

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH
WEEKLY NOTICES
14 October 2018

WEST PAPUA AND THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE: Meet Wenislaus Fatubun – filmmaker, environmentalist and human rights defender. The camera is his ‘weapon’ of choice. **Monday 15 October, 7pm** (refreshments from 6.30 pm) at WEA, 59 Gloucester St.

PATIENT NAMES FOR CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL: We currently are not receiving the names of Catholic patients at Christchurch Hospital due to the transition of a new computer system. If you or your family members are going into Christchurch Hospital then please inform the chaplain, Phone extension x89554 or email Angela.Mccormick@cdhb.health.nz

PARISH EDUCATION ADVISER - DIGITAL & YOUNG FAMILIES FOCUS:

The **Catholic Education Office** team has a full-time vacancy for a person who will support the Bishop in the ongoing development and implementation of the diocesan pastoral plan for parish life. The major focus of the role is the provision of digital learning resources for parish life and to support and enhance the sense of belonging for parents with young families. For an information pack and position description regarding this position please email Mike Nolan, Manager of the Catholic Education Office, at mnolan@chch.catholic.org.nz

PRO-LIFE FACTS : Respect-Life Sunday. You are invited to defend life by joining Right to Life under the patronage of Bishop Paul Martin, defending the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. RTL upholds Humanae Vitae and opposes abortion and euthanasia. “Speak up for those who can’t speak for themselves.” Applications for membership \$12 individual, \$14 for a family may be made to RTL, PO Box 668 Christchurch. *For more information on life issues, visit the Right to Life website at www.righttolife.org.nz*

PAX CHRISTI INTERNATIONAL: Tuesday, **Nov 6th @ 7pm** in the Narthex, St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, Manchester St. Greet Vanaerschot, (Sec-General), and Johnny Zokovitch, (Comm Director), will speak on the work of Pax Christi, an international Catholic peace movement established in 1945. It is represented today, in 50 countries world wide, sets up dialogues for peace in conflict zones and has an office at the UN. It focuses on human rights & human security, disarmament & demilitarisation, a just world order, religion & peace. Greet & Johnny are particularly interested in how this region dealt with recent earthquakes and other current regional problems e.g: climate change, post colonial issues etc. You are warmly welcomed to attend.

FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY: Come experience STAY (St Anne’s, Woolston) Youth Group as they share their story and testimonies about “God’s Love”. For all ages, held at Catholic Cathedral College Hall on the **26th of October**, from 7pm-9.30pm. A night filled with live worship, testimonies and fellowship! For more info contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Worker at: dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz or 03 353 0705

INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY: Monday, **December 10th** marks the fiftieth anniversary of the untimely death of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in Bangkok, Thailand. As part of a number of events celebrated worldwide, the Christchurch chapter will hold a commemorative event on the day, starting at 6pm in the evening at the Waimairi Cemetery in 195 Grahams Road, Burnside, where members of the Merton Family are buried. This will be followed by prayer and refreshments in the Narthex at St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral for approximately an hour.

For further information contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz.

PASTORAL SUPPORT PERSON: The Sisters of Mercy have a part-time vacancy for a person who will support the pastoral care team for five days a week 5 hours per day and on call those days. The purpose of the role is to assist with the pastoral needs of the Sisters of Mercy in Aged Residential Care and with community Sisters as needed. If you require more information email Lynne; nursemanager@xtra.co.nz

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: *Have you or a family member experienced the grief and pain of conceiving, then losing a baby before or at birth?* Whether this was recently, or decades ago, we invite you to join us for this year's Mass of Remembrance on Monday **15th October** at 7.30pm at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. For more information please contact the John Paul II Centre for Life on 03 351 3227. If you need someone to talk to about your loss, or if there is some other way in which we can help you, please let us know.

2019 SILENT RETREAT: Light and Shade, led by Laurence Freeman OSB Director, The World Community for Christian Meditation. **January 13th – 16th, 2019** at the University of Waikato, Hamilton For more information visit www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz or write to NZCCM retreat, 12 Everest St, Wellington 6035

Contemplative Care: Healthcare and Meditation: A Meditatio Seminar with New Zealand healthcare professionals and Laurence Freeman OSB **January 17 & 18, 2019** at the Clinical Education Centre, Auckland City Hospital For more information visit www.meditatio.org.nz

OCDS NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT: "Called to holiness with Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Carmelite Saints".

Fr Allan Jones, S.M. will be leading our upcoming November Retreat at Rochester Hall again. Dates are from **Friday, 16th Nov (11 am registration) to Sunday 18th Nov** (approx 3.30 pm) Show Weekend. Costs will be \$215 live-in and \$95 day only. Retreatants are encouraged to live in to gain the full benefit of a silent retreat. This covers all meals, accommodation and other retreat costs. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery 027 410 6940 or benedictus@windowslive.com

John Paul II Centre for Life – Race Night will be held on Friday night the **2nd of November**. Tickets will cost \$55-00 per person and will be available in October. Hamper tickets will be on sale the weekend of 27/28 October. For further information contact Phil Gourdie by email pgourdie@chch.catholic.org.nz

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

PROMOTING VOCATIONS: The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations and asks that you regularly promote vocations with the following (with or without the logo as space is always at a premium).



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www.holycross.org.nz