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Welcome to the last edition of Securitas for 2006.

It is with great pleasure that I enclose the 2006 Annual Review of Catholic Church Insurances Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2006.

From a business perspective, the year to 30 June 2006 was remarkable with many highlights, and I am pleased to note that the company achieved a record operating surplus in the order of \$101.1 million for the year after strong performances from both insurance operations and investments.

This positive result has allowed the Board of Directors to recommend profit sharing distributions of \$43.5 million to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes, Catholic dioceses, religious institutes and Church policyholders, and at the same time strengthen the company's capital adequacy margin to ensure financial security. This brings the total distribution in the last 28 years to \$151.2 million.

The profit sharing rebate, which is made in accordance with the co-operative principles under which the company operates, in the insurance industry is unique to Catholic Church Insurances and underpin our support of Church in the fulfilment of its mission.

While every effort is taken to ensure that distributions are made possible each year, it is important to note that these two levels of rebates are not and cannot be guaranteed. They are principally the result of investment returns earned by Catholic Church Insurances and as such, they may fluctuate dramatically from year to year.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past year as the success of the company depends on the loyalty of you, both our policyholders and shareholders. All of us at Catholic Church Insurances look forward to continuing to serve you.

As the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Christ approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy, holy and safe Christmas.

Peter Rush

General Manager, Catholic Church Insurances

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Archbishop of Canberra

Melbourne-born Mark Benedict Coleridge has been installed as the sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. He succeeded Archbishop Francis Carroll, one of Australia's longest serving and most distinguished Churchmen.

Archbishop Coleridge, who turned 58 in September, was installed in August as Archbishop before more than 700 people in St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra. In his first homily, he called for a new kind of lateral thinking in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus and encouraged everyone to take part in that thinking. He has also expressed his determination to be a leader who engages the entire community, not only Catholics.

A Priest for 32 years and an Auxiliary Bishop in Melbourne for four years, Archbishop Coleridge has also served as a chaplain to the Pope and is heavily involved in the translation of the Roman Missal.



Archbishop Mark Benedict Coleridge, the sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn.



Footy Tipping

Catholic Church Insurances would like to thank everyone that participated in the 2006 Footy Tipping Competition.

Final rounds weekly winners:

R20: Jannie Rossi, Borders Book Store, Victoria, R21: Paul Eaton, Archdiocese of Hobart, Tasmania, R22: Ron Davoren, Passionist Community, South Australia.

Overall place winners:

1st: Ian Mclean, Education Department, Western Australia, 2nd: Michael Kenfield, TAB, Victoria, 3rd: Matthew Clayton, Edmund Rice Camps, Tasmania.

Wooden Spoon: Ross Phillips, Avila College, Victoria.

Congratulations to all the winners in 2006 and look out for the 2007 competition.

Community Assist

Catholic Church Insurances' Community Assist program is an ongoing initiative aimed at providing support for Catholic organisations and their fundraising efforts.

The program returns 10 per cent of the total annual premium for every new policy introduced through a Parish, school or organisation and 5 per cent upon renewal thereafter. There is no cost to participate.

Community Assist has been operating for more than a decade and many

Catholic schools, Parishes and organisations already participate. Catholic Church Insurances Limited returned a worthy \$128,202 to Catholic Parishes, schools and other Church entities last financial year.

"It is wonderful that our Church has an insurance company that is able to offer excellent packages to Parishioners in the various Parishes and even nicer to have a rebate heading back to the Parish."
John Venn, Parish Chairman, Holy Spirit Church City Beach.

If you are a Catholic organisation looking for help with your fundraising, please call 1300 655 003 to join Community Assist.

Speaking with one voice

In the third part in our series on the Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association (ACPPA) Principals in Parishes research project, we investigate how the findings of the project are being implemented.

Research findings

The Principals in Parishes research and subsequent report set out to shed some light on the role of the Catholic primary principal and his or her relationship with their local Parish community. 60 per cent of Australian Catholic Primary Principals, representing every state, territory and diocese participated in the study.

The findings confirmed that principals in this project engage in a variety of activities in five broad categories:

- 1 Administrative activities on behalf of the Parish
- 2 Liturgical activities
- 3 Community life activities
- 4 Housekeeping activities
- 5 Activities directly associated with the presence of the Priest in the Parish.

Principals identified the positive aspects of Parish activities in terms of various social and emotional benefits of developing strong interpersonal relationships with Parish Priests and other Church workers and Parishioners.

The negative aspects were mostly described in terms of demands on the principal's time and expertise that may impact the educational mission of the Catholic school by taking the principal away from the 'core business' of the school. There were also concerns regarding personal spirituality and wellbeing as well as the impact of Parish activities on family life.

The consistency of findings of this national research project suggests that there are challenges around the role of the primary principal in the Parish.

Conclusions identified in the national report highlight:

- The contribution that Parish activities make to the **complexity of principalship** in the Catholic primary school.
- The difficulties associated with working with **unclear expectations** in respect to the principal's role in the Parish.
- The **different experiences** of school/ Parish relationships that raise issues in respect to the provision of quality Catholic education and just employment conditions.
- The **unique rural experience of principals** in small, rural/isolated Catholic schools.
- The **clash of leadership paradigms** as principals accept collaborative approaches to school leadership and reject traditional understandings.
- The **shared responsibility** of principals, Church leaders and system authorities in the contemporary construction of the role of primary principals in the Parish.

Recommendations

- 1 A commitment to dialogue at national, state and local level between Church leaders, system authorities and principals, leading to a greater appreciation and better management of the complex role of the Catholic primary principal in the school Parish.
- 2 The collaborative development of guiding principles to clarify the role of the principal in the school Parish.
- 3 The identification and implementation of key strategic actions to enable these guiding principles to be enacted.

Source: ACPPA Principals in Parishes: A Research Report, March 2005.

Allowing the findings to inform their work

The Ballarat Diocese in Victoria has adopted the recommendations of the Principals in Parishes report. Chris Robarts, Education Consultant for the Northern Zone of the Diocese, spoke to us about the process.

I first heard about the project via the Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA), I was the Victorian Catholic schools representative. I'd come in contact with the Australian Catholic Primary Principals Association (ACPPA) before but wasn't heavily involved in their activities.

At the time I was acting Education Consultant for the Northern Zone of the Ballarat Diocese so I was able to feed the project details into the leadership team and really push for principals to get involved. Principals in our diocese all had really good conversations with the researchers. There are always a lot of things that go unsaid in any job, so when they got the chance to formally address the issues they faced on a regular basis. It really did bring about a lot of good sharing and reflection.

At the same time, the diocese decided to conduct an independent review of student services. Providers, as well as those being provided for were involved in the review, so principals were part of the group. The ACPPA project came up in several discussions between the principals and the research team, in the end, the researchers requested a copy. When it came time for them to table their report, one of the recommendations was that the diocese take note of all the recommendations from the Principals in Parishes project. The final strategy plan for the diocese, which was released recently, included a very strong recommendation that the Principals in Parishes research project inform our work.



Catholic Primary Principals from the Ballarat Diocese get together at their bi-annual meeting to discuss the research.

Now, as I go about my work as Education Consultant for the Northern Zone of the Diocese, it's great to be able to say to principals, be aware and be as generous as you wish to be but don't feel compelled that you have to do everything. In our diocese there are a lot of schools without a Priest and in some of these communities the pressure is on the principal to be more heavily involved in Parish leadership.

I think without this project there would still be a lot of principals feeling guilty

and overwhelmed. The findings of the research have enabled them to take control, to know where their job begins and ends and to understand that they are not alone.

For more information on how the Ballarat Diocese is implementing the findings email Chris; crobarts@ceo.balrt.catholic.edu.au.

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Project team news

It has been a busy year for Russell Sinclair, Project Manager for the Principals in Parishes research project.

Awarded the Master School Portraits 'Professional Development Award' for Principals in Catholic Primary Schools at the National Primary Principals Conference in Canberra, Russell became the 'Travelling Fellow' for the association, speaking at three gatherings of principals about the research project. The award, which is accompanied by a grant of \$5,000, recognises principals who have submitted innovative proposals to enhance the value of Catholic primary education.

"If Catholic principals speak with the one voice we can really make a difference."

Chris Roberts, Education Consultant, Ballarat Diocese.

For more information about Principals in Parishes or for a copy of the report visit www.acppa.catholic.edu.au or call Russell Sinclair on 0418 195 734.

Catholic Church Insurances is a sponsor of the ACPPA Principals in Parishes research project and is pleased to offer support to this worthwhile initiative.

RISK MANAGEMENT

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Up, up and away

According to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australians are now making over 4.7 million overseas trips each year, compared to 3.4 million three years ago.

In our follow up feature on personal safety we look at what you can do to protect yourself and your property while you are travelling.

Keeping your residence secure

Your time away will be more relaxed if you take care of a few simple security measures before your departure.

- Leave contact numbers with appropriate people.
- If your place of work will be empty while you are away, arrange for a neighbour or colleague to collect newspapers, mail and other daily deliveries.
- Secure your residence – ensure that you lock all windows and doors before departure including garage doors and gates.
- Consider placing timers on internal and external lights and a radio to switch on automatically at different times.
- Ask a neighbour or colleague to check your residence periodically to ensure timers and lights are working and everything else is OK.
- If you have gardens, mow your lawn and take care of any weeding and maintenance just before leaving. Have someone take care of it for you if you are away for an extended period.
- If possible leave a car in your driveway or have a neighbour park in your driveway during your absence.
- Lock away any valuables or leave them with a friend or in a bank safety deposit.
- If at all possible have a friend or colleague 'residence sit' for you during your absence.
- Notify neighbours, colleagues or friends of your departure and return dates but

don't otherwise publicise your travel plans beyond those with a genuine need to know.

- Leave contact numbers with appropriate people.

Security while travelling

If you are travelling overseas

Check the latest travel advice on your country(ies) of destination issued by DFAT before your departure from Australia. Travel advisories are available on the DFAT website at www.smartraveller.gov.au and provide advice on a country-by-country basis of potential risks to Australian travellers.

Register with the Consular Section of the local Australian Diplomatic Mission if you are undertaking an extended stay in a country. A list of the countries where Australia has diplomatic or consular representation can be found at www.dfat.gov.au/missions/.

Consider travel insurance and ensure your insurance covers emergency medical treatment, hijacking and kidnap, personal accident and death cover as well as protecting your luggage and travel costs.

Day-to-day security

Whether you are visiting an exotic overseas country or staying within Australia, security while travelling should be an extension of your daily security regime.

- Check plane, train and bus timetables immediately before departing your residence or hotel if travelling by public transport.



- Ensure you know beforehand where to go to catch your plane, train or bus to avoid becoming lost or giving the appearance of being unfamiliar with the area.
- Learn the location of plane, train and bus emergency alarms and exits.
- Keep valuables and/or sensitive papers in view or next to yourself.
- At airports proceed through security checks and go to the boarding area as quickly as possible as these areas are usually the safest in the airport.

If you are staying in a hotel

- Never leave valuables or sensitive papers in your room unattended.
- Place valuables or sensitive papers in a hotel safety deposit box or room safe.
- Familiarise yourself with escape routes in case of fire or other emergency.
- Use the door chain or bolt lock whenever you are in the room.
- Use the door viewer (peephole) before admitting visitors.
- Do not discuss your room number while standing in the lobby or leave your room key exposed.
- Keep your room neat so that you will quickly notice disturbed or missing items.
- Make yourself known, pleasantly, to housekeeping and reception people.

If you would like to know more about any of these issues speak to your Account Executive or call 1300 655 001.

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Income Trust produces solid returns

The CCIIM Income Trust continues to experience significant growth in funds under management, mainly due to the lower volatility this product offers investors relative to equities and equity related products.

The predictability of the income stream, coupled with the performance objective has seen the Income Trust become the fastest growing trust in the CCIIM range of products. Even though the Income Trust has only been running for two years it has become the flagship investment trust for CCIIM as clients are delighted to receive regular, predictable quarterly income distributions.

The Income Trust:

- Offers exposure to a unitised diversified income product with a lower risk profile than the typical balanced or growth trust.
- Currently offers investors 1.5 per cent over the 90-Day Bank Bill Rate (after

fees). This benchmark is reset at the beginning of each quarter.

- Is actively managed by Catholic Church Insurances which keeps fees to a minimum (.65 per cent).
- Can be accessed at a competitive fee.

Market summary

Australian equities still offer value

As we close in on the 2005/06 financial year-end, we see another year of solid equity returns buoyed by strong economic fundamentals. Along with a resource sector that continues to be well supported, with demand for commodities outstripping supply.

At 30 June 2006 the S&P/ASX 300 Accumulation Index had risen 22.11 per cent for the financial year to date and the S&P/ASX 300 had risen 16.18 per cent for the same period.

The fixed interest markets have under performed over the same period, primarily a result of the central banks in the USA and Australia maintaining a tightening interest rate bias. This is due to the potential threat of inflation and rates previously sitting at historic lows for a sustained period.

The listed property sector has been more subdued this year returning 10.56 per cent for the financial year to date, primarily due to the threat of interest rates rises making this sector slightly less attractive.

International equities, as measured by the MSCI World (ex Aust) unhedged, returned 17.64 per cent for the same period, again supported by solid economic fundamentals in the world's major economies.

CCIIM products

Returns to 30 June 2006

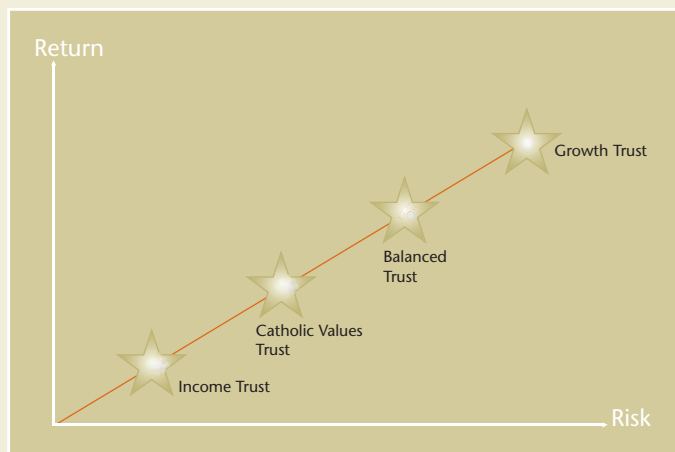
The CCIIM Balanced, Growth and Catholic Values Trusts have all performed well over this time, mainly due to the diversification benefits each of the Trusts offer and exposure to sector specialist managers in each asset class.

	1 year	3 year	5 year	Since inception
Balanced Trust *	16.2%	15.3%	8.1%	7.7%
Growth Trust *	18.4%	16.9%	7.5%	6.7%
Catholic Values Trust **	17.3%	14.9%	N/A	8.5%
Income Trust ***	7.7%	N/A	N/A	7.2%

All returns are after tax and investment manager fees and after estimated franking credits in Australian shares for periods to 30 June 2006.

* Inception 1 September 2000 ** Inception 1 February 2002 *** Inception 1 July 2004

Risk profiles



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Piecing together a history of the Brisbane Archdiocese

When Clare Hickey was working in a voluntary capacity in the Brisbane Catholic Archives Office back in the early 1990s, a lot of her time was spent attending to requests from people for family history information. This was often a difficult process, requiring her to hunt for baptismal, marriage and other records. Clare had an idea. Wouldn't it be easier if there were a historical list of Parishes to refer to?

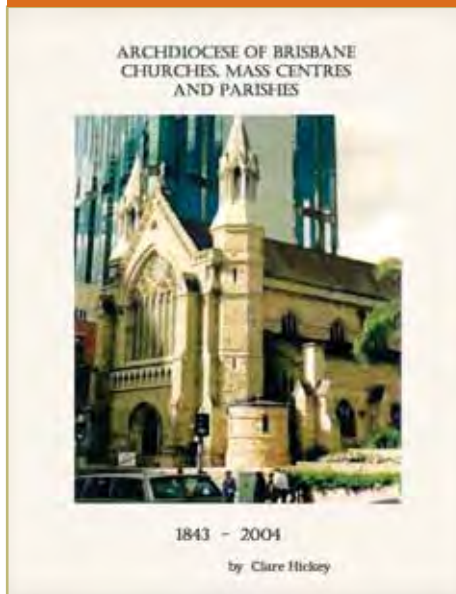
Fourteen years later, Clare has produced a book, 'Archdiocese of Brisbane – Churches, Mass Centres and Parishes 1843-2004' and shared with us some fascinating stories from the history of the Archdiocese.

"Looking for people's records was often plagued with a variety of problems," says Clare. "Perhaps the baptism they were curious about took place in a Church that is no longer part of the same Parish. Or the baptism was performed, as so many were in the early days, by Priests from Brisbane and Ipswich who travelled for miles on horseback from district to district and recorded baptisms and marriages in their own registers. It could get quite complicated."

After fourteen years of research, the first edition of the book has been released. In Clare's own words, from the initial idea of a 'list', it "grew and grew" to a book of over 200 pages. Recording the growth and development of Parishes was a bigger job than she ever expected.

"In the early days, before people had cars, we had Churches in many villages and districts," says Clare. "Once people had cars, they could drive to the main Church, so that created a big change in the number of Churches needed in a Parish or Diocese." But apparently that didn't mean the total number of Churches decreased. In many cases Clare says, Churches were moved to where they were needed more, mostly to new

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Parishes. One such Church was moved four times and now lives in gracious retirement in the Daisy Hill Parish.

That's not the only amazing story of a moving Church. When the Central Railway Line was being built from Rockhampton to Longreach in the 1880s, Father James Comerford was appointed as Chaplain

to the railway workers. They built a little wooden Church at Bogantungan and it was moved with them as they finished each section of the line. The Church finally rested in Barcardine, where Father Comerford became the Parish Priest.

Clare was somewhat awed by the contribution people made out of their own resources, from donating land for Churches to helping with the building of them and fundraising. "We wouldn't have the Churches we have now without the marvellous contribution of individuals," says Clare. "And, without much assistance and co-operation from many interested people, this book would not have eventuated."

'Archdiocese of Brisbane – Churches, Mass Centres and Parishes 1843-2004' has been distributed throughout the Brisbane Archdiocese.

Catholic Church Insurances is a sponsor of 'Archdiocese of Brisbane – Churches, Mass Centres and Parishes 1843-2004' and is pleased to offer support to this worthwhile initiative.

WELFARE

A helping hand

Cyclone Larry crossed the tropical north Queensland coast on 20 March 2006. While there was no loss of life, the effect of the winds on buildings was devastating and the area was declared a natural disaster zone by the Queensland Government.

Hundreds of people needed assistance and groups like Centacare Cairns were there to help. We spoke to Helga Biro, Director of Centacare Cairns about the relief effort.

How did Centacare get involved?

As a member of the Cairns Disaster Recovery Committee, Centacare was called into a meeting straight after the cyclone hit. Centacare counsellors were among those sent to the most devastated areas the next day and continued to travel to those areas every day for more than a month.

There is always debate around when counsellors should go in. What people most wanted after the cyclone hit was a roof over their heads and the electricity back on. Counsellors in those first few days assisted people to fill out forms, handed out bottled water and just helped out where they could. The constant rain hampered the clean up and just exacerbated people's problems. Cyclone Monica arrived not long after and further delayed recovery and made us all the more nervous. Once things started to settle down counselling became more of a priority.



Photo courtesy of Cairns Post 2006.

What issues did you face?

The impact of the cyclone was widespread. Many people were relocated to Cairns in the early days after the cyclone so accommodation within Cairns became really scarce. That meant our emergency relief work became busier, distributing food vouchers, helping people find accommodation, paying rent, etc. Cairns is a rapidly growing city which already has a housing problem so resources were really stretched.

Living through a cyclone is a fearful experience and people can feel very traumatised by the whole experience, so post traumatic stress was a real concern. The local Community Mental Health teams have been pivotal in identifying issues and they put on extra staff to cope with the increased demand

for their services. Many families also found themselves starting from scratch. This sort of strain on relationships often exacerbates personal issues that existed before the cyclone.

In addition, the service providers in the affected areas not only had to deal with the increase in demand for their services but also with the fact that their own homes and lives were directly affected by the cyclone. Their response to the situation was nothing short of amazing and they did an incredible amount of work to help others.

How do you see the future?

The cyclone was severe but people in this area are quite resilient. Community Mental Health and the Department of

Communities and local service providers are working very hard to respond to people's longer term needs. They are coming up with creative ways to draw communities together with fun days and other events as well as looking into what kinds of additional services will be most beneficial. So many people were affected – livelihoods lost, lack of jobs in some areas and skills shortages in others. Recovery will take a long time.

The area is fast approaching its next cyclone season and while much has been learned from our experience with Cyclone Larry there are sure to be many anxious people when the first cyclone warning comes.

A day in the life.... of a Catholic Church Insurances Account Executive

Travelling the country from Perth to Port Keats and from the comforts of a city Parish to the harsh climate of a desert school, our Account Executives are on the front line. Spend a day with three of them as they visit some of our most remote clients.

Allan Moreton

Account Executive,
South Australia/Northern Territory

6am Alarm goes off at my hotel in Darwin. Gather up my files, digital camera, metre wheel, etc and leave for the airport.

8am Board a twin engine, 13-seater plane with Gary Halvorson, Property Manager for the Darwin Diocese, and depart Darwin airport. We're heading for Port Keats (Wadeye) to the southwest.

9am Arrive at Port Keats. Greeted by Sister Yvonne Gleeson, member of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Sisters. Port Keats is quite unique – you have a number of different tribal groups that have come together voluntarily to live in a communal structure. The first tribe settled in 1935 and the last in 1956. When we get back to the convent we update the files. Take shots of the different elevations of the building, measure the outer walls of the convent, carport, shed and outbuildings. Tried to do this last time I visited but the community dogs took a dislike to me and I had to get out fast! This time the dogs were locked up so I got the job done.

11.30am Gary and I visit Parish Priest Father Leo Wearden MSC. Review insurance program with focus on updating values. Take new photos. Church has the most amazing aboriginal artwork around the sanctuary area. Share lunch with Father and a visiting Canadian Priest and spend some time catching up. Life in these isolated areas must sometimes be lonely.

1.30pm Catch up with Jan Pilcher-Juniper and Mr Nganbe who run the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School. Take a walk around the property and discuss their insurance needs into the future.

4.30pm Flight departs. A chance to de-brief with Gary on the hour flight.

6pm Back to the hotel.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarurr School Port Keats (Wadeye).



Aboriginal artwork around the sanctuary area at Our Lady of Sacred Heart Church Port Keats (Wadeye).



Wet season covered play area at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarurr School Port Keats (Wadeye).

Nunzio Papotto

Account Executive, Western Australia

6.30am Monday morning. Head off in the Broome Diocese four-seater, single-engine plane on the first leg of a five-day trip that will take me across the Kimberlies. My first trip to these areas was in 1978 when I drove from Alice Springs across the desert.

Nunzio and the single-engine plane



10.30am After three hours flying over desert and a quick refuel at Fitzroy Crossing, we arrive at Kururrungku (Billilluna) Aboriginal community. Fly low and buzz Kurrungka Catholic School so they know to send a car to the airstrip to pick us up. Notice a fire burning in the distance. No car arrives so pilot and I walk the 1.5 kms to the school. Principal Patricia Holden greets us with a cold drink and an apology for not sending the car. Spend 1.5 hours going through the school's insurances, checking any new buildings and assessing any damage. Vandalism can be a problem at all the desert schools. Make a quick exit as the fire we saw is approaching the runway. As we take off it is only 50 metres from the runway.

12.30pm Back on the plane for flight to Mulan (Lake Gregory) community and a visit to another desert school. Principal Janine Hart of John Pujajangka-Piyirn Catholic School and I go through the insurances and I conduct a risk review. Only 45 children attend the school. I really enjoy these visits. Experiencing the different environments, people and cultures. Seeing how people live in isolated areas.

2pm Fly to Wirrumba (Balgo) community – arrive at 3pm. Three calls to make – the Parish, Luurnpa Catholic School and the Adult Education Centre. Start at the school with Principal Brother Bernard Cooper, we look over recent renovations and I measure the buildings and take photos. Finish at the Parish about 8pm. Stay the night and share an evening meal with Father Matt Digges and a few other visitors.



Balgo Parish

Kaylene Cooper

Account Executive, Queensland

7.45am Leave Cairns for Atherton.

9am Meet Principal Kevin Browning at St Joseph's school. Only get to visit once every two years so there is a lot to catch up on. Walk around the school and talk about insurance issues including rising building costs. Good to be able to do this face-to-face.

10.30am Walk over to see Father Newman. Wander around the St Joseph's Parish. Discuss the need to be mindful of the risk of accident and injury when parishioners take on jobs around the Parish. Voluntary Workers Personal Accident is an important issue for all Parishes.

11.30am Sister Faye, Provincial Head of the Cairns Mercy Sisters, has asked for full valuations of all their properties. Visit one just around the corner to take measurements and photos.

12.45pm Arrive at Ravenshoe. First stop – St Theresa's school to catch up with Principal Dot O'Shae. School has recently been refurbished. Make sure everything has been taken into account and update the photos. Discuss future plans. The sooner we know about any building or resource plans the less likely they are to slip through the cracks.

2pm Visit Parish Priest Father Tyrone Deer. Go through the insurance agenda and speak generally about the Parish. Make a quick exit for my last stop for the day, Herberton.

3pm Meet the Bursar of St Bernard's College Herberton, Mr Ken Rowe. Discuss the construction of their new rock-climbing wall. We have been assisting them with insurance issues in conjunction with our liability and risk management people. Drop in on new Parish Priest Father Greg Moses. Take a walk around the Church buildings. Look at damage from Cyclone Larry in particular.

5.30pm Almost dark. Measure two more Mercy Sisters properties and take photos, then back in the car for the drive to Cairns.

St Patrick's Church – Herberton



St Joseph's Church – Atherton

SPECIAL PLACES

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Robbed & Restored

In August this year a new exhibition, *Robbed & Restored*, opened at the New Norcia Museum & Art Gallery in Western Australia.

This is no ordinary exhibition. Robbers decimated New Norcia's collection of European Religious Art, one of the largest collections of post-Renaissance religious art in Australia, in 1986. 26 paintings were cut from their frames and others were badly damaged in a daring daylight robbery. But thanks to some ingenious police work and the attentiveness of a few locals, all but one of the paintings were rescued, just hours before some of the most valuable were to be flown out of the country.

This amazing story began on a January afternoon in 1986 when two men bound and gagged a gallery employee as she was about to close up for the day.

Sure of what they were after, the thieves cut the paintings from their frames, placed them rolled up in their car boot and drove away. By the time the employee was able to raise the alarm the thieves were well on their way.

The police search for clues was initially fruitless. It wasn't until the next day that they uncovered what was to be the key to solving the entire case. Two people remembered seeing a gold hire car parked outside the monastery on the day of the robbery, a car it turned out had been hired by the thieves, under a real name, and led police directly to the men and the paintings. Only a few weeks after the

robbery the men were apprehended in Sydney and the paintings were recovered.

20 years on, The Benedictine Community of New Norcia celebrates the restoration of these magnificent works.

The restoration of such a large body of works has been a slow and expensive process and has involved art restorers in Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. The brilliantly renewed paintings provide an insight into the meticulous world of painting restoration and a rare experience of European religion in the grand style.



Oil on canvas. Attributed to Giovanni Bernadino Azzolino (1560 – 1610). Badly damaged during the robbery when it was cut from its frame on three sides. Ten years later, conservators from the Art Gallery of Western Australia have restored the painting.

Robbed & Restored

New Norcia Museum & Art Gallery

13 August – 31 December 2006
Daily 9am – 4.30pm
Phone: 08 9654 8056
Email: marketing@newnorcia.com
Website: www.newnorcia.com

New Norcia: 130kms or 2 hrs easy drive north of Perth
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