



CATHOLIC NEWS BULLETIN
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CARDINAL'S CORNER

Budgeting and Reporting

October is Budget Month for all the entities that make up the Chancery. So it's a good opportunity to remind all Parishes, in particular the Parish Priests, the Parish Finance Committees as well as the Parish Pastoral Councils that one of the major focuses of Dizimo or Stewardship is to make sure that the Parish has the resources needed to play its role in the evangelising mission of the Church. So every parish should use this time to draw up and submit its Budget using last year's Financials and any major development plans as a guide for its Budgeting.

It is gratifying to know that in some way we in the Archdiocese are on a par with, or perhaps even ahead of, the Vatican in the area of financial reform and renewal.

Special Projects to keep in mind

In the past few months a number of projects have come into sharper focus. One of them is the renewal of the Catechetical Ministry. The 'Synod' on Catechetics gave good indications as to where this ministry is going and how it will be getting there. Every parish is to have a syllabus for Catechetics.

Another is the renewal of the Youth Ministry with the launch of a year-long reflection on various aspects of the Youth Ministry leading up to the celebration of a Youth Synod in June 2019. The thinking is that rather than wait for the outcomes of the Synod in Rome on Faith, Youth and Vocational Discernment, we in the Archdiocese should be proactively engaging with youth and young adults in order to build a solid foundation for the future of the Church in our Archdiocese.

A third project that will need support from donors certainly, but also from parishes is the Ministry to Marriage and Family Life as a continuation of the insights and plans inspired by the 2 stage Synod of 2014 and 2015. Marriage Preparation, Accompaniment of newlyweds and other categories of couples and families remain a major challenge and so should not be allowed to slip under the radar.

A fourth project is that aimed at offering new hope to those who have become addicted to drugs and alcohol and now live on the streets. We need your help in making a serious fundraising push in order to open the doors of the Napier Centre 4 Healing early next year. In this regard we appeal to individuals, parishes and communities to come to our aid. The call to engage in works

of mercy is given concrete shape through these areas of special concern and therein lies an opportunity for every Christian to pay heed to the teaching of Scripture. In particular I wish to draw your attention to the parable of the last judgement in Matthew 25: 31-46 and the lesson in James 2: 14.

+ Wilfrid Cardinal Napier OFM
Archbishop of Durban

PASTORAL LETTER ON BICENTENARY CELEBRATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Just over sixteen years ago the Archdiocese celebrated its 150th birthday of establishment in Natal by Bishop Allard and his two Oblate Confreres. At that time we gave thanks to God for enabling us, his Church, to persevere in "Proclaiming the Good News" faithfully and effectively for a century and a half.

Celebrating 200 years of the Catholic Church in Southern Africa

This year, we celebrate 200 years of the Catholic Church's establishment to serve God and his People in the entire Southern Africa region. To help us make this celebration more than words only, I invite you to adopt as a plan of action the inspiring words spoken by Pope St John Paul II as he led the Church in celebrating the Great Jubilee of Christianity in the year 2000:

"Remember the past with gratitude; live the present with enthusiasm, and be open to the future with confidence".

These words sum up what we stand for as the Church of God. According to Pope John Paul II we should thank God for all that he has done in our own personal life, in the life of our Family, in the life of our Community and indeed, in the life of our Country! All of us have our own unique story to tell about "the great things that the Mighty One has done for us" - how he has blessed us in every stage of our growth and development; how his loving hand has guided us to make the right decisions, to do the right thing, to be strong and firm in keeping his commandments, especially his commandment of love; how he has enabled us to love Him above everything and our neighbour as much as we love ourselves, or as Jesus puts it: as much as I love you!

What are we celebrating?

This Bicentennial gives us the opportunity to thank Him for enabling us to succeed, even if imperfectly, in becoming more of a "community serving humanity", and thus removing some of the divisions and separations brought on us by colonialism and apartheid. What we achieved through trying to live the Pastoral Plan over the past 28 years, was really God helping us to strive courageously to "be perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect".

To the extent that we have succeeded, we are encouraged to take up that challenge anew, as we commit ourselves to continue "proclaiming the Good News with enthusiasm".

Indeed, if I am reading the mind of the Church correctly, today she is calling us to live the present with enthusiasm by "renewing and reforming Marriage and Family Life" in such a way that we will be renewing and reforming society through these means.

Why must we renew and reform Marriage and the Family?

We must renew and reform Marriage and the Family, firstly, because Marriage and the Family are where we see God's love in action most clearly. It is in Marriage and the Family that he teaches us to love, even as we receive our parents' love and share it with our siblings, and later with our friends and relatives. Marriage and the Family are where we learn to care for others before we care for ourselves!

If we "remember the past with gratitude" we will most certainly encounter Jesus, who uses every opportunity, beginning with our life in the Family, to call us to walk with him as our dear Friend and Teacher, even before we know him as our Lord and Master!

I wonder how many still remember how at our diocesan Synod of 2007, we resolved that we would evangelise ourselves, then our Parishes, so that "together with Christ we would change the world"?

Well, we have not quite completed that task. That's why as we remember with gratitude the graces God has given us in the past two hundred years, we are confident that he will help us to take up our missionary task again, to "*go make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the*

name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to do all that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you even to the end of time!" (Matthew 28:19-20)

How can we carry out our mission more effectively?

My plea is that we open ourselves to the future by doing what Pope Francis and the Synods of 2014 and 2015 considered to be the most urgent task for the Church today.

They called on us to become a renewed and reformed Church, by renewing Marriage and Family life. In doing so we would be able to renew and reform society little by little until we would make the difference God wants us to make. I believe this is the best way to continue the work begun by our ancestors in the faith two hundred years ago, because they wanted us to "have life, life to the full!" (John 10:10)

"So, what shall we do then, Brothers?" (Acts 2:37)

The Adult Faith Formation Team under the leadership of our Episcopal Vicar for Faith Formation, Fr Grant Emmanuel and Ms Irene Helsdon, has produced a beautiful series of Reflection Booklets on Marriage and the Family (in both English and Zulu) to help us carry out this mission systematically and effectively. For me this is the perfect way, not simply to remember the past with gratitude, but also to build the future with confidence, because the Lord Jesus has promised that he will be with us always, even to the end of time!

Every Parish has been sent a sample pack and an order form! So, there is no reason why we cannot all play a part in making this Bicentennial a "Year of Grace and Renewal!" Secondly, you will find a Prayer for our Families at the end of this letter. Use it every day!

May God bless you all and enable you to accept and live your vocation to be a disciple seriously, whether you are Married, a Religious, a Priest or in the Single state. Wherever Christ has called you to be, make sure you continue "Proclaiming the Good News" to everyone you meet! And do it because you "remember the past with gratitude, are living the present with enthusiasm, and you are open to the future with confidence".

+ Wilfrid Cardinal Napier OFM

Archbishop of Durban

Prayer for Our Families

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love. To you we turn with childlike confidence and trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and true domestic Churches. May families never again experience violence, rejection or division. May all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing in you. May what we have learned from the Synods on the Family make us value and promote Marriage & Family Life as sacred and inviolable, because they are the foundation of the Father's plan for bringing new life into the world.

Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on us. Mary and Joseph, pray for us.

Amen

BICENTENARY CELEBRATION MASS

9 December 2018

Seeing that the Second Sunday of Advent will be celebrated in parishes we propose to celebrate the Mass of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 11h00 on 9 December 2018 at St. Henry's College, 210 Mazisi Kunene Road, Durban.

Parishes are encouraged to celebrate the Second Sunday in Advent on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The laity ought to be encouraged to attend the Bicentennial Celebration.

Tea before Mass and a sit down lunch after Mass will be served to the Chancery Staff, the Deacons and their wives and all other Clergy. A packed lunch will be served to all others.

MASS FOR DECEASED DIOCESAN PRIESTS

The annual Mass for all deceased Diocesan Priests and their Family members will be celebrated on **Tuesday 6 November 2018** at 11h00 in the Emmanuel Cathedral. Mass will be followed by lunch.

LAZARUS DREAM FOUNDATION

Lazarus House is a home for local vulnerable women and children and refugee women and children. We have the ability to house up to 100 women at a time. The project was officially opened by the Patron of Lazarus House, his Eminence Cardinal Wilfrid Napier on the 11th August 2018.

Our service is to vulnerable women and refugee women who are homeless. We offer “free” short term accommodation, 3x daily nutritional meals and empowerment programmes. Admission into Lazarus House is strictly with a Social Worker.

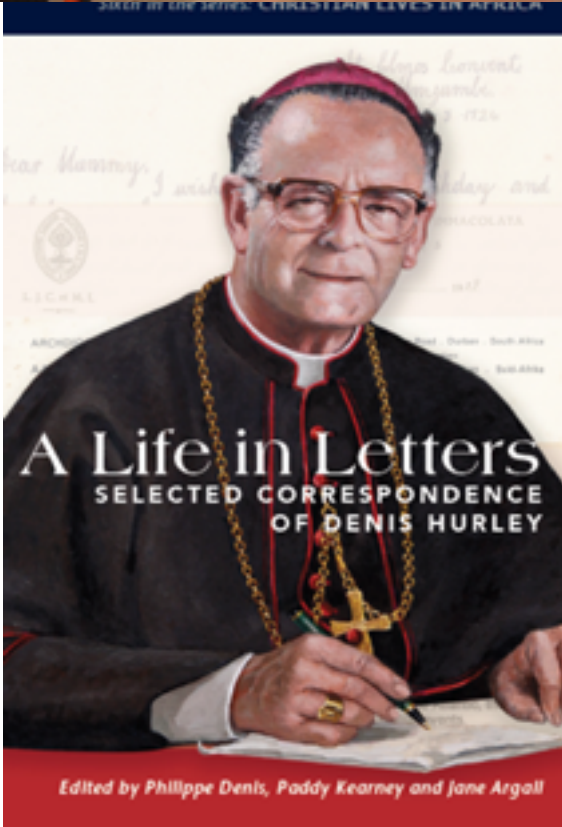
We are in desperate need of volunteers, to assist with Skills Development such as computer classes, sewing, arts and crafts, gardening, beauty, hair, administration, counselling, English lessons, meal preparation, home schooling for the children and crèche (working with toddlers).

We invite you to be a part of this outreach programme and welcome financial donations, foodstuffs, personal hygiene products and clothing.

In doing so you will be partnering with us to alleviate the homelessness of our vulnerable women and children, while at the same time by promoting that someone out there does care and that they are loved.

If you would like to step in for a visit and interact with the women, please give Wendy a call on 031 4925028, we'd love to get your feedback!

P.S. Please visit our website www.lazarushouse.org.za to have a better understanding as to how your generosity can make such an impact on these vulnerable women and children.



BOOK LAUNCH

Cluster Publications invites you to the launch

A Life in Letters
SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE
OF DENIS HURLEY

At: **St Joseph's Parish Hall, Florida Road, Durban**

On: **Friday, 9 November 2018**
(103rd Birthday of Denis Hurley OMI)

At: **5.30 for 6.00 p.m.**

Guest speakers: **The Three Editors**

Denis Hurley OMI is widely regarded as the most influential South African Catholic in modern times.

Throughout his long life he was a prolific letter-writer. From thousands of his letters to family, friends and a wide range of people in powerful positions, 251 have been selected for this volume. The letters reveal much about Hurley as a person and give unique insight into the dramatic events in both church and state in South Africa over seventy years



Justice and Peace Commission
DENIS HURLEY LECTURE

10 November 2018

St. Joseph's Parish, 212 Florida Road,
Morningside, Durban
09:30 – 14:00

Lecture by: Rev. Fr. Peter-John Pearson

(Director – Catholic Parliamentary Liaison Office)

Lunch will be served from 13h00 to 14h00

RSVP: Kalie Senyane – Tel. 031 3031417 – Email: senyanenk@yahoo.com

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday 17 November 2018

Glenmore Pastoral Centre

Time: 08h30

RENEWAL OF MANDATES

A reminder to parish priests that the term of office for all Ministers of Holy Communion ends the week after the Feast of Christ the King each year.

All parish priests have the Faculty to appoint and renew the mandates of Ministers of Holy Communion. It is recommended that this appointment be for one year, renewable for five consecutive terms only. These Mandates should be given in writing.

Mandates for **Extraordinary Ministers to conduct Communion Services** must be applied for to the Vicar General.

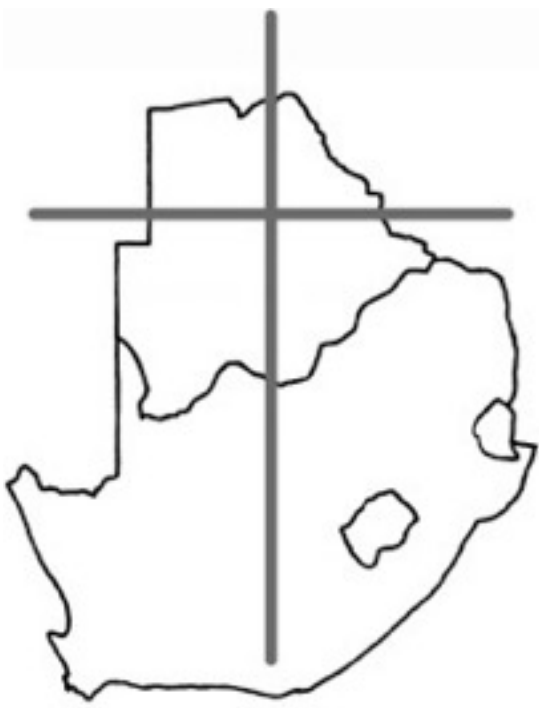
CONFIRMATION 2019

Parishes due to have the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated next year are reminded to contact Helene before 30 November 2018 with at least two proposed dates. Tel. 031 3031417 or Email: vg@catholic-dbn.org.za

DIOCESAN DIARY

November 2018

1	Chancery Staff Retreat, Bluff	
2	Building Committee Meeting	Cardinal
3	Catholic Schools Office Graduations, Glenmore PC	Cardinal
4	Confirmation: Matikwe Confirmation: St. Mary's Pietermaritzburg	Cardinal Fr. B. Williams
5 – 9	SACBC Finance and Admin Board	Cardinal
10	St. Martin de Porres Convention, Mooi River	Cardinal
11	Confirmation: Wentworth	Vicar General
12	Chancery Meeting	
13	2019 Budget Meeting	
14	Seminarians Commission Napier Centre 4 Healing Meeting	Cardinal
14 – 15	Diocesan	Clergy Recollection Cardinal
16		Ntshongweni Committee
17	Diocesan Glenmore Pastoral Centre Ordinations Diaconate, Red Hill	Pastoral Council, to the Permanent Cardinal
18	Pietermaritzburg	Confirmation: Eastwood, Cardinal Confirmation: Mooi River Fr. M. Mchunu
OMI		
19	KZN Inter-	religious Council
	200 Years of the Catholic Church in Southern Africa	Cardinal
20	C a r i t a s	KZN Board Meeting
	Cardinal	



	Diocesan Liturgy Commission	Cardinal
23	Caritas Durban Executive	Cardinal
24	World Youth Day Meeting	Cardinal
	Confirmation: Red Hill	Vicar General
24 – 30	Rome	Cardinal