



**ISMAPNG
CHAPTER 2017**

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

CHAPTER NEWS

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A DAY OF LEADERSHIP DISCERNMENT

Today we began the process of discernment for leadership. The morning commenced with a beautiful acknowledgement of country put together by Ann-Maree O'Beirne, with photos by Theresia Tina and Adele Howard. In the prayer that followed, prepared by Madeline Duckett and Margaret Moore (pictured), we were invited to listen to the Spirit and to make space within to enable us to discern the type of leadership to take us forward.

Madeline encouraged us to avoid negative words or actions and called on God's mercy over the coming days. She said that when individuals unite to achieve a purpose, nothing is impossible. *The truth will set you free, but at first it will make you miserable.*

Much of the day was then spent in personal and communal reflection on the tasks of leadership and those suited to carrying them out.

You can watch highlights from the morning prayer on today's Video which is available in the Communications Centre, the App or at:

<https://vimeo.com/230557826>



NEW LEADER LIKELY TOMORROW AFTERNOON

While the Chapter cannot be tied down to any timeframe, the election of leader is likely to take place tomorrow (Wednesday), with the announcement likely to occur in the afternoon. Sisters will be notified via email of the outcome. Institute staff will be informed a couple of hours after this.

CHAPTER IMPRESSIONS

Today we feature four more Chapter impressions.

Carmel Heagerty



*During the
past week
we have*

had some engaging and challenging conversations. One of the wonderful things at Chapter has been the morning prayer and I know you have been able to share in some of these. They have been beautifully prepared by our Sisters and very thought provoking to take us to a deep spiritual space. We continue to rely on your prayers and give thanks for our unity.

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YOUR PRAYERS

We have heard that many of you are praying, especially over the next few days, that we will all be open to the Spirit. We send our thanks and appreciation. It is affirming to know we have such wonderful support from those at 'home'.

IMPRESSIONS OF CHAPTER CONTINUED

Anne Keim



I'm finding this Chapter a very privileged experience. The first week has been a long week. Through this Chapter we have been very ably led by our facilitators Ann Derwin and Kerry Brettell, into a new space.

We have accomplished a great deal in the first week. I am very aware of and extremely grateful for your prayers. Know that you are in our hearts and are part of all that we are doing.

Anila Isaac



I am really happy to be given this opportunity to be part of the Chapter. It is a great trust that has been invested in me by the Sisters of the Institute. I have really enjoyed the past week. It

has been a bit of a challenge as well as we looked at some of the honest questions, worries and challenges that face the Institute.

Anne Foale



My experience of the Chapter this week has been a positive one. The best part is the way we have been facilitated in the process. On Sunday we went off to enjoy the bush and this

was a very healing experience and ensured we are ready for the second week.

You can watch these 'Impressions of Chapter' on today's Video which is available in the Communications Centre, the App at: <https://vimeo.com/230557826>



Sally Bradley, Mary Geason, Helen White, Sylvia Willams and Theresia Tina



Carole Ong and Duyen Nguyen



The two Marys: Mary Densley and Mary Tinney



Ros Carr, Anne McGuire, Maureen Sexton, Liz Dowling and Karon Donnellon

CHAPTER MANDALA

Today in the Chapter room, Sisters were invited to help create a mandala. Using the coloured rice (pictured top of front page), Sisters have been asked to let their collective creativity run free. Watch for updates in the coming days.