

## **Catalyst For Renewal Incorporated**

### **2019 Annual Report to Members by the Executive Committee**

May 2020

On behalf of your Committee I am pleased to present our report for the 2019 year, another graced year in the life of CfR.

A full program of dinners, forums, and reflection mornings was presented and we continued to support SIP at venues across NSW and Victoria. These provided our members and friends with opportunities to develop their Spirituality through conversation. The work of CfR is largely conducted in our Committees as well as in general meetings of members which occur four times per year in NSW and monthly in Victoria. We are blessed to have Committee members who are diligent and enthusiastic, and also rich in the charism of CfR. Their generous service ensures the success of CfR's program year after year, and we express our heartfelt gratitude for their commitment, one and all.

Your Executive Committee met four times during 2019. The members of the Executive Committee at the date of this report are:

Bob Birchall	President
Gay Walsh	Vice-President NSW
John Stuart	Vice-President Vic
Frances Doherty	Secretary
Richard McLachlan	Treasurer
Carole Wilson	Committee Member
Catherine Hammond	Committee Member
Julie Thorpe	Committee Member
Margaret Goggin	Committee Member
Carmel Vanny	Committee Member

Pauline O'Neil attends our meetings by invitation.

I now present a review of 2019.

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#### Catalyst Dinners

In March Mark Scott AO

In October Susan Ryan AO

Our audiences are engaged and informed and stimulating conversation follows each dinner.

#### Forums

25 May 2019 Forum at ACU Campus Strathfield: speaker Dr Anna Rowland

Q @ A in the Crypt - Theme: "Do We Dare to Dream"

March Stephanie Lorenzo & Catherine Hammond.

June Anna Tydd and Noel Debien "Ongoing response to Child Sexual Abuse"

September Lana Turvey-Collins and Fr Michael Whelan sm "Plenary Council 2020 Update".

### Aquinas and Catalyst Reflection Mornings

Sixteen Reflection Mornings were held in 2019, eight at both Hunters Hill and Lawson.

### Spirituality in the Pub –

At the end of 2019 there were fifteen *SIP* communities, eight in NSW and seven in Victoria .

Current Venues:

NSW: Bathurst, Central Coast, Dubbo Jamberoo, Paddington, Parkes, Portland/Wang and Wollongong.

Victoria: Clayton, Fitzroy, Goulburn Valley, Parkville, Southern, Western and Whittelsea.

### Strategic Plan

CfR continued to develop its strategic plan throughout 2019. At the date of this report, one more meeting is needed to complete the planning. This was to be held early in 2020 but has been deferred due to the corona virus pandemic.

Implementation has commenced of those parts of the plan that have been completed.

### Eucharistic Reflection

Our annual Eucharistic Reflections are held in November and provide our members the opportunity to reflect upon and celebrate the year. Fr Michael Whelan sm presided over our 2019 Eucharistic Reflection.

Annual Retreat June 2019 conducted for second year by Sister Patty Andrew OSU.

### Looking to the Future

A full program of events was prepared as usual for 2020 however the program has been disrupted by the corona virus pandemic. Your committee continues to monitor the situation and is supporting new initiatives in community engagement.

Bob Birchall  
President

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