



DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY 2009



MEMO

Date: 13 February, 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, Mater Hospital CEOs, Mercy & Aged Care, Catholic Womens' League, Diocesan Pastoral Services, Youth Office, AICCM, Prison Ministry, Social Justice Committee, Vocations Officer, Commission for Ecumenism & Interfaith, Commission for Environmental Awareness, Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Diocesan Education Council, Centacare, CQU Chaplain.

From: Margaret Hallinan (Coordinator)

RE: Diocesan Assembly

As you are all aware that from **21 September – 24 September 2009**, the Diocesan Assembly "**Fanning the Flame**," will be held at St Brendan's College Yeppoon. On behalf of the Assembly Planning Taskforce, *thank you* to all those communities and individuals who submitted a response to the consultation process that was carried out during October 2008. All responses received have been discussed and will provide direction to the Assembly.

The purpose of the Assembly is: *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.*

The Assembly Task force held its first meeting for 2009 on **27 January**. One of the decisions reached was to ensure that communication is relayed throughout the Diocese. This will hopefully ensure that all communities are aware of what is in "**the pipeline**."

Contacts: The Task force would like names of contact people in every parish, schools both Primary and Secondary, Religious, Catholic Education and all agencies in the Diocese. Could you please fill in the form at the end of this Memo and return to Karen Page, at the address shown below.

"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)

Assembly Song: The Task force invites our very talented musicians within the Diocese to compose a song that will be used at the Assembly. It would be fantastic if the song could be ready prior to the Assembly so that the Diocesan family could learn the chosen song.

The song to be based on the theme **“Fanning the Flame” and the scripture that is at the side of this letterhead. A criteria for the composition is being developed and will be forwarded to any expressions of interest.**

We look forward to hearing from anyone who is prepared to accept the challenge. If you could contact either Karen or myself to advise that you are interested. Phone numbers for Karen and myself are at the end of the Memo. Preferably, email: margaret_hallinan@rok.catholic.edu.au
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Prayer Card: A Prayer Card will be given out at the Mass of Oils on **1 April**. Our Bishop will invite each of us to pray the prayer daily until the Assembly.

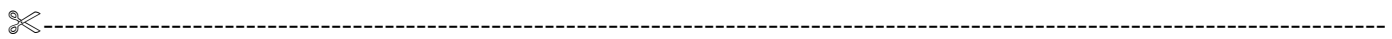
Pre-Assembly Reflection Reading: There will be a series of handouts prepared for personal and parish formation, similar to those issued for the Year of Evangelisation. These handouts will commence after Easter and the following will be the themes that will be addressed:

- May: Hospitality**
- June: Pastoral Care/Healing**
- July: Ecology**
- August: Prayer**

Forum for Religious: There will be a forum for Religious on 20 May. This will enable Religious to channel their input into the process. Joe McCorley, Sr Maria Rhule, Sr Kim Harris and Sr Mary Sheridan will coordinate this gathering.

Following each meeting of the Task Force there will be a communiqué to all the Communities and agencies in the Diocese.

May the Spirit continue to gift each of us with the Spirit of power, of love and self-control



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FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2009**