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Welcome to the first edition of Securitas for 2007.

Catholic Church Insurances has a unique role within the Church and we are proud of our association with the Catholic community. We are pleased to support various Catholic peak bodies in their special projects, for example:

- Catholic Health Australia – support of their annual conference
- Catholic Social Services Australia – support of the annual awards night.

Another conference which Catholic Church Insurances supports is the biennial Church Administrators' Conference, to be held this year at the end of April. Conducted for those engaged in the temporal administration of the Church in Australia and New Zealand, this conference aims to reflect on the numerous issues that are already challenging the Church (and those who are involved in her administration) and which will continue to do so in the years ahead. With over 250 delegates from activities such as health, education and social service, it is a place to discuss these issues in the light of presentations given by a number of experts from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you of the 2007 Catholic Church Insurances AFL Footy Tipping Competition? The competition is open to all clients, family and friends and there are some great prizes to be won. Even though the football season has started, it is not too late to join in the fun. All relevant details are available on our website – www.ccinsurances.com.au.

I hope you find the latest edition of Securitas both informative and enjoyable reading.

Since being established in 1911, Catholic Church Insurances has protected the insurance risks of the Catholic Church. All of us are committed to continue to provide a full range of insurance products and services to the Catholic community.



Peter Rush
General Manager
Catholic Church Insurances

Cover photo:
Bernie Victory, Assistant Director of Centacare Adelaide, working his way through the Kokoda trail.

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WHAT'S NEW?

Home-grown Aussie order celebrates

2 February 2007 marks the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan of the Order of St Benedict. The 'Good Sams' as they are affectionately known, was the first Catholic Religious congregation to be founded in Australia.

Over the weekend of 2 – 4 February Good Samaritan Sisters, their partners in ministry, family, friends and supporters gathered across Australia, Japan, the Philippines and Kiribati – the four countries where the Sisters now live and work – in liturgical celebrations of thanksgiving for the blessings of the last 150 years.

The theme of the Good Sam's year long celebration 'Who is my neighbour?' was taken directly from the well-known Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan and invites us to different forms of behaviour and to the radical love of 'the stranger'.

"2007 is a time for gratitude," says Sr Clare Condon, Good Samaritan Congregational Leader and Catholic Church Insurances Board Member, "for the thousands of women and men who have walked the path of our journey with us."

For further information contact Patty Fawkner sgs on 02 8752 5300 or 0439 903 317.



2007 Footy Tipping Club

There has been much excitement over the Catholic Church Insurances Footy Tipping Competition over past years. With the 2007 AFL season about to get underway, Catholic Church Insurances wants you to join us for another year.

This year, so everyone has a chance to win, from Round One there will be a weekly prize of \$50 and with the potential of having hundreds of tippers in the competition the prize pool is \$1,000 for first, \$500 for second and \$250 for third. Plus the wooden spoon prize of \$100.

If tipping is not your strong point, we also have a prize of \$250 for the person with best tips and lowest cumulative margin in Rounds 10, 11 and 12. What a great opportunity to remain focused on the game at hand!

Do not miss out! Log into www.ccinsurances.com.au and register now for the 2007 competition.

New Catholic Church Insurances office

Catholic Church Insurances' Perth office was relocated to Northbridge on 15 January 2007. Built in 1921, our new premises are heritage listed former primary school buildings where the Sisters of Mercy operated from 1888 until 1976.

We share our new home with the Archdiocesan Finance Office, Catholic Development Fund and LifeLink. Benefits for clients include:

- easy access to the major financial organisations of the Catholic Church under the one roof
- free parking in the adjacent Parish car park.

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Stop Bullying

Encouraging a whole school approach

Bullying in schools is an issue of interest to the general community and reported regularly in the media. Intense pressure is placed on schools to implement effective anti-bullying strategies.

The serious long-term effects of bullying behaviours, such as the higher incidence of youth depression, anxiety and lower self esteem reinforce the need to address this issue effectively and with a broad, whole school approach.

Up to 30 per cent of depression in young people could be prevented if we could stop bullying.

VicHealth 2002.

The vast majority of schools already recognise the importance of creating and maintaining an environment that fosters acceptance and tolerance, while making a clear strong stand against bullying behaviours. To assist them, the Peer Support Foundation has developed peer led modules for schools to implement as part of a range of initiatives to reduce bullying behaviours and to achieve long term cultural change within the school community.

What do we know about bullying behaviours?

What is bullying?

Behaviour where there is an imbalance of power and where there is deliberate intent to cause harm or distress.

What is not bullying?

When people of equal power have a difference of opinion.

What forms do bullying take?

Physical, verbal, social, psychological.



Research indicates that:

- approximately one in six children report being bullied once or more a week in Australian schools
- verbal bullying is the most common form
- in all age groups the level of verbal bullying is similar for boys and girls
- group bullying is more likely to be encountered by girls
- only about 21 per cent of bullying incidents are reported to a teacher or other adult
- students who bully care about their parent's opinion of their behaviour

- children who bully are less empathetic to the needs and feelings of others.

The Peer Support approach

Research suggests that students who experience bullying behaviours are more likely to speak to their friends about it, making a peer led approach to addressing the issue appropriate.

The Peer Support Foundation provides dynamic peer led programs that foster the social, physical and mental wellbeing of young people and their communities. The work of the foundation impacts on over 200,000 primary and secondary school students annually in NSW, QLD and ACT and provides these children with opportunities to learn and practise skills which promote emotional and social wellbeing.

80 per cent of students act as bystanders and 57 per cent of bullying stops when a peer intervenes.

Dr Ken Rigby 2005.

A three-year study carried out by Self Research Centre of University of Western Sydney with over 2,300 students involved, confirmed that the Peer Support Program has positive results on students emotional and social wellbeing. The findings demonstrated that the program improves students:

- self confidence
- relationship with their peers
- enjoyment of school
- attitudes to bullying behaviour.

Significantly, the research confirmed that the changes that occurred in students' mental, physical and social wellbeing were sustained over time.

Speaking Up

The Foundation has developed Speaking Up – a module that focuses on anti-bullying and supports students to develop the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to make a positive contribution to the creation and maintenance of a safe school environment.

Speaking Up focuses on developing the following skills:

- decision making
- problem solving
- assertiveness
- empathy
- relationship building.

Speaking Up is an experiential, skills based learning module designed to engage students by addressing the issues of bullying behaviours within a whole school context. Key features include a range of strategies for all members of the school community and links to the National Safe Schools Framework (NSSF).

“The key to initiating change in relation to bullying behaviours is to appreciate that such behaviours are learned. As a result, new behaviours need to be learned to replace those previously demonstrated. In Speaking Up, students are given an opportunity to explore bullying behaviours through a model known as the Bullying Triangle. Activities have been designed to help students empathise with those being bullied as well as those doing the bullying.”
Speaking Up Training Module.

Speaking Up recognises that all members of the school community can play a role in reducing the incidence of bullying behaviours. Students are provided with opportunities to identify bullying behaviours, recognise the three groups present in any bullying scenario, empathise with others, report incidents they are aware of and develop strategies to empower them in future encounters.

If you would like to know more about Speaking Up or other programs conducted by the Peer Support Foundation please call 02 9905 3499, email peeroz@peersupport.edu.au or visit www.peersupport.edu.au



Other useful resources

www.bullyingnoway.com.au

A website created by Australia's educational communities including state, territory and Commonwealth Government education departments, Catholic and independent education sectors.

The Bullying. No way! website is a resource for school communities around Australia to increase their understanding of the issues, hear others' stories, find out about resources and share strategies and success stories.

www.ncab.org.au

National Coalition Against Bullying (NCAB) An initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, NCAB brings together a group of individuals from key organisations to draw national attention to the issue of bullying and to bring about a social change in our community.

Australian students report:

44 per cent are teased

21 per cent have rumours spread about them

14.5 per cent have been deliberately excluded

12.5 per cent have been physically hurt or threatened

54 per cent of year sevens feel unsafe

Department of Education and Training Victoria 2004.

Taking on Kokoda

Imagine trekking through the wilderness of Papua New Guinea, scaling near vertical peaks with a pack in your back and the air thick with humidity. Sound exhilarating? Inspiring? Terrifying?

In October 2006 a group from Centacare Adelaide took on the physically gruelling Kokoda Track for the third year in a row to raise money for Auricht House, a respite centre for children with an intellectual disability.

The group of ten ordinary people completed the track in seven days. An experience that Bernie Victory, Assistant Director of Centacare Adelaide, coordinator of the trek and participant for the last three years describes as, "every bit as challenging as people had feared and perhaps more difficult than most had expected."

Managing the risk

A critical part of Centacare's planning is the management of risk. Catholic Church Insurances have worked with Centacare to develop successful Risk Management Plans for the 2005 and 2006 Kokoda trips.

"When we were working on our Risk Management Plans for the agency at the end of 2004 we realised that we were not treating the Kokoda trip in the same way," says Bernie. "This is not to say that we did not consider the issues on our first trip in 2004, but we did not have the formal process in place. I realised that we could benefit from being a bit more logical and systematic in the way we looked at the hazards and identified the issues."

We spoke to Bernie about a few of the critical elements of the Centacare Plan.

"There can always be surprises but a plan does help ensure that you have thought of everything."

Bernie Victory

Trekkers' fitness

The first thing Centacare look at is people's ability to do the trek. Most participants are not exceptional athletes and need to do a serious amount of training. Centacare employ a South Australian adventure training company called DCXP to run the trek and Bernie works with their Principal to set targets and establish weekly training sessions.



Ioribawa Ridge

A month out from the trek, DCXP conduct a fitness test which participants must pass. A letter from a doctor is also required and either Centacare or DCXP can veto anyone's participation.

Health and safety

One of the most important issues, the Centacare Plan includes is designed to protect trekkers' health and ensure their safety.

- A porter is provided for each trekker to reduce the weight they need to carry
- All trekkers must complete a wilderness first aid course.
- The group carries two satellite phones.
- An evacuation procedure is in place with evacuation possible either by fixed wing aircraft or by a helicopter.
- Centacare insist on comprehensive travel insurance.
- All trekkers must have the appropriate vaccinations and take malaria tablets.
- The group do not use village guesthouses. They sleep in their own tents which have inbuilt mosquito protection.
- All trekkers have to carry insect repellent and wear long sleeves in the evenings.
- While it is tempting to do a trek during the Anzac day period, treks are always run in the dry season. The wet season exposes trekkers to too much risk.

"With all this organisation in place the trek feels difficult but not dangerous," says Bernie. "The systematic nature of the Risk Management Plan gives us some assurance that we've covered all the bases. There can always be surprises but a plan does help ensure that you have thought of everything."

2006 highlights

A trekker from a previous year, who was a schoolteacher in Adelaide, made contact with a village school principal in the town of Efogi. The school was very short on nails to build new classrooms, desks, etc. The 2006 group carried in about 10kg of six inch nails along with books, pencils and sporting materials and presented them to the school.



At Efogi. Back: Bernie Victory, Dave Wegmann, Tom Warhurst, Chris Warhurst, John Warhurst
Front: Pauline Victory, Joan Schumacher, Donny (school principal) Mark Black, Anne McDougall.

On day five, the group split up for a day. Some headed off on a five-hour walk to see a waterfall, while the women spent the day with a group of mothers, grandmothers and children in the village of Alola. The women found this day particularly moving as they learnt what life was like for women in the Track villages. They spoke to one woman who was seven months pregnant and about to head down to the hospital at Kokoda for a check up (about a day and half walk by the group's standards) something she would have to do again when the baby was to be born. When the women got to Kokoda they visited the clinic and saw that it was very short on equipment. Since returning to Australia they have been working to get supplies to the hospital via contacts they made through the local Parish.



Village women and trekker Anne McDougall

"The track is an incredibly moving reminder of the many young Australians who fought and died here," says Bernie. "It is very clear that this was a battle zone, there are still fox holes evident along the side of the track, you pick up bullets and there are plane wrecks just off the Track. Conditions are hard enough for us with our lightweight packs and great boots, when you try to imagine having to fight along there carrying full-size packs, with poor equipment and being poorly fed, it just leaves you with a profound sense of respect for the men who fought up there."



Bernie Victory with porters Borrie and Gerry at the wreck of a Japanese bomber near Isurava.

Developing a Risk Management Plan

One of the most important services Catholic Church Insurances provides to clients is assistance with identifying and managing risks.

Risk Management is the systematic process of identifying and evaluating potential areas of risk that may cause loss and the selection and implementation of appropriate techniques for managing those exposures.

Risk Management should be an integral part of your business and you are encouraged to utilise the Risk Management process to manage the possibility and uncertainty of future events causing loss. This may also be considered an excellent opportunity to enhance a school's or client's reputation as an excellent choice for delivery of quality education or premium service.

Risk Management concentrates on minimising the risk of injury, disease and property loss through the provision of education and training that is designed to empower Catholic Church Insurances clients to manage their short and long-term risk exposures with confidence.

An insurance checklist indicating risk exposures can be accessed by visiting https://www.ccinsurances.com.au/church_ins/education.asp. Your Catholic Church Insurances Account Executive would be most happy to help.

Should you need to develop a Risk Management Plan or seek further assistance on any aspect of Risk Management, call the Risk Management Helpdesk on 1300 660 827.

The Catholic press in Australia

The first Catholic Press Convention was held in Melbourne in 1956 and was attended by representatives from about 40 Catholic papers and magazines. It was at this convention that the Australasian Catholic Press Association (ACPA) was formed and the association's first President, the Rev Fr J Murtagh MA, then Associate Editor of the Melbourne Advocate, was elected.

50 years later and the ACPA is still going strong, providing unique opportunities for professional development and support within the industry.

"The fellowship of the organisation is one of the key benefits of membership," says Jane Favotto, ACPA President and Editor of Catholic Outlook for the Diocese of Parramatta. "Editors work collaboratively in sharing information and experience. This may be exchanging articles and photos, advising on layout and design, or sharing advertising opportunities."

The aims of ACPA are:

- To do all things which will promote the greater glory of God and the building up of the Body of Christ.
- To promote the principles and practices set out in the Second Vatican Council's decree on the mass media and in subsequent social instructions on the mass media.
- To promote harmony and co-operation among members, and with other Catholic and ecumenical associations, for the advancement of the religious press and the religious media.
- To promote international co-operation by working closely with other Catholic and ecumenical bodies recognised by the Holy See.

In 2007 the ACPA has more than 50 members throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.



Over the years

As you can see from the photos above, the membership of the ACPA has changed considerably over the last 50 years and is a reflection of how the industry itself has developed.

According to Fr Frank Freeman, Editor of The Australian Salesian Bulletin and ACPA member, the greater participation of the laity has brought higher qualifications and specialised skills to the industry.

"Catholic journalists have transformed the type, coverage and presentation of the traditional publications of the Australian Church," says Fr Freeman. "We no longer have the 'busy Pastor syndrome' with Father responsible for everything including social communications, but a group of highly focused people with journalistic skills."

The future

The increased use of the internet to meet the Church's communications needs will shape the coming year according to Jane Favotto.

"With the growth in online publishing, ACPA's members are increasingly using the internet as an extension



Above: First ACPA meeting 1942. Below: Perth conference 2004.

of print publishing," says Jane. Several publications such as Kairos Catholic Journal (Melbourne), The Catholic Leader (Brisbane), Catholic Voice (Canberra & Goulburn) and The Catholic Weekly (Sydney) already provide full or limited online versions, but according to Jane a few others have already taken their online presence to the next level.

"The NZ Catholic, the Diocese of Auckland's e-publication for example has a broader editorial focus than the printed publication with content updated daily. Last year, the respected monthly journal 'Eureka Street', published by Jesuit Communications, ceased printing and was relaunched as a fortnightly e-zine," says, Jane.

The highlight of 2007 for the ACPA will be the annual convention held in Auckland, NZ.

Catholic Church Insurances is a sponsor of the ACPA conference and is pleased to offer support to this worthwhile initiative.

WELFARE

A crisis in care

At the most recent Catholic Health Australia conference, aged care in this country was raised as an issue of increasing concern. We asked Catholic Health Australia CEO Francis Sullivan to share his thoughts on the topic with us.

News that St. Vincent de Paul is considering selling out of residential aged care indicates how hard it is to serve the poor. The Vinnies are better than most, but they can't do it alone. Neither will corporate Australia save the poor. The Federal Government must get serious about the disadvantaged, frail and elderly.

The Vinnies run 18 homes for around 900 residents. Over half are poor. The homes need \$55 million of upgrades to meet Government standards. For most other organisations the bill can be met by charging better off residents for their accommodation. But when most residents don't have assets, the squeeze is really on.

The Federal Government provides an accommodation subsidy for financially disadvantaged residents but this barely covers half the cost. If there are too few full fee paying residents to offset the shortfall, the organisation is in trouble. Thus, the Vinnie's dilemma. How can you serve the poor, when it only works if you give some of their places to the rich?

The bureaucratic response relies solely on market forces. The Government insists that between 16 and 40 per cent of aged care beds should be allocated to the financially disadvantaged. This policy is counter intuitive. The more poor people admitted, the less viable the home becomes.

Those organisations with the history and expertise to cater for the special needs of poor and homeless people are the very ones at risk of departing the program.

Church and charitable organisations have the heart to meet the needs of the poor and to stay the distance. They exist to provide better opportunities for the less well off, even where this causes financial strain. Their ethos is person rather than profit driven and Government uses this for all it's worth. The charitable sector is often pencilled in to pick up the pieces of a less than perfect public policy. Charities are relied on to make public entitlements and safety nets stretch further. But they cannot



be turned on their heads and asked to change their very ethos merely to survive.

Everyone deserves dignified aged care regardless of his or her circumstances. Meeting the needs of the poor is a community obligation, a social value. Social values require social investment.

This problem is not going to be solved through a 'Robin Hood approach' where cross subsidisation helps organisations limp along with high numbers of poorer residents. The only sustainable policy will see better off residents contributing from their means and Government paying market price for the accommodation costs of the poor.

There are times for Government to take a 'hands off' approach and let markets organise services. But when it comes to the poor and those with little, it's time for all hands to the wheel.

Catholic Health Australia is the largest non-government provider grouping of health, community and aged care services in Australia. Phone 02 6260 5980 or visit www.cha.org.au for more information.

SUPERANNUATION

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Tell your family and friends about NCSF

Investing in superannuation is a tax effective way to invest your money to create wealth in retirement and to provide a retirement income. National Catholic Superannuation Fund (NCSF) has served employees of Catholic organisations since 1987. Now we are opening membership so **anyone can join!**

Key benefits of NCSF

- Low competitive fee structure
- Tax effective savings for your retirement
- Broad range of investment options to match your savings goals
- Experienced investment professionals managing your investment
- Low cost Death and Income Protection Insurance
- On retirement you can draw a tax effective income stream and/or receive a lump sum payment.

Anyone can join

Most Australians will build up superannuation during their working life. Now NCSF can be your fund of choice.

If you are an employee, your employer may be required to contribute for you. In most cases you can choose the fund you want. If you are self-employed, you can choose to contribute your deductible personal voluntary contributions to NCSF.

If you are looking for a pension, you can use one of our allocated pension products.

If you need a place for your personal contributions, Government co-contributions, contribution splitting or to combine your various super accounts, we can assist you.

It is easy to join

Step 1

If you are employed, check with your employer that you can choose your own fund. You may need to obtain a Letter of Compliance by calling our Member Services Hotline or visiting our website www.ncsf.com.au

Step 2

Obtain a copy of our Combined Financial Services Guide (FSG) and Product Disclosure Statement (PDS), again available via Member Services Hotline or our website. Read these documents carefully, complete the forms required and send them back to NCSF.

Step 3

Combine your other super accounts with NCSF. Simply complete an Authority to Transfer form for each account and we will take care of the rest.

Dedicated service and support

NCSF provides members with personal assistance by managing all components of their superannuation. Our Member Services Hotline is available to help with general queries.



If you would like to know more about joining NCSF call the Member Services Hotline on 1300 655 002, send your questions by fax to 03 9934 3465 or email us at ncsf@ccinsurances.com.au

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NCSF snapshot

- NCSF is an Industry Fund, so fees are low and profits go to members.
- Proven experience – operating since 1987 for employees of Catholic organisations.
- Granted Public Offer status in 2006. Now anyone can join.
- A range of investment options to suit most needs.
- Protecting your lifestyle with insurance cover 24 hours per day / 7 days a week.
- Attractive allocated pension products.
- Extra services at discounted rates for NCSF members.

CCIPEOPLE



Mark Hannan

Business Development Manager CCI Investment Management Limited

Quite new to the CCIIM family, having only been with the business for six months, Mark is already impressed by the professionalism of his colleagues and is delighted to be working for such a well respected and progressive company.

With the aim of growing the business nationally, Mark has set himself the goal of making CCIIM the fund manager of choice for all Church entities. He sees CCIIM is uniquely placed to do this, as the business understands the investment needs of Church clients.

When he is not working hard to build the business, Mark loves to spend time with his wonderful wife and four year old daughter, who will start primary school next year. Mark and his wife met while they were both working in Saudi Arabia, Mark's wife was Personal Chef to Prince Salman al Saud (second in line to the throne).



Kym Bennetts

Assistant General Manager Client Relations

As Catholic Church Insurances' Assistant General Manager Client Relations, Kym is responsible for managing the business activities of the Client Services and Marketing departments. A great deal of his time is spent making sure Catholic Church Insurances' processes and practices provide the best service possible.

"We are constantly looking at ways that we can improve our service and/or our products to best meet the needs of our clients," says Kym. "This includes making sure that our State Managers, Account Executives and Client Liaison Officers have the resources and knowledge to do their job to the best of their ability."

Kym's plans for the future include putting in place systems and processes able to streamline how Catholic Church Insurances does business with its clients and, in turn, make it easier for clients to do business with Catholic Church Insurances. Including ways to allow more face-to-face time for Client Service staff and clients.

When asked to describe working for Catholic Church Insurances Kym summed it up in one word – excellent. He sees it as more like a big extended family than a workplace. "The quality of the people and our genuine, deep-set desire to help our clients really sets us apart," says Kym.

Married to Ursula for 31 years, with two children, Kym loves to play golf when he can and spend time with the family. Travel is another passion, with Germany a favourite destination as it is home to his wife's family.

"The quality of the people and our genuine, deep-set desire to help our clients really sets us apart."

Kym Bennetts

SPECIALPEOPLE

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New honour for Monsignor

Vicar-General Monsignor David Cappelletti has been appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO), the nation's second-highest honour.

Recognised in the 2007 Order of Australia honours list, Monsignor Cappelletti was rewarded for service to the community of South Australia, particularly as Chair of the Social Inclusion Board, through involvement with social justice and health organisations and to the Catholic Church in Australia.

"It's an enormous honour and it's very humbling," he said. "For me it is a reminder of the importance of serving the community, particularly the most vulnerable and how, if we are going to have a community that's harmonious, dignified and peaceful, we have all got to work hard and play a part."

Monsignor Cappelletti has been involved in social welfare for the last 37 years. He is a qualified social worker and worked for ten years in the State Department of Community Welfare in the City of Elizabeth before entering the seminary.

Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Adelaide since 2001, he now chairs the Social Inclusion Board for South Australia and last year Premier Mike Rann appointed him Commissioner for Social Inclusion.

As Commissioner, Monsignor Cappelletti has been given the task to halve rough sleeper homelessness, increase the school retention rate, find new ways to tackle juvenile crime and, more recently, to lead the reform of the state's mental health system.

Monsignor Cappelletti has become one of Australia's experts in bringing about joined-up government, a strategy developed by Tony Blair's British government. He has met with Prime Minister Blair to discuss new models of addressing social problems and works to cut across government departmental structures to join up a range of programs

that will produce results as quickly as possible and to break down bureaucratic silos. Other states are now looking at the South Australian Social Inclusion model and are examining how it could be translated to different areas.

Monsignor Cappelletti has also been involved in major work for the Catholic Church on a national basis. He was the National Director of the Australian Catholic Social Welfare Commission between 1992 and 1995 and made major contributions to national policy debates. In 1994 he led the development of the Bishops' Statement on families for the International Year of the Family. In 1996 he was asked to be the first executive director of the National Professional Standards Committee and worked closely with the former General Manager of Catholic Church Insurances, Chris O'Malley, as well as Laurie Rolls in the development of risk managements policies and structures for dioceses and religious orders.

To add to his work in mental health reform, Monsignor Cappelletti also works closely with the Hon. Jeff Kennett AC, the former Premier of Victoria, who now chairs the National Depression Initiative beyondblue. Monsignor Cappelletti



is the South Australian Director on the beyondblue Board.

"I offer my heartiest congratulations on what is a richly deserved honour for the great contribution he has made to the life of Australia, through the Church and in the wider community," says Catholic Archbishop of Adelaide Philip Wilson.