



**ISMAPNG  
CHAPTER 2017**

*Through the tender  
mercy of our God...*

# CHAPTER NEWS

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## THE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

We have a wonderful new leadership team with the election of five very fine Mercy women. As advised in earlier emails from Frances Fitzpatrick (Chapter Secretary), the team who will guide the Institute for the next six years are:

- \* Eveline Crotty (Leader)
- \* Caroline Ryan (Councillor and Vicar)
- \* Marie Duffy (Councillor)
- \* Gaye Lennon (Councillor)
- \* Elizabeth Moloney (Councillor).

Immediately following the elections, a moving ceremony was held to ask for God's blessing on our new leaders.

Beautiful blessings were prayed by the current ILT - Berneice, Annette, Barbara Theresia and Sally gave the new team wishes of encouragement, love and solidarity.

*May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation,  
keep you in mindful of the providence that calls you to  
serve....May you have the wisdom to read time clearly  
and know when the seed of change will flourish.....*

In response the delegates sang - *Amen we affirm, Amen  
we encourage, Amen we bless and celebrate. Amen.*

Congratulations and thank you to our new leaders. Our prayers and loving support are with you.

**Banner Photo (L to R): Gaye Lennon, Elizabeth Moloney, Eveline Crotty, Marie Duffy and Caroline Ryan**



**L to R - Eveline Crotty, Gaye Lennon, Elizabeth Moloney, Caroline Ryan and Marie Duffy**



Highlights from the blessing ceremony can be viewed in today's video which is available in the Communications Centre, the App or at:  
<https://vimeo.com/230887379>



# OUR CHAPTER FACILITATORS

Today we spend time with the Chapter facilitators, Anne Derwin rsj and Kerry Brettell (pictured). Anne and Kerry have had the challenging task of facilitating our second Chapter.

Today's Chapter video features an interview with both Kerry and Anne where they explore the various stages of this Chapter; their experiences over the last 12 days; and, a reflection on the first Chapter six years ago.

Anne says the process of a Chapter is a flow that starts with listening. She says it is about listening to all that has been fed into the consultations leading up to Chapter; then delegates further discerning as to the future; creating a new phase in the life of the Institute; elections and then winding down – which we are sure all of us are looking forward to starting Saturday!

Kerry co-facilitated the Institute's first Chapter and she fondly reflects on the time, noting how different the two have been. Whilst the first Chapter focussed on commencing the life of the Institute, this Chapter has been a time to review, reflect and refine and move in the direction of "where we want to be in the future".

Kerry has brought with her a piece of Chapter history - a singing bowl that was a gift to Kerry at the conclusion of the 2011 Chapter. It has been used to focus the attention of the group, as has another instrument– the garamut from Papua New Guinea (both pictured right).

Anne and Kerry have shared their delight in working with each other, expressing it as a gift from the Institute. We would like to thank both Anne and Kerry for their great work and expertise in facilitating. You truly have been a gift to all of us.

**The interview with Anne and Kerry can be seen on today's video which can be viewed in the Chapter Communications Centre, the App or at: <https://vimeo.com/230887379>**



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## THE MANDALA GROWS

THE CHAPTER MANDALA HAS GROWN TODAY, WITH DELEGATES TAKING SOME TIME OUT TO ADD TO THE BEAUTIFUL CREATION THAT IS EMERGING.

PICTURED IS MARGIE ABBOTT ADDING TO THE BEAUTIFUL CREATION.



# CHAPTER HAPPENINGS



**Time for a selfie: John Rochester, Deirdre Gardiner, Duyen Nguyen and Marg Broadbent.**



**Happy Birthday Colleen Rhodes!**



**Berneice Loch with Mary-Louise Petro (Leader, Parramatta) who presided at the election of Leader yesterday.**



**Anne Hetherington and Liz Callen: Which one of these transparencies will fit into the printer?**



**Cathy Solano, Anne Foale and Ann-Maree O'Beirne: Is this microphone working?**



**Hugs all around!**

**Above: Eveline Crotty gets a congratulatory hug yesterday from Helen Mary Peters.**



**Left: Eveline with Helen Mary and Anne Hetherington.**