



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2009



COMMUNIQUE

Date: 23 March, 2009

To: Priests, Religious Congregations, The Director of Catholic Education, Assistant to Director DCEO - Mission, Principals, APREs, School Boards, P & F Associations, Diocesan Pastoral Council, Pastoral Councils, Parish Workers, Adult Faith Coordinators, **Religion in State School Coordinators**, Diocesan Financial Services, Mercy Health & Aged Care, Catholic Women's League, Diocesan Pastoral Services, Social Justice Committee, Vocations Officer, Commission for Ecumenism & Interfaith, Commission for Environmental Awareness, Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Education Council, Centacare Bundaberg Mater Hospital, Students of Certificate IV Pastoral Liturgy.

From: Margaret Hallinan (Coordinator)

RE: Diocesan Assembly – 21 – 24 September

The Assembly Task force has met twice since forwarding the memo on **13 February**.

At the meeting on 24 February, the facilitator for the Assembly Father Kevin Hennessy CP joined the meeting. Discussion points were (i) a Model of Church that is consultative, (ii) the history of the Diocese the past – the present – the future.

The main thrust of the meeting was developing a program for the Assembly. This program was revisited at the 16 March meeting and please find below the agreed outline of the Program for the Assembly.

Purpose: “To come together as Church to celebrate, to re-energize, and to fan the flames of our faith as people of God in the Diocese of Rockhampton as we seek directions for the future of our CHURCH.”

“This is why I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control.”

(2 Timothy 1: 6 -8)

MONDAY 21 September 2009

12.30 p.m. Lunch (available)

3.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea

4.15 p.m. **A reflective walk through History to celebrate the story of the Rockhampton Diocese**

5.30 p.m. Free time

6.00 p.m. Dinner

7.30 p.m. Bishop's Address

TUESDAY 22 September 2009

7.00 a.m. Eucharist

7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. Breakfast

9.00 a.m. Opening Liturgy

9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Keynote address

“What is it to be Catholic in the 21st Century?” - Father John Chalmers

10.30 a.m. Morning Tea

11.00a.m. -11.45 a.m. Group discussion on the keynote address

11.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. Feedback and Reflective Response from facilitator

12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. Workshops

3.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea

4.00 p.m. Workshops

5.15 p.m. Closing prayer

6.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Dinner

7.30 p.m. Concert

WEDNESDAY 23 September, 2009

7.30 a.m. - 8.30 p.m. Breakfast

9.00 a.m. Prayer

9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. Keynote address

“How do we live the ‘dream’ as Catholic in the 21st Century?” – Mrs Mary Loch

10.30 a.m. Morning Tea

11.00a.m. -11.45 a.m. Group discussion on the keynote address

11.45 a.m. - 12.15 p.m. Feedback and Reflective Response from facilitator

12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Lunch

2.00 p.m. Workshops

3.30 p.m. Afternoon Tea

5.00 p.m. Assembly Mass & (Graduation Ceremony for Certificate IV in Pastoral Liturgy students)

7.00 p.m. Dinner

THURSDAY 24 September 2009

7.00 a.m. Eucharist

7.30 a.m. – 8.00 a.m. Breakfast

8.30 a.m. prayer

9.00 a.m. “Going forth as a Diocese in 21st Century” —Father Kevin Hennessy CP

10.30 a.m. Morning Tea

11.00 a.m. Actions for the future

12 noon: Commissioning to go out and ‘fan the flame’

Lunch

Who will come?

It is hoped that every parish will be represented! **Everyone is WELCOME**

Assembly Song:

The task force has been advised that the wheels are in motion for the writing of an Assembly Song. Could I ask that those people who are going to submit their song have it to Marg Hallinan Coordinator no later than **MONDAY 20 APRIL**.

Reminder: As this Communique is being forwarded to you as the Contact person for your Parish/School/Agency, would you ensure that the information is disseminated appropriately.

May the Spirit continue to remind each of us to fan into a flame the gift that God gave to each of us.