



**ISMAPNG**  
**CHAPTER 2017**

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

# CHAPTER NEWS

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## A BRIGHT LIGHT SHINES ON NEW POSSIBILITIES

Today was a day of drawing some of the important loose threads together.

As we came to the end of our Chapter journey together we did so with a great spirit of gratitude to all who have contributed to the Chapter - whether here, or through the various consultations and especially in their support from afar.

Many of us have reflected on the positive experience this Chapter has been and the privilege to be part of such an optimistic, yet realistic, gathering.

We realise, as I am sure you reading this will also appreciate, that the real work starts again when we get home.

## THANK YOU

The newly elected Institute Leadership Team today expressed their gratitude for the outpouring of love and support following their elections.

*Eveline Crotty - Sisters and all our friends and colleagues right throughout the Institute, we sincerely want to thank you for all the responses you have sent to us, your prayers and support, as we move into a new era.*

*Marie Duffy - I have been completely overwhelmed by the message I have received in the past 18 hours from the Sisters across the Institute, as well as the ministries. I am certainly feeling a sense of sadness as well as I realise now I will need to leave my role as Community Leader of South A.*

*Gaye Lennon - Thank you for all the prayers and support and I would like to request that you keep them coming. This is a 'we moment' for us, so we will only move forward with you, with your support and prayers.*

*Liz Moloney - I am really sorry to be leaving Alice Springs but certainly very pleased to be taking up this opportunity and appreciate being entrusted by yourselves to do so.*

*Caroline Ryan - I really endorse everything that the others have said. These days here at Baulkham Hills seem a very, very long time. We have had some very strenuous times, but at all times there has been palpable grace. I think much of that has been generated by all your goodwill, affirmation and support.*

**You can watch these messages on today's Chapter video which is on the Communications Centre, the App or at:**

<https://vimeo.com/231055451>

L to R: Gaye Lennon, Liz Moloney,  
Eveline Crotty, Marie Duffy and  
Caroline Ryan



# GRATITUDE TO OUR FIRST ILT

The last working Chapter day was fittingly brought to a close with a beautiful and moving ritual giving thanks to our first ILT - Berneice, Annette, Barbara, Sally and Theresia. The ritual, which was conducted in both English and Tok Pisin, was prepared by Theresia Boyek, and Schola Fakiwi.

In a poignant moment in the ceremony, Sisters said both 'Thank you' as well as 'Sorry' to the ILT on behalf of the Sisters in the Institute. The 'Thank you' was for their incredible achievements and marvellous job they have done over the past six years. The 'Sorry' was for the times, when we as Sisters have not been our best selves. As part of the ritual, the ILT were presented with lovely art from Papua New Guinea (pictured below).

Some highlights of this ritual will be sent out with the next Just Mercy enews due out next Thursday August 31.



## THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - SAVING THE BEST UNTIL LAST (WELL WE THINK SO!).

As this is the last Chapter Newsletter we thought it appropriate to feature ourselves (or as we say we have saved the best until last!). For the past two weeks we (Berenice Kerr, John Rochester, Shirley Garland, Sylvia Williams and Marg Endicott pictured) have been responsible for all the Communications you have been receiving and also for ensuring delegates have been able to see your messages of support.

In today's Chapter video (conducted by Ann-Maree O'Beirne) there is an interview with John Rochester (Communications Manager) where he talks about the philosophy behind the Chapter Communications. John describes this as seeking to create a sense of 'being there' among those Sisters who have been participating in this Chapter from afar.

From the first minute of the Commencement Ritual where all Sisters names appeared on screen, the strategy has been to create an inclusive Chapter, which is reflective of an inclusive Institute. John is interested in Sisters' feedback on the Chapter App as to whether it was a convenient and useful communication platform.



Thank you to the Sisters who sent in messages of thanks and gratitude for the Communications. It is appreciated.

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As much as technology has changed the way we communicate the simple ways are still some times the best!



The finished creation - the wonderful Chapter Mandala

What is it with striped clothes today? - Helen Mary Peters, Marg Endicott, John Rochester, Marg Moore, Faith Jones, Berneice Loch, Pat Fox, Theresia Boyek and Karon Donnellon setting a trend!



A feast of birthdays!!: Colleen Rhodes, Angela Jordan, Helen Mary Peters, Annette Schneider, Anne McGuire and Anne Hetherington cut the combined birthday cakes

Left: In true Chapter style Barbara Bolster grabs a piece of cake while she can, before heading to yet another meeting.



THAT'S IT FROM US...  
PLEASE PRAY FOR A SAFE JOURNEY HOME FOR ALL  
THE DELEGATES AND SUPPORT STAFF.  
GOD BLESS.

