

*"Mary, Joseph and the baby are alive at Dadim"*

*Catholic Mission in Ethiopia*

**The famine afflicting millions in the Horn of Africa appears so vast you could wonder what your donations could possibly do to alleviate this terrible situation. The truth is, in this very minute, you are saving lives.**

The emergency feeding program that has been operating at the *Dadim Primary Health Care Clinic* in the famine-declared area of Ethiopia since September is funded through the donations *Catholic Mission* supporters sent in response to Franciscan Sister Maureen Elliott's appeal for help.

Located in a place named Yabello in the region of Woredo, 250 kilometres south of Awassa, the Dadim clinic is an outreach of the Church's presence which has been here since 1974. The parish priest is a Spiritan priest, Father Boniface, who is assisted by *Sisters of Charity* who run the local school. In the present famine the clinic is literally a life buoy. Its feeding programs target babies and infants, nursing mothers, the elderly and widows.

The assistance provided to one small family speaks for many. Among the nomadic Guji herdsmen who have trekked to the clinic is a woman named Mariam (Mary) and her husband Yosef (Joseph) and their baby Nugese, whose name translates as "My King".

Like rural people the world over, Yosef is entirely dependent on his crops, pastures and animals. When the expected rains of May and later October failed, Yosef had no choice but to take his family droving,



*Drovers' children in Dadim village tend the cattle. Herding is critical for the survival of the family and these children obey their parents and must herd the animals, while other brothers and sisters are chosen to go to school.*

pushing his tired cattle across a flat and dusty red landscape where the only feed on offer were thorn bushes and briars.

From Moyale, on the border with Kenya, the family trekked 240 kilometres to reach the Dadim Clinic. Mariam and Yosef know they are welcome here. They will be cared for. The baby Nugese will recover and grow. This Christmas this little family will celebrate the gift of life within reach of this clinic.

This Christmas as we think of another family who also trekked a long way to a town where a baby named Emanuel



*Mariam, a Guji women and her baby Nugese, pictured at the Dadim Health Clinic. Mariam and her husband Yosef drove their cattle 240km to reach the emergency feeding program operating from the Catholic clinic*

was born, in Ethiopia remember Mariam, Yosef and Nugese whose lives in the season of Advent are illuminated with the light of Christ Our King.

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*This is a health worker from Dadim, on outreach to one of the outstations clinics, testing the circumference of the child's arm, to determine if the child falls within the category of malnourished*

# Caroline Chisholm

NORTHAMPTON'S  
HALF-FORGOTTEN  
SAINT.

Catholic Mission's UK reporter Sister Janet Fearn's went searching for Caroline Chisholm's last resting place. She discovered a little corner in a disused cemetery and the ignorance of England's Catholics of Australia's saint-in-waiting's achievements

Three local people gave the same answer when asked for the whereabouts of the Billing Road Cemetery. "I didn't know that there is a cemetery on this road. I'm sorry that I can't help you."

The difficulty was that this repeated dialogue took place on Northampton's Billing Road and the cemetery turned out to be less than a half-mile ahead. As it happened, people could be excused for not knowing of the graveyard's existence. Opened in 1847 it closed after its owners, the General Cemetery Corporation apparently went bankrupt in the 1940s. The few graves are scattered in an apparently random fashion and include less than 150 burials from both World War I and II.

*The simple monument to Caroline and Archibald Chisholm in a forgotten cemetery corner.*



IN A CORNER OF THE CEMETERY, MARKED BY A WHITE MARBLE CROSS WHICH HAS SEEN BETTER DAYS AND HONOURED BY A PURPLE PLASTIC CHRYSANTHEMUM STUCK INTO THE SOIL LIES CAROLINE CHISHOLM, 'THE EMIGRANT'S FRIEND'.

She lies with her husband, Archibald who died on 17 August 1877, aged 81, within five months of his wife's death. The inscription on the tombstone reads, 'Of your charity pray for the repose of the souls of Caroline Chisholm... and of Archibald Chisholm...'

Little did mourners realise that, a century later, a nation would pray through Caroline and seriously hope for a miracle to promote her cause for canonisation. Perhaps the semi-neglected grave merely shows the world that in death, as in life, neither Caroline nor Archibald made any effort to trumpet their good deeds to the world. A leaflet in the back of the now Anglican Church of the Holy Sepulchre included a small photograph of the woman of whom many Catholic Australians consider their 'next' saint now that Mary MacKillop has been canonised. Perhaps it is significant that although the Australian Church promotes Caroline to the world 'as worthy of imitation', in her native Northampton, she is the half-forgotten saint. Caroline is recalled on a banner and leaflet at the entrance to the Anglican church in which she was baptised and married, whilst the Catholic cathedral from where she was buried, is silent.

The BBC described her as 'one of the greatest, if not the greatest social reformer of her time'. Her image marked the Australian \$5 bill for 25 years, the first women who was not a monarch to appear on Australian currency. Perhaps the reason why Caroline Chisholm is so little known in her own country has something to do with being both, a woman and a Catholic in England before the passing of the Catholic Emancipation Act and the seemingly interminably slow recognition of women's achievements in a male-dominated society.

The youngest of a large family and the daughter of a land owner and pig farmer, Caroline was born on 30 May 1808 in Wootton, a small town about 3 miles from Northampton. Her father, William Jones, appears to have been a generous man, eager to



set his children a personal, committed and practical example of concern for the welfare of others.

IN 1830, CAROLINE MARRIED CAPTAIN ARCHIBALD CHISHOLM OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, 13 YEARS HER SENIOR, A CATHOLIC AND A SCOT, IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN NORTHAMPTON. SHE BECAME A CATHOLIC AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

Archibald was posted to Madras in 1832. Joining him one year later, she was horrified to see that although the children of army officers received every advantage, those of the ordinary soldier were neglected by the authorities and often lived in dire poverty. Many wives and daughters resorted to crime and prostitution in order to make ends meet. Determined to help, in 1834, with assistance from the Governor of Madras, Caroline founded the Female School of Industry for the Daughters of European Soldiers. This provided a basic education in religion, literacy, cooking, housekeeping and nursing. However her students were not to have merely abstract lessons in mothercraft. They acquired hands-on, practical experience of childcare when Caroline started the world's first ever crèche.

In 1838, Archibald was granted leave and the family moved to Sydney, Australia, where Caroline remained with their three sons when her husband was recalled to active service in India. The colonisation of Australia began in 1788 when it was established as a penal colony and convict labour was cheap and economically sustainable. Fifty years later, when the Chisholm family arrived, the number of voluntary settlers was rapidly increasing, but their new home was still in its infancy and

far from providing a stable, secure and morally upright community. Sydney was still a convict colony in which men vastly outnumbered women and where young women in search of a new life found little or no chance of a home and a steady income. In their poverty, many were easy prey for pimps. Others were convicts or former convicts who returned to crime in order to survive a life without hope, future or family. Initially Caroline tried to help these women find work, sheltering some in her home.

AS BRITAIN ENCOURAGED THE MIGRATION OF YOUNG WOMEN TO AUSTRALIA IN ORDER TO REDRESS THE GENDER IMBALANCE, SHE MET EVERY SHIP AND TRIED TO ENSURE THAT THE GIRLS WERE WELL-TREATED, EVEN GOING SO FAR AS TO START A TYPE OF MARRIAGE AGENCY FOR THEIR PROTECTION.

Eventually, with the help of the Governor, Sir George Gipps, Caroline obtained and renamed a former immigration hostel as the Female Immigrants Home. Through this project, she gave women and girls somewhere to

live, found work for them or placed them with established families.

Caroline saw for herself the desperate loneliness and homesickness which exacerbated the problems in Sydney. Without the comfort and support of their families in England many convicts and former convicts only returned to crime and prostitution. On her return to England in the 1840s, Caroline campaigned for free passage to Australia for these families and for an improvement to their appalling shipboard conditions, being the prime mover in the passing of the Passenger Act of 1852. She even ensured decent conditions by chartering her own ships with a doctor to oversee the diet of the passengers. Where free passage was unavailable, her Family Colonisation Loan Society offered loans which required repayment within two years of arrival in Australia. In her efforts to gain support for the venture, Caroline toured Britain, Germany, France and Italy, where she met Pope Pius IX.

The goldrush in towns like Ballarat and Bendigo led to further family breakdown, violence, poverty, greed and degradation in its accompanying hunger to 'get rich quick'. Caroline returned to Australia in 1854, heading straight to the goldfields to set up

shops for the gold diggers and, with Government support, constructing decent shelters to replace the hovels in which most lived whilst panning for 'yellow metal'. Once again, migrant families headed her agenda. If land could be made available, sustainable farming could replace the frequently frustrated hopes associated with gold mining. However, families also need schools and hospitals. No problem. Caroline campaigned for and also started schools and hospitals throughout Australia.

Eventually having eight children of their own, Caroline and Archibald moved to Sydney in 1857 and back to England in 1866. The 'Emigrants' friend' died in poverty in Highgate, London, perhaps unsurprisingly on the feast of the Annunciation, on 25 March 1877, after a life poured out for others. Caroline was buried in her home town of Northampton and, five months later, Archibald, her husband and unfailing support, was buried alongside her.

SISTER JANET FEARNES FMDM IS A FRANCISCAN WHO WORKS AS A MEDIA OFFICER FOR CATHOLIC MISSION IN THE UK

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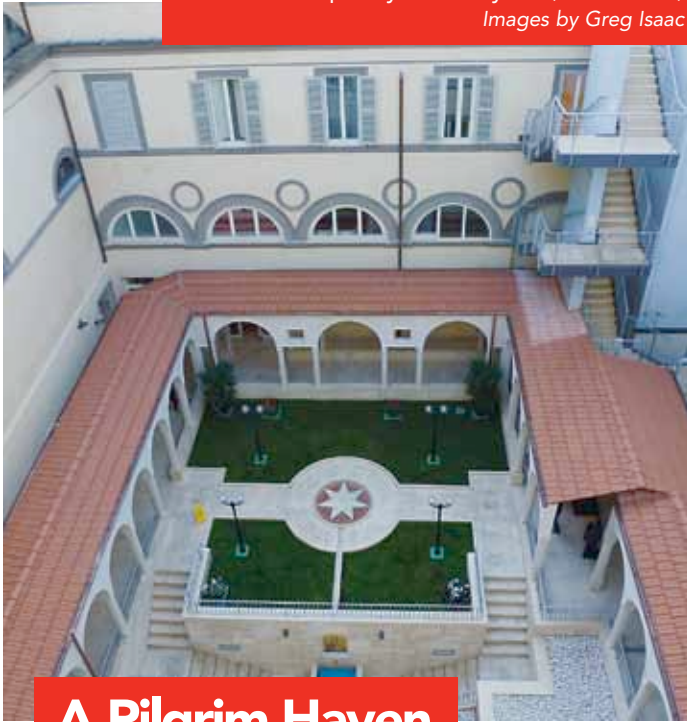


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## A Pilgrim Haven

### Lismore Diocese Invests in Domus Australia



According to the Holy Father, Domus Australia is a *“little corner of Australia in Rome”*.

Continuing the long Church tradition of providing accommodation for pilgrims to holy places, Domus Australia is Rome’s first Australian pilgrim centre. However it is much more than just a place to visit or rest; it is a true religious and cultural centre for pilgrims.

Officially opened on Wednesday 19 October in a moving ceremony, Pope Benedict XVI blessed Domus Australia and told the gathering that the Centre will play an important role in creating a home for Australians in the city of the Apostles.

The Diocese of Lismore was one of four Australian Dioceses to assist financially in developing Domus Australia, partnering with the Archdioceses of Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

According to Greg Isaac, Lismore Diocesan Business Manager, the premise behind Domus Australia was to encourage the 60,000 Australians who come as tourists to Rome each year to become pilgrims.

*“We come as tourists to visit new places and meet and talk with different people. Domus Australia will help change people’s travels to Rome to a true spiritual journey,”* said Mr Isaac.

On Via Cernaia and less than 15 minutes from the Vatican, Domus Australia is located in one of the most ancient areas of the city and dates back to Imperial Rome when the Praetorian Guard was headquartered a short distance away.

Originally the study centre and student house of the Marist Fathers in Rome, the Australian Catholic Church purchased

the nineteenth century building in early 2009. Almost immediately work began on the two and a half year task of restoring and renovating the building and its chapel.

Offering accommodation in 32 airy, modern bedrooms, each equipped with its own ensuite bathroom, Domus Australia also includes a restaurant, a roof garden and barbecue and state of the art conference and function rooms. In addition, there is an information centre where pilgrims can find out details of the Holy Father’s activities for that day, what is planned at the Vatican as well as information on Rome’s many historic churches and religious sites.

*“Domus Australia provides a peaceful and comfortable environment, to escape the bustle of the busy Roman streets. When you walk into the beautiful Bishop Doyle Courtyard, which was named after Lismore Diocese’s first Bishop, it will feel like you have stepped into a familiar and tranquil place,”* said Mr Isaac.

One of the aims of Domus Australia is to assist in strengthening the bond between the Australian Catholic Churches and Rome.

The rector of Domus Australia, Melbourne-born Father Anthony Denton celebrates a daily Mass in English for pilgrims and their friends at the centre’s St Peter Chanel Chapel.

The Official Opening Ceremony and Blessing was attended by dignitaries from the Vatican, priests, religious, seminarians and Australia’s Bishops including Bishop of Lismore Most Reverend Geoffrey Jarrett. St Mary’s Cathedral Choir under the baton of Thomas Wilson, the Cathedral’s Director of Music sang at the occasion.

At the Ceremony Pope Benedict spoke of the long tradition of pilgrimages to Rome from all over the Christian world to venerate the tombs of the holy Apostles, St Peter and St Paul and deepen *“their communion in the one Church of Christ”*.

*“Domus Australia will play an important role in creating a home for Australians in the city of the Apostles,”* said the Holy Father.

Pope Benedict prayed the pilgrims who passed through Domus Australia would not only return home filled with renewed hope, joy and love for the Lord but be filled with fresh zeal for the task of bearing witness to Christ in the world where they live and work.

Pope Benedict with (from left) Bishop Jarrett, Archbishop Hart (Melbourne), Archbishop Hickey (Perth) and Cardinal Pell (Sydney) representing the four investing dioceses at the opening





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Now it happened that at this time Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be made of the whole inhabited world.

This census -- the first -- took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to be registered, each to his own town. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee for Judaea, to David's town called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Now it happened that, while they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the living-space.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds out in the fields keeping guard over their sheep during the watches of the night. An angel of the Lord stood over them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Look, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.'

AAP Image



Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And all at once with the angel there was a great throng of the hosts of heaven, praising God with the words:

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace for those he favours. Now it happened that when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this event which the Lord has made known to us.'

So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him.

*The New Jerusalem Bible  
The Gospel of St. Luke Chapter 2 Vs 1-17*



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## Catholic Church Insurances 100 years and growing strong

**Catholic Church Insurances (CCI) is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2011 by thanking the people it holds most dear – its valued clients in the Church community and beyond.**

CCI began from simple origins in 1911 when the Catholic Bishops of Australia decided that it was prudent for the Church to establish its own insurance company to provide fire insurance for Church properties.

Today, Catholic Church Insurances has diversified into a general insurance and financial services provider offering insurance products to Church and Religious Institutes in Australia, including property, motor vehicle, liability, workers compensation, as well as providing personal insurance products to the broader community.

Catholic Church Insurances CEO, Peter Rush, says the Centenary celebrations provide an opportunity to reflect on CCI's history, its place in the Church today and its vision for serving Church into the future.

*"Catholic Church Insurances is proud to be the trusted partner of so many different Church entities and operations,"* Mr Rush says.

"The occasion of our Centenary gives us the opportunity to thank our customers for their ongoing faith in us and to recommit ourselves to protecting their interests in the best possible way.

*"There's no-one we'd rather share this historic milestone with more than our valued friends, clients and partners right across the Church community."*

Mr Rush says that Catholic Church Insurances is one of the oldest insurance companies in Australia and that right from the beginning it was unique among its competitors.

*"It has always existed not to make a profit, but to protect the interests of the Church community and to return any surplus made back to the Church community – in this way, helping to support the mission of the Church,"* he says.

And, being owned by the Catholic Dioceses and Religious Congregations of Australia, CCI continues to understand the unique needs of the Church community like no other.

*"It's this understanding that has helped us build a valued relationship of trust with the community we serve,"* Mr Rush says. *"It's a trust that we never take for granted as we continually strive to grow and develop according to our clients' needs."*

*"We hope that our friends in the Church community will join us in celebrating the*



*Bombala Church Repairs: St Mary's Bombala is cleared out for work to repair damage caused by an earth tremor*

**When Fr Mick MacAndrew was first woken in the middle of a February night in 2005 by what he recognised to be a small earth tremor, he rolled over and went back to sleep. When he was woken an hour later by a bigger tremor, he leapt out of bed and headed for open ground.**

"The first one came at 1.27am," he says. It was a real jolt, but I'd felt earth tremors before, at Goulburn and Gunning, so I knew what it was.

"Then at 2.33am, the whole place started shaking and everything was rattling, so I raced outside and then it subsided."

Fr Mick, who was then Parish Priest at St Mary's, Bombala, in the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese, situated in the southern Monaro district of New South Wales, immediately went to inspect the church for damage.

"Oh, it was so sad," he recalls. "It had split the whole wall. The next day you could see daylight through the crack, it was so big."

Fr Mick's first phone call was to Catholic Church Insurances.

They quickly arranged for an engineer's report to be provided, but on the basis of that initial report, the claim was turned down.

Fr Mick felt that some key areas had not been covered in that first report, including any verification with geological authorities about the size of the tremor.

"So I rang the lady at CCI in Melbourne and she was so helpful," he says. "She listened to what I was saying and she got back to me very quickly and said she would send another engineer out.

"This time, the engineers came out and did all the measurements, they got the statistics from the geological authorities and they investigated and found that other places in the town had also received damage.

"The engineer sent the report to CCI and they never quibbled. They paid on the claim. It was really wonderful. CCI were extremely helpful, very considerate and understanding and good to work with."

Thanks to Catholic Church Insurance's settlement of the claim, new walls and a new sanctuary floor were able to be built at St Mary's Bombala, to replace the damaged areas.

Fr Mick was so grateful to Catholic Church Insurances and their local Manager in the ACT, Tony Cassar, that he included them on a plaque he had made to commemorate the opening of the new section of the church.

*Centenary of Catholic Church Insurances and that together we can embark on a new century of Serving Church."*

### **A proud history of 'Serving Church'**

Catholic Church Insurances has been protecting the interests of the Catholic Church in Australia for 100 years – making it one of the oldest insurance companies in the nation. CCI is a part of the Church that it serves and its story includes both a proud history and a strong plan for the future.

For Catholic Church Insurances CEO Peter Rush, the thing that sets CCI apart from the crowd is its place within the Church itself.

"We understand the Church," he says. "The Church is a wonderful, dynamic and complex body and its needs are often quite particular.

*"Right from the beginning, our founding principles have remained constant: to develop specialist products and services which are able to meet the needs of the Church; to keep control of insurance costs; and to retain the surplus within Church."*

*"While building on its heritage, Catholic Church Insurances also looks to the future, constantly evolving and introducing new products and services to meet the changing needs of the Church today and tomorrow."*

### **We've come a long way together**

It all started back in 1911 when the Catholic Bishops of Australia decided to create an insurance company to provide fire insurance for Church properties.

These humble beginnings marked Catholic Church Insurances out as being unique among insurance companies. It existed not to make a profit, but to protect the interests of the Church community and to return any surplus made back to the Church community – in this way helping to support the mission of the Church.

Since 1911 CCI has evolved from being a company offering fire insurance for Churches, Catholic schools, convents and other properties, into a diversified general insurance and financial services provider. Today, Catholic Church Insurances provides insurance products to Church and Religious Institutions in Australia, including property, motor vehicle, liability, workers' compensation, as well as partnering to provide personal insurance to the broader Catholic community.

In 2000, Catholic Church Insurances also began providing insurance to other church denominations and is also proud to offer a Church owned investment management service.

In all its operations, Catholic Church Insurances' mission is to serve Church.

## We belong to the Church

Catholic Church Insurances understands the Church because it is part of the Church.

*"We are owned by the Catholic Dioceses and Religious Institutes of Australia, which are represented on the Board of Directors,"* Mr Rush says.

*"As a wholly Church owned business, our responsibility to our Church clients is much greater than that of a commercial insurer. Above and beyond meeting prudential and regulatory obligations, our responsibility extends to caring for our clients, our Church community."*

With state offices Australia-wide and dedicated account executives who travel the length and breadth of the country, CCI is committed to personally delivering its broad range of services to the Church community, no matter where they are at.

A different type of insurance company

Insurance companies can sometimes get a bad rap, especially when it comes to paying out on claims. Catholic Church Insurances is a truly different type of insurance company – one that genuinely cares for its clients.

*"When Queensland and Victoria were hit by catastrophic flooding in January, CCI hit the ground running, activating our Catastrophe Claims Incident Response plan which ensured we were able to manage a larger number of claims enquiries than normal and process flood claims promptly,"* Mr Rush says.

But CCI's care begins well before disaster strikes.

*"We seek to ensure that all Catholic Church organisations are adequately and fairly insured by providing a diverse range of insurance products to cover all insurable Church risks,"* he says.

*"When our clients need us, we are there for them. In the event of a claim, we act promptly, not only to restore or repair the loss, but also to support those affected."*

## Serving the Church and supporting its mission

Who could forget all the wonderful

diocesan celebrations to mark the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop last year? Catholic Church Insurances was delighted to help support these events to mark the canonisation of Australia's first saint by providing a grant to each diocese in the country.

Or perhaps you've been to a conference or event held by a Church agency or organisation – including the spectacular World Youth Day Sydney – and noticed Catholic Church Insurances as a sponsor?

Beyond its insurance operations, Catholic Church Insurances actively engages with the wider Catholic community to help support the Church's mission in pastoral, education, health and welfare work.

Operating under mutual principles, CCI is able to put Church interests before company profits. When an operating surplus is achieved, a significant proportion is given back to the Church by way of dividends, distributions to Catholic Church entities and grants.

Catholic Church Insurances has returned more than \$223.7 million to the Church community in the last 32 years.

## Honouring our past while looking to the future

*"It is our privilege to have been part of the Catholic Church community in Australia for 100 years,"* Mr Rush says.

Today, the Mission at Catholic Church Insurances remains stronger than ever – to provide ongoing security to the Catholic community by identifying and ethically servicing its insurance and related needs.

*"As we celebrate the Centenary of Catholic Church Insurances, we look forward to meeting the unique needs of the Church into the future and to 'Serving Church' for another century and beyond."*

## Why insure with the Church's own insurer?

The Church is not like a business or any other charitable operation. Its mission is unique and so are its needs. It requires a specialised insurer who, being a part of

the Church, truly understands how best to serve the Church community.

Some of the benefits of insuring with Catholic Church Insurances include:

**Guaranteed continuity of property cover** – There are many benefits to the Church owning its own insurance company, the most important being continuity of cover. Regardless of the size or number of claims, CCI guarantees to continue property cover. No other insurer in Australia would give such a guarantee.

**Fair settlement of claims** – Catholic Church Insurances has an excellent reputation for fair claims settlements. All claims inquiries are judged on their merits and every effort is made to provide assistance to our clients where possible. At Catholic Church Insurances, all third-party claimants are treated with respect and dignity and in a manner that reflects the Church we are a part of.

**You deal directly with the underwriter** – Catholic Church Insurances is a licensed insurer authorised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority. Catholic Church Insurances underwrites most classes of general insurance.

**Financial security** – Catholic Church Insurances' solvency coverage has consistently exceeded the statutory requirements. This ensures that you are dealing with a very financially secure company.

**Peace of mind** – The master policies covering property and public/products liability generally provides immediate protection for newly acquired property. In addition, up to the value specified in the policy schedule, the motor fleet vehicle policy generally provides automatic cover on all of your vehicles.

**CCI gives back to the Church community** – Being a co-operative allows CCI to distribute profits back to the clients of the company. After claims, expenses and prudent reserves, a distribution is made to share any profit. In this way CCI supports many Church activities.

## Message from Archbishop Philip Wilson President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

The 100th anniversary of Catholic Church Insurances is a time of celebration not only for CCI itself, but for the whole Church community in Australia.

When the Bishops of Australia decided in 1911 to create their own insurance company to provide fire insurance for Church property, they could not have envisaged the sophisticated and diversified general insurance and financial services provider that Catholic Church Insurances has become. But despite its impressive growth and development over the years, CCI has never lost sight of its core mission – to serve Church.

Anyone in the Church who has endured difficulty or hardship, whether it be fire, flood, theft, property damage, accident or injury knows that they can count on CCI to get them back on their feet again. This allows the various arms and activities of the Church to operate with confidence and to concentrate their efforts on the one great mission we all share: to actively love God and our neighbour and to be God's presence in our world.

I am delighted to congratulate Catholic Church Insurances on the occasion of their 100th anniversary. I thank them for their outstanding commitment to the Catholic Church in Australia and wish them every blessing as they embark on another century of service.



## Message from Sr Anne Derwin sj President, Catholic Religious Australia

It is my pleasure, on behalf of Catholic Religious Australia, to congratulate Catholic Church Insurances on the occasion of their 100th anniversary.

The recent major research project into Religious Life in Australia showed very clearly the extraordinary number of different ministries in which people are engaged. These ministries, often walking with people on the margins of society, can take us to far flung places in remote, rural and regional Australia or to the centre of big cities and the suburbs. On top of this work, a number of religious orders are engaged in running schools, hospitals and aged care facilities.

One of the things that allows us to undertake these ministries with confidence is the contribution of Catholic Church Insurances. Their deep understanding of the Church, of Religious Life and of our mission to make present the love of Jesus Christ in our world, means that over the years, they have developed an unrivalled expertise in insuring our people, buildings, works and activities.

Catholic Church Insurances has also earned a reputation as a generous supporter of the Church community. We only have to remember the many Diocesan celebrations in honour of the Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop last year to see how CCI's support of such events enriches our community and helps bring us together.

I warmly congratulate Catholic Church Insurances on their Centenary celebrations and wish them every blessing for the future.





## We see a school as an investment in the future...

At CCI we understand that a school is so much more than just a building we insure. We see it as an investment in the hopes and dreams of the students who are educated there and in protecting the bricks and mortar we are ensuring that those students' education will not be interrupted.

One hundred years ago farsighted Catholic Church leaders dreamed of a company owned by the Church which would provide fire insurance to protect church property. Their vision has grown into a diversified financial services provider. CCI offers general insurance to Catholic schools, health and aged care, parishes and welfare organisations, investment management services to Catholic entities and superannuation services to more than 70,000 members.

Over the past 32 years CCI has returned more than \$223 million in distributions, sponsorship and grants from the surplus made from the operations of the company. We are a stable and financially secure company committed to continuing our support of Church.

In this our centenary year we extend our sincere thanks to our loyal clients for allowing us to support their mission and thus fulfil our vision of serving Church.

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## Bishop Jarrett Appointed Apostolic Administrator of Brisbane Archdiocese

by Paul Dobbyn and The Catholic Leader Brisbane Archdiocese

**BRISBANE archdiocese's interim leader Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, despite being Victorian-born, once an Anglican priest and now Bishop of Lismore, is certainly "no stranger in town".**

The 73 year old Bishop recalled links with Brisbane reaching back to his boyhood and young manhood.

"My brother was born in Brisbane and our family lived just down the road from here in another part of New Farm," Bishop Jarrett said.

"In my early years as a Catholic from 1965 on, Archbishop Rush was a very kind and supportive friend of my mother and myself.

"However, I could never have dreamt when I first became a Catholic the day would come when I would be appointed apostolic administrator of this very diocese."

A letter from the Vatican informed Bishop Jarrett of his new appointment although he did acknowledge he had known of the decision for the past few weeks.

"It was a great honour to be asked by the Holy Father to take charge of a Diocese during the interregnum," he said.

The official confirmation was quickly followed by "pledges of support which started to flow in".

"I have received a very warm welcome from bishops and priests throughout the Archdiocese," he said.



Archbishop Battersby with Bishop Jarrett at Wynberg

Initially Bishop Jarrett will familiarise himself with archdiocesan administration procedures and issues needing close focus.

This process got underway with last week's meeting at Wynberg.

He said he would have "quite limited powers" in the role of Apostolic Administrator.

"The primary role is to protect and guard the deposit of faith," he said.

Bishop Jarrett said it was unclear how much time he would be spending in the Archdiocese.

He would not be involved in any official engagements, but has a busy program in Lismore Diocese.

The identity of Brisbane's new Archbishop and his precise date of arrival are not known at this point.

"However, I would anticipate my appointment as Apostolic Administrator will continue into early months of the new year, by which time I expect the new Archbishop will have taken office," Bishop Jarrett said.

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**Parishioners of Saint Anthony's Parish,  
Kingscliff celebrated their Golden Jubilee on  
Sunday, 13 November 2011.**



The occasion brought together the community of Saint Mary & Ambrose Church at Pottsville, Saint Anthony's Church at Kingscliff and members of Saint Anthony's Primary School at Kingscliff. They were joined by visitors from Brisbane, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads and parts of northern New South Wales

Mass was celebrated at 10.30am followed by a picnic in the school grounds. The school choir and the string quartet entertained those gathered. At the weekend Masses fifty original members of the Parish were acknowledged as still current parishioners as well as being active in parish life.

A booklet has been produced to write the history as little archival material previously existed. The memories and memorabilia of parishioners is now documented and has enabled new parishioners to appreciate how a Parish that had no permanent Church, Presbytery or School can now boast having two Churches, a Presbytery and a School that has some of the most modern facilities of any school. A display was also exhibited in the School Hall with personal stories from both parishioners and school students. Some of the stories including photographs relate to the First Communion class of 1933.

The day was an informal gathering with every one happy to volunteer to make it an enjoyable day. The school was

originally staffed by the Presentation Sisters and members of their congregation were at Mass on Sunday. To commemorate the occasion Kath O'Keefe, an original member and Jordan Gray one of our altar servers representing the younger Parish members cut the commemorative cake which was then heartily consumed by all present.

As Parish Priest, Father Jim Griffin, said at the conclusion of Mass when all of the children present were brought onto the sanctuary area, it will be their responsibility to record and celebrate the next fifty years of parish life.

A quote from Year 5 student about her time as a member of the Parish School, St Anthony's.

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