It is a wonderful outlet for spiritual and creative expression!



Left: Meal time

KIT KATS AND ROUND KNITTING NEEDLES...

Today we introduce the Chapter hospitality staff - Catherine Corbett, Nance Cale and Cecilia Rowe. These three wonderful women are responsible for looking after our needs and bringing us the comforts of home during this important time.

Today's video (<https://vimeo.com/230722209>) features an interview with Cathy and Nance (pictured); both of whom share their experience and thoughts on being first-timers in the role of hospitality at Chapter.

The team's function is rich with diversity, from socks and Kit Kats to tales of round knitting needles and Kmart adventures, these Sisters have made 'exploring the shops around Baulkham Hills' a top priority.

Formal requests are filtered and submitted by Bernadette Ahearn, but the team says more common is an informal scenario where they are sitting down to a cup of tea and a Sister politely asks them to pick up something for her next time they are at the shops.

Nance speaks on behalf of the hospitality team saying that it has been a privilege to be at Chapter and in such a wonderful atmosphere. The Sisters send their blessings to the Chapter delegates at such an important moment in our history and in turn we send our blessings to Cathy, Nance and Cecilia for helping the delegates feel at home.



Above: The front entrance to St Joseph's



Right: Helen White signs on for the day!



Enjoying the Sun.. Margie Abbott, Eveline Crotty and Marg Broadbent

