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HISTORIC BUILDING RE-OPENED

A 107-year-old historic building in Strathfield has formally started a new stage as part of Australian Catholic University.

For nearly 90 years the building was the provincial Headquarters of the Christian Brothers for Australia and New Zealand.

The Christian Brothers operated the building, first known as Mt Royal and later Mount Saint Mary, from 1908 until 1992 as a novitiate teacher training college and house for a community of Brothers.

Built in 1886, it originally was the home of a woolbroker, John Hinchcliff.

Later it was the home of Sir George Reid, Premier of New South Wales, who also became Prime Minister of Australia.

In recent years it has been used by the Catholic College of Education, Sydney and Australian Catholic University.

On Friday July 23, 1993, at an impressive ceremony, the building was formally transferred by the Christian Brothers to the Archdiocese of Sydney for the use of the University.

A large group of Christian Brothers were in the audience, and for them it was, symbolically and emotionally, a moving day.

In welcoming those present, Professor Dan Stewart, cfc OAM, alluded to his own 27 years there, as student, teacher, and administrator.

At the close of proceedings, Mr Gerald Gleeson, AC, a member of the University Senate and Chair of the University's New South Wales Chapter, when moving the Vote of Thanks to the other speakers, spoke with feeling of his days as a student at the College.

His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy, AC, Archbishop of Sydney and Chancellor of the University, Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor, and Professor Muredach Dynan, Principal of the New



Professor Muredach Dynan, Principal of NSW Division, Cardinal Edward Clancy AC, Archbishop of Sydney and Chancellor, Br Julian McDonald cfc, and Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor, at the historic Edmund Rice Building.

South Wales Division, all spoke during the ceremony.

The Provincial, Brother Julian McDonald cfc, handed over the building to His Eminence.

He also unveiled a tablet renaming it as the Edmund Rice Building, in honour of the founder of the Christian Brothers, (recently declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II) after the Solemn Blessing by the Cardinal. (See page 6 for full text of Br McDonald's speech).

Those present were then given an

opportunity to inspect the building, which has been refurbished with a generous grant from the Commonwealth Government and the skills of the architects, Twibill Quinn O'Hanlon, and the builders, Messrs Cully & Co.

For the Christian Brothers who had lived there it was obviously a time of memories, but even those who came for the first time experienced the emotional significance of the occasion as Mount Saint Mary, beautifully restored, entered another phase of its career.

Christmas

I am taking this opportunity in the last issue of *The Chronicle* for the year to extend warm wishes for Christmas to each member of the University community: may you, your family and friends enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas, and may 1994 be a year of blessings and accomplishments. The staff of the Vice-Chancellery join me in these sentiments. We are all grateful for the co-operation that we receive from the Divisions and the Campuses.

Christmas is a great feast in our

community and as we approach it we must be aware that we in Australia are indeed fortunate. There may be problems in our country but when we see the turmoil in some others, and realise how fragile peace is in many, it is indeed a time to reflect on our good fortune and to hope that whatever differences and anxieties Australians do have will be healed by good will. May God bless you all.

Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor.

Vice-Chancellor's Column

The approaching end of this academic year is a good time to be taking stock. The University began on January 1, 1991 and so those undergraduate students who enrolled for the first time in that year will, in most cases, now be finishing the courses that will see them graduate early next year as the first cohort to have done all their tertiary studies in the University.

There are, of course, a few universities that are a thousand years old, or almost so: we merely reached our thousand days on Monday September 27, but it has certainly been an exciting thousand days.

The University has become an integrated organisation beginning to capture the synergies of interaction among 8,500 students, 500 academic staff, and 400 general staff. I hope that all feel proud, as I do, to be part of a thriving academic enterprise.

Those of our readers and supporters who are not employed by the University may not be aware of the very considerable strains and difficulties under which staff have had to work to accomplish major organisational changes and develop new initiatives while at the same time maintaining, and even raising, standards of achievement in existing activities. I acknowledge this hard work, done by so many with sometimes limited resources; and I thank them warmly for their preparedness to share the challenges of change and development.

Benefits that have resulted from the creation of the single university include

faculty and course development, which widen our intellectual range and provide scope for advanced specialisation, and enriched research opportunities. The latter are seen in grants for research infrastructure; the development of research centres; in individual grants to staff and enrolment of postgraduate students; and the appointment of three internationally distinguished scholars as Research Professors. We are also now able to sponsor working visits by overseas scholars and to stage important national conferences.

The University's recent final submission to the government's Committee for Quality Assurance in Higher Education has documented many substantial achievements in our first 1000 days, and focussed on further prospects of great potential. I wish to place on record my thanks to those who have been involved in a difficult, complex, and innovative exercise.

The University came into being in circumstances that had advantages and disadvantages. In Australia the administrators of new universities have usually spent their first years among the hazards of building programs, sometimes in sites far from ideal for public transport, often with a battle against inflating costs, sometimes with an unco-operative attitude from established institutions.

We were not forced to start with bare fields out in the backblocks. Because of the amalgamation of four established colleges of education, and the wonderful generosity and co-operation of dioceses, religious institutes, and congregations, we were provided with eight campuses, all near public transport, with existing buildings (some heritage-listed).

We had the further advantage on each campus of staff who knew each other and had worked together, in institutions with traditions that in some cases could be traced back to the previous century. By becoming part of the new institution staff received the benefits of membership of a wider network, with access to a range of contacts and facilities. These facilities will increasingly include modern information technology which will help strengthen the network. Such technology offers us boundless prospects for interactive teaching, research, and administrative communication. These benefits will enrich the effectiveness and quality of our work while affording savings on trav-



Professor Peter Drake.

el costs, transport, and storage. In taking this path we enjoy encouragement and support from other institutions and government, not least in the form of seed grants — most recently \$360,000 — for the establishment of an electronic communication network across the university, and for trial projects.

Costs of communications and storage technology might, in fact, become as important in our budget as building and construction programs were in the past. Not that we have been idle in the latter areas. In 1992 a new teaching and administration building was opened on the McAuley Campus and the Vice-Chancellery was refurbished, both by means of specific capital grants from the Commonwealth. This year has seen the completion of alterations and extensions on Signadou Campus, a new teaching building on Christ Campus, and the impressive restoration of the historic building on Mount Saint Mary Campus, described elsewhere, all also done with Commonwealth grants. In the period up to 1996 the Commonwealth has undertaken to provide more than \$4 million for further works.

I realise that much of what I have written here, and previously, is concerned with technology and buildings, and that it is easy (especially in these days) to concentrate on those things. From time to time we are reminded in a salutary way that the Church is more than churches; similarly we should not forget that a university is more than buildings: it is essentially a collection of scholars. Whatever might be the satisfaction when reflecting on technological and physical achievements it is well to remember that our most precious resource, and the reason for our existence as a university, is the staff and the students who are Australian Catholic University.

Contribute your News

The Chronicle will be published in April, July/August and October/November, 1994.

Contribution of news, feature material and photos are welcome for consideration.

Please supply typed with double spacing on one side only of a page.

Articles should not exceed 400 words.

As suggested by the title, The Chronicle records events and people involved in all levels of the development and operation of the University.

Please send material to Mr Peter O'Brien, Australian Catholic University, Vice-Chancellery, PO Box 968, North Sydney, 2059; Phone (02) 739-2906; Fax: (02) 739-2905.

Closing dates for material are:

February 28, 1994

May 29, 1994

August 28, 1994.

Teaching Award for Children's Books Expert

Margot Hillel, a lecturer in English in the Department of Humanities at Christ Campus is one of the first group of University staff to receive an Excellence in Teaching award.

Margot, whose career has included work as a teacher, school librarian, book-seller and a full-time mother, is particularly concerned to emphasise the legitimacy of the study of children's literature as an academic discipline.

Her concerns in this area led her to establish and co-ordinate the Graduate Diploma in children's literature course.

Margot receives numerous invitations to give in-service courses to teachers and parent groups, and to comment on children's literature for the press. She also provides regular contributions to academic conferences on children's literature.

Earlier this year Margot was invited to New Zealand as exchange scholar in children's literature in the School of Education, University of Waikato.

Margot has many international contacts with academics and children's literature organisations in Ireland, United Kingdom, New Zealand, the United States,

and Singapore, and was invited to speak on Australian children's literature in Dublin.

Margot is also a member of the Children's Literature Society of Ireland and the International Research Society for Children's Literature.

As well as reviewing and writing articles for specialist journals such as *Magpies* and *Reading Time*, Margot regularly contributes to radio and television in the area of children's books.

Her current research interests are: changing portrayals of females in Australian children's literature; the reflection of Australia's developing multicultural society in Australian children's literature; and the role of literature-based reading programs in developing children's reading in primary schools.

Currently Margot is National President of the Children's Book Council (C.B.C.) of Australia and Convenor of the Second C.B.C. Children's Literature National Conference to be held in Melbourne in May, 1994. Margot is also a judge of the Crichton Award for New Illustrators and is a former judge of the Children's Book



Margot Hillel.

of the Year Awards.

In addition to her professional activities Margot finds time to read stories to her two school-age children, collect children's book illustrations (though she is running out of wall space), and indulge her interest in creative cooking.

Director of Development Appointed

Mr Castleton has been directly involved in various campaigns raising over \$120 million since 1985.

Mr Castleton commenced his fundraising career in 1982 when he joined a major charity as its Fundraising and Marketing Manager in South Australia.

In 1985 he moved back to Queensland with his wife and commenced his consulting career with a firm of international fundraising consultants.

Early campaign successes included:

* 1986 — the Australian Farmers' Fighting Fund, with a target of \$10 million; funds raised totalled \$15 million;

* 1987 — the QIT Foundation (the start of his association with the now QUT). The target of \$1 million resulted in \$3 million funds raised.

In late 1987 Mr Castleton joined the management team of the consulting firm, becoming its Managing Director in 1989, a position he held until January 1992.

During that time he was responsible for the setting up, supervision, and direct control of a wide range of fundraising campaigns world-wide.

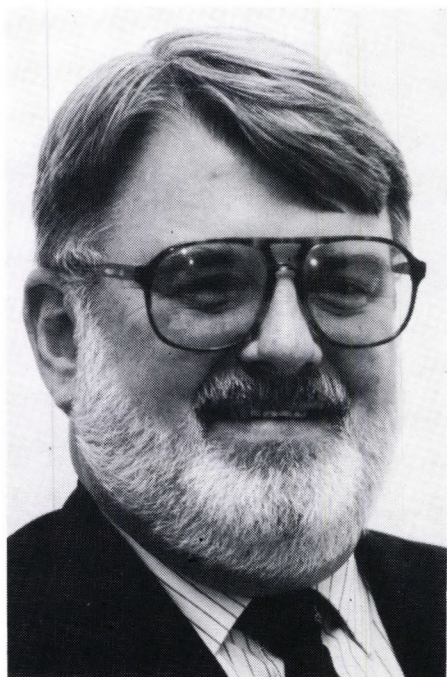
Projects in the United Kingdom included Worcester Cathedral — \$4 million; Portsmouth Cathedral — \$2.5 million; The Bath Institute for Rheumatic Diseases — \$4 million; Winchester Cathedral — \$7 million; and Rippon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford — \$1 million.

Other projects included St John's College Cambridge, United Kingdom — \$4 million; St John's School of Alberta, Canada — \$2 million; Versatech Industries, Canada — \$2 million; The National Party, New Zealand — \$3 million; and The Hamilton Cricket Club, New Zealand — \$1.5 million.

After establishing his own consultancy in February 1992 he conducted a successful campaign for the Cambridge Arts Theatre, United Kingdom and reached the half way point in a \$10 million campaign for QUT (Queensland University of Technology).

Mr Castleton is a member of the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers, United Kingdom, and the Fundraising Institute of Australia.

He is currently studying part-time for a Master of Business degree, majoring in Communication Management, at QUT.



Peter Castleton

Mr Peter Castleton is the University's first Director of Development.

He will be based at McAuley Campus, and nationally responsible for University fund raising.

Japanese students visit



The visiting students.

Seventeen students from the Wayo Women's University, Tokyo, Japan, visited Mercy Campus on August 26.

Hosted by the University's ELICOS Centre, the students were accompanied by Professor Fumio Okutsu, Dean of Students, and a Japanese tour-group leader during their visit.

The group was addressed by Associate Professor Kevin Burke, Mrs Sue Lucacevich (lecturer in Japanese), and Sr Helen Delaney, Mercy Campus Co-ordinator.

The visiting students are currently in their second year of an undergraduate program in English Literature and were keen to meet local students.

Australian Catholic University students enrolled in the Japanese Major (BA) enjoyed mingling with the visitors, who later toured the campus.

LECTURE ON CHRISTOLOGY

An eminent theologian, Fr Gerald O'Collins sj, recently visited Mount Saint Mary Campus and addressed a large gathering on questions in Christology in a lecture titled "Reflecting on Christ today".

Australian Catholic University and the Catholic Education Office, Sydney invited Fr O'Collins to visit. Arrangements for his visit were made by Dr Charles Hill, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Theology and Philosophy.

Australian born Fr O'Collins is Professor of Fundamental Theology and Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome.

Fr O'Collins has written many books on fundamental theology and Christology.

Conference marks Year of Family

A conference on "Families and Violence" will be held on February 4-5, 1994 at Macquarie University to mark the International Year of the Family.

Sponsored by Centacare (Australia) and the Educational Foundations Department, the goals of the conference are to explore factors at both an individual and social level, and to investigate intervention strategies for addressing violent behaviour in families and community organisations, including schools.

Topics discussed at the conference will include: changing family patterns and work relations, the therapeutic engagement of men who abuse, working against sexual and family violence within the Australian Church Community, and the effect on children who witness parental violence.

Enquiries to Christine Trimmingham (02) 793-2248, Fax (02) 739-2105.



Fr Gerald O'Collins sj.

CD-ROM NETWORK AID AT McAULEY

Students and staff at McAuley Campus now may access extensive databases through a CD-Rom network.

Stations for the network are scattered throughout the library.

Access to the databases is through a Novell Network, using 9 workstations, SCSI express, a Compaq fileserver and Co-session software.

Individual lecturers can access the Network by purchasing a copy of Co-session and a modem.

Other campuses have expressed interest in the new technology and already Mount Saint Mary and Signadou campuses have the software capability to access the network.

Current negotiations with Diocesan Catholic Education Office Resource Centres may lead to extension of the network to external students.

Funding for this network came from the Vice-Chancellor's Communications Technology Committee (\$10,000) and the Queensland Division of the University (\$30,000).

News in Brief

Network

The Vice-Chancellor reported at the University Senate meeting held on July 29, 1993 that the Commonwealth Government recently approved a grant of \$360,000 from the National Priority Reserve Fund to enable the establishment of an electronic communication network across the University.

Patron

The University Senate has conferred the honorific 'Patron of the Foundation' upon the Marist Brothers (Sydney Province), the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, and the Christian Brothers in appreciation of generous pledges by each to the Foundation of \$100,000.

Mathematics

A one-day conference for mathematics coordinators and consultants is being held at the University's Christ Campus, Melbourne on December 1.

The theme of the conference is: Issues in supporting the professional growth of teachers of primary and secondary school mathematics.

Further details are available from Doug Clarke on (03) 563-3600 or fax (03) 363-3605.

MAJOR CONFERENCES ON LITERATURE AND RELIGION

Michael Griffith, Acting Head of the Department of Literature and Languages, and Ross Keating, Lecturer in the School of Religion and Philosophy, with the active support of Brother Athanasius McGlade, are mounting two conferences in Sydney in the field of Literature and Religion.

The first is a day-long national conference celebrating the life and work of Australia's foremost Catholic poet, Francis Webb.

Webb has been called a 'poet of world stature' by the late British critic Sir Herbert Read.

The poets Rosemary Dobson and John Tranter will be among those speaking.

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation Religion Unit will record the proceedings.

The conference was on Saturday November 20, 9am to 6pm.

The second conference convened by Michael Griffith and Ross Keating, this time in conjunction with the University of Sydney and the Institute for Theology and the Arts, is entitled "Religion, Literature and the Arts."

This is an international conference drawing speakers and participants from around the world.

The themes covered in this conference fall into the following areas: Critical Theory and Theology; Religious Experience in Contemporary Writing; Aboriginal Presence in Australian Art and Literature; The Australia/Asia Connection; The Interrelation of Literature, Art and Religion.

Inquiries about these conferences should be made by phone to Michael Griffith, (02) 739 2192.

English for Japanese at MacKillop



The Centre for Communication Studies based at MacKillop Campus recently enrolled 85 Japanese students to learn English.

Students from four Japanese Colleges studied for up to three weeks, receiving English tuition each morning.

Homestay accommodation was arranged for the students. Many Homestay "parents" commented on the rewarding experience it had been for them and the improvement they had noticed in the students' general communication skills.

A farewell ceremony was held at the end of each course which was attended by many Homestay parents and their families.

The course director, Valerie Hoogstad, commented on the mutual learning which had taken place between staff and students.

For his distinguished contribution to education Professor Nikolai Nikandrov was granted Russia's prestigious title of Academician, which is conferred on only a few prominent scholars.

Professor Nikandrov addressed staff and students at a number of seminars at the University.

Topics discussed at the seminars included:

- * Political and Economic Directions in Contemporary Russia: the Struggle Between the Old and New Power Structures;

- * The Revival of Religion in Contemporary Russia and other Former Communist States.

Russian Educator visits University



A key Russian education and policy maker, Professor Nikolai Nikandrov, visited Australia in October as a Distinguished Visiting Scholar of Australian Catholic University.

Dr Joseph Zajda, an Australian specialist in Russian education at Aquinas Campus, invited Professor Nikandrov to Australia.

President of the Russian Academy of Education, Professor Nikandrov is an internationally renowned academic, with a scholarly output that includes eight books and some 150 articles on curriculum reforms in secondary schools, comparative higher education, values education in schools, moral education, and international and development education.

Professor Nikandrov frequently has

(From left) Professor Michael Doyle, Professor Peter Drake, Professor Muredach Dynan and Dr Joseph Zajda with Professor Nikolai Nikandrov (centre).

represented Russia (and before that the USSR), at various international conventions, including the March 1991 UNESCO invitational seminar on higher education in Pittsburgh.

Professor Nikandrov occupies a key decision-making appointment within the Russian education system during the current massive restructuring and reform of the entire Russian education system.

He also is responsible for the 20 research institutes controlled by the Academy (involving the work of 3200 fulltime research scholars).

Br McDonald opens Edmund Rice

This is the full text of the speech by Br R Julian McDonald at the opening of the Edmund Rice Building on Friday July 23.

Your Eminence Cardinal Clancy, Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Drake, my own Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen.

What exactly does one say when one is invited to open a building that is beginning its third life? I have to admit to being quite unsure. However I do believe that there is little to be gained from reflecting on the achievements of past proprietors whether they be Premier (and later Prime Minister) Reid or 80 years of Christian Brothers, both as Administrators and students.

Permit me however, to share with you some reflection on comments that have been made about the transfer of Mount Saint Mary to the Archdiocese of Sydney, and its consequent dedication to the interests of Australian Catholic University.

With those who want "to sit upon the ground and tell sad tales of Mount Saint Mary's loss" or lament that "our lands, our lives and all are Edward Bede's" I heartily disagree. It is true that there has been some sadness for the Christian Brothers in relinquishing the institution that has shaped and set some 3000 of us on the road to a life of education and service to the youth of this country. Mount Saint Mary has become a symbol of nurture and support, of stability and fidelity for Christian Brothers and their associates who accepted the challenge associated with a sizeable share of Catholic Education in this country over the last 150 years.

I wish to go on record as saying that our leaving is potentially as life-giving and hope-filled for us as have been the last 80 years of endeavour on this site. For the move gives us the freedom and opportunity to go down paths we might otherwise have been slow or even reluctant to follow. It has the capacity to shake us from comfortable settlement into the discomfort of uncertainty and the consequent examination of how our brotherhood might be able to address in new and creative ways some of the needs of a world that is becoming increasingly confused.

Our Founder, Br Edmund Rice, after whom this building is soon to be named, concerned himself with education for liberation. His focus was on the child as image of God and person of dignity and

worth. As a consequence he put much emphasis on how his teachers related to youngsters, on spending time with them, on walking with them, on being a Brother to them; on identifying youngsters much in need of care and attention.

It is my belief that our schools are being challenged by an increasing number of students who are oppressed simply because they are unable to articulate either their fears or their dreams of a realistically achievable future. To meet that challenge our teaching will need to be characterised by a deeply human presence to our students; we will need to find the time and energy to stop, to talk and to listen; we will need to see our students through Gospel eyes as guests who also contribute to our growth and improvement. Only then will our teaching become genuine ministry.

It is in this vision of **Education for liberation** that I sense the ideals for the Christian Brothers and of Australian Catholic University coincide. Consequently we Christian Brothers rejoice that this campus of Australian Catholic University has as its principal focus the education and formation of Catholic teachers.

Any approach to the education of teachers that ignores the rapidly growing underclass in this country cannot claim to be Gospel oriented. And so, if the graduates of this campus are to be in any way effective, they will have to be able in their turn to educate their students to distinguish between paternalistic charity and genuine concern for **solidarity** with and **justice** for the disadvantaged and the marginalised.

Edmund Rice, and Presentation Foundress Nano Nagle before him, did more than feed and clothe and teach the deprived youth of Ireland; they challenged the social and educational systems that contributed to creating the injustices which oppressed such youngsters and their families. The only change between then and now is the subtlety and sophistication with which injustice is perpetuated.

It is my hope that, as it accepts such challenge, Australian Catholic University will be at home here in Mount Saint Mary. On behalf of the previous tenants I wish you well as you make this your home. My prayer for you is that you become comfortable in these surrounds without becoming too settled about what



The Edmund Rice Building.

you have come to do. May your students learn the way of truth and justice so that through them you will make a significant contribution to a free and just Australia.

BOOK AWARD

Mount Saint Mary Campus student, Melina Marchetta, has won the award Book of the Year for Older Readers in the final selection of the 1993 Australian Children's Books of the Year.

The award-winning book **Looking for Alibrandi** is Melina's first novel. A story about her appeared in *The Chronicle*, Vol 2, No 1, April, 1993.

Looking for Alibrandi received excellent reviews when it was first published in October 1992.

Final winners in the selection were announced on August 20, 1993.

Major appointment for Dr Piccioli

Dr Maria Piccioli has recently been appointed Chairperson of the Italian language panel for NAATI (the National Accreditation Authority for Interpreters and Translators), which is based in Canberra.

Dr Piccioli lectures in Italian and is responsible for the Italian section in the Department of Languages and Literature at Mount Saint Mary Campus.

Building



I thank Australian Catholic University for honouring the Christian Brothers today and I now officially open the Edmund Rice Building.

A HARPSICHORD FOR MERCY CAMPUS

An inaugural recital on Mercy Campus' recent acquisition, a double-manual Hubbard-McAllister harpsichord, was presented by University lecturer and harpsichordist Roger Heagney and soprano Merlyn Quaife in the home of a past student of the Bachelor of Music course.

Funding for the harpsichord was raised by the Mercy Campus Harpsichord Fundraising Committee.

Funds raised from donations, special concerts and social events contributed to the purchase.

The sale of Chateau Tahbilk wine, with a distinctive harpsichord label, also is assisting the effort.

It is expected that further activities during the next twelve months will enable the total cost of \$25,000 to be met.

The harpsichord is used for practice and teaching students in the Bachelor and Master of Music courses, as an accompaniment for singers, instrumentalists, and the Campus choir, and for recitals at Mercy Campus and elsewhere.

State Prize for our Entrant

Australian Catholic University student Hye-Young Lee took third place in the Open Division of the 24th Annual Japanese Language Speech Contest in NSW held on July 25 at the Japan Foundation.

Present at the contest was the Consul-General of Japan, Mr M Noguchi.

Hye-Young Lee, a second-year student in the Bachelor of Arts course, is the first Australian Catholic University student to enter the contest.

A competent student who has only been studying Japanese at the University for three semesters, Hye-Young gave an excellent performance competing against students who had lived in Japan.

The Consul-General commented on Hye-Young's high standard, saying how



Mr Masaaki Noguchi Consul-General of Japan congratulates Hye-Young Lee.

surprised and pleased he was at her command of Japanese after such a short time of study.

Ecumenical book wins prize



The book, *Bringing Churches Together*, written by the University's Associate Professor Gideon Goosen was launched earlier this year by Dr Robert Gribben, the General Secretary of the Victorian Council of Churches, at the offices of the Victorian Council of Churches.

The book had been earlier launched in Perth (Notre Dame Australia University) by Dr W Greening and in Sydney at Australian Catholic University's Mount Saint Mary Campus by the Rev. Dorothy McMahon.

Bringing Churches Together studies the history and theology of ecumenism as well as current dialogues.

Emilio Castro, World Council of Churches, commenting on the book said it is "a down-to-earth book which does

not avoid polemic themes but treats them with full candour, evenhandedness and hope." He sees *Bringing Churches Together* as "an invitation to participate in the thrill of the ecumenical movement."

Reconciliation Ceremony at Mount Saint Mary Campus

Fr Paul Glynn and Fr Leo Baker celebrated a special liturgy dedicated to reconciliation and peace between the people of Japan and Australia at Mount Saint Mary Campus on August 24.

Fr Glynn and Fr Baker have returned to Australia after spending long periods in Japan as missionaries.

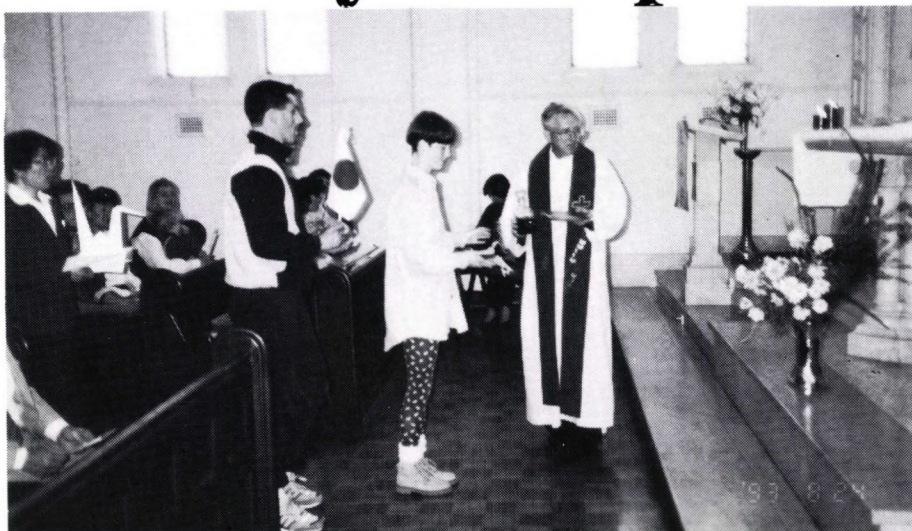
The liturgy was organised with assistance from the Japanese teaching staff.

Inspiration for it came from a similar ceremony held in Japan in 1992, led by Hitoshi Motoshima, Mayor of Nagasaki.

Attending the liturgy were Mr Bruce Dureau, president of the NSW branch of the Australia-Japan Society and Mrs Dureau, who both participated in the ceremony, members of the University community, and Japanese visitors.

The Japanese visitors participated in parts of the liturgy in Japanese and led the singing of "The Bells of Nagasaki", a hymn well known in Japan, accompanied by a koto player.

To conclude the liturgy Fr Glynn called upon the congregation to follow the example of Dr Takashi Nagai of Nagasaki in seeking peace within themselves, within their families, and within the world community.



A scene during the reconciliation ceremony.

Special Workshop a Success

Third-year nurses from the Bachelor of Nursing program and students from the Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) course met with students from the fourth year Bachelor of Social Work program at Queensland University and first-year Police Constables at an interdisciplinary symposium held at McAuley Campus on July 30.

Members of the symposium enacted a problem family scenario, aspects of which were familiar to members of the audience.

Each group then discussed the best method of resolving the problem from their perspective and presented their find-

ings to the other groups.

The advantages of such symposiums became clear when the audience broke into groups to discuss the same problem again, this time using an interdisciplinary approach.

Students and the constables learned that the presentation of a single solution to complex social problems is not quite as easy as they thought and all perspectives need to be taken into account.

All agreed there is a need for these symposiums to be established as part of professional training, and there are plans to run a similar program next year.

College of Education Fellowship

Associate Professor Deirdre J Duncan reached a pinnacle in her career in educational administration by being awarded a Fellowship of the Australian College of Education in October.

Regional Director of Aquinas Campus, Associate Professor Duncan was one of 22 Fellows awarded the prestigious honour at a special conferral ceremony in Melbourne.

Associate Professor Duncan, who grew up in Sydney, was the first woman in Australia to receive a Doctorate in education administration in 1976.

She was also the first senior resident tutor of St Albert's College at the Univer-

sity of New England, and the first and only lay principal at St Martin's in the Pines. She now is on the Board of Directors of St Columba's College Essendon, a large Catholic girls secondary college.

As regional director at Aquinas Campus, Associate Professor Duncan is responsible for the University's Master of Administration course taught in Hong Kong.

Associate Professor Duncan said her goal had always been to be an effective educational administrator rather than "set out to pick up awards along the way."



Sr Grace, Dr Nagai among guests at the special liturgy.

TWO VISITING SCHOLARS

Oxford

Australian Catholic University has welcomed its first Visiting Scholar, Rev. Dr Joseph Munitiz sj, Master of Campion Hall, Oxford since 1989, to the McAuley Campus.

The Visiting Scholar scheme is part of the portfolio of Post-Graduate Research Programs at McAuley Campus directed by Associate Professor Pauline Allen, Head of School, Religion and Philosophy. The scheme will bring each year to McAuley Campus one or two distinguished scholars who will give a public lecture and seminar for a small specialist group.

As inaugural Visiting Scholar Dr Munitiz addressed guests at the Aquinas dinner, an annual event now organised by Mr Jim Graham, McAuley Campus Librarian, on July 9.

Dr Munitiz has won scholarly acclaim internationally for his work on the theology of the Byzantine church, which has resulted in the production of Greek texts never before edited.

Born in Wales of Basque parents, Dr Munitiz was educated in Britain, Spain, Rome, and France, gaining his doctorate from the Sorbonne.

A former editor of The Heythrop Journal, Dr Munitiz is fluent in several modern European languages, and also is considered a world-wide expert on the personal writings of Ignatius of Loyola.

At the Aquinas dinner Dr Munitiz lectured on "Catechisms in the Making: Questions and Answers in the Eighth Century and Today."

In his lecture Dr Munitiz spoke of the on-going process of catechising the faith, first speaking about the influential Byzantine catechism of the eighth century compiled by the monk-priest Anastasius of Sinai.

This work comprises questions which were put to Anastasius by a variety of people. The catechism gives an insight into the everyday lives of Christians of the time.

In his lecture Dr Munitiz asks whether the questions asked then are relevant today, pointing out that catechisms are valid only when we face up to the questions that people are, in fact, asking.

He suggested that if we are to teach future generations the wonders of the faith we must be prepared first to listen to their questions.

Dr Munitiz has been lecturing at Australian Catholic University for his spe-



Rev. Dr Joseph Munitiz sj, and Associate Professor Pauline Allen at the Aquinas dinner. (photograph: Catholic Leader).

cialist seminar on the personality of Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits.

During these seminars Dr Munitiz' discussion has been "trying to dispel the myths about Ignatius" who was "more of a diplomat than a soldier, a gifted mystic,

which people don't generally appreciate, and who, although he talked about 'blind obedience', expected not a wooden obedience, but a reflective, intelligent obedience, and who was a theologian of depth, his theology wholly Trinitarian.

Notre Dame, Maryland

Sister Kathleen Feeley ssnd, is a Visiting Scholar for the second semester of 1993 and the first of 1994.

In June 1992 Sister Kathleen completed the final year of her tenure of 21 years as President of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, before proceeding on a well-deserved sabbatical.

The first part of her 'holiday' was spent as a Fulbright Fellow in the University of Madras, India.

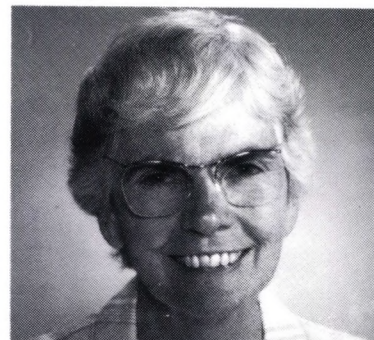
Sister Kathleen has spent a semester at McAuley Campus, is now at MacKillop Campus, and will be visiting both Signadou and campuses in Victoria before returning to the United States.

Sister Kathleen's academic field is in the teaching of literature, specialising in American Literature. She has published two books and many reviews, essays, and contributions to periodicals.

Starting in 1950 as an elementary school teacher, Sister Kathleen later completed studies at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland (BA 1962), Villanova University, Pennsylvania, and Rutgers University, New Jersey (PhD 1970).

Sister Kathleen has been awarded two honorary doctorates, by St Vincent College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania and Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sister Kathleen has received numerous



Sr. Kathleen Feeley

awards for her civic and humanitarian leadership, including 'Woman of the Year' awards by the Jewish National Fund Women's Auxiliary and the Maryland Colonial Society.

In 1971 Sister Kathleen was President of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities.

When she first commenced her college had about 500 students and a budget which almost was in the red.

Sister Kathleen's devotion to her role as President and her concentrated work improved the college and its facilities, providing extended education programs and increased student enrolments.

During the period leading up to the present enrolment of 2400 the college added a continuing-education program for older woman, a Weekend College for Working Women, and a summer seminar for inner-city minority women.

Mabo: A Personal View

Professor Raimond Gaita of the University's Institute of Advanced Research addressed an audience of staff and students at Mount Saint Mary Campus on the *Mabo* judgment in September.

He stressed that he was not speaking as a professional philosopher, but as a citizen who happened to be a philosopher and in whose discussion this would show for good or for ill.

In the High Court judgment, Justices Deane and Gaudron said that the dispossession of the Aboriginal peoples had left a "national legacy of unutterable shame"; that "constitutes the darkest aspect of the history of this nation."

The judge also said that "the nation as a whole must be diminished unless and until there is an acknowledgment of, and retreat from, these past injustices".

Professor Gaita defended them against the charge that such language was intrinsically unsuited to a dispassionate judgment.

Prof. Gaita also defended the judges against the charge that they had subverted the integrity of the law and of the High

Court for the sake of (perhaps morally worthy) political ends.

He said that "their primary concern, as it appeared in their judgments, was not 'with the effects of injustice upon the Aborigines, but with its effects on the law'; that their 'concern for the Aborigines was mediated and constrained by that primary concern for the integrity of the law, which was not only permissible, but obligatory for them'".

Prof. Gaita said that "no serious conception of justice can be exhausted by the characterisation of proper legal practice; that justice - not merely the kind which some critics of the *Mabo* judgement describe as 'social justice' but the kind which makes just process just - must be conceived as transcendent to judicial procedures and practices."

Prof. Gaita commented on the charge that the judges were irresponsible because they were insufficiently attentive to the economic consequences of their judgements.

He said that because they believed that "the dispossession of the Aboriginal peoples is one of the 'darkest chapter(s)' in Australian history, they may reasonably have hoped that their fellow citizens would consent to such suffering as an unavoidable consequence of the Court's concern to purge the law of its complicity in the events which brought shame to the nation.

Prof. Gaita said: "The law is the most important element in the definition of the political persona by virtue of which a person may have a national identity of which he or she may be proud or ashamed or, as is likely, both.

"That being so, the *Mabo* judgment should not be contrasted with the national interest: it should be seen as an expression of that kind of concern with law and with justice which is essential to any conception of the national interest which acknowledges the distinction between jingoism and lucid patriotism."

Prof Gaita also discussed the difference between guilt and shame.

He said that "although we may feel guilt only for what we do, we may be held responsible for the guilt of others who stand in certain relations to us — if, for example, they are our parents, our children, our ancestors or our fellow citizens.

"If we take the notion of 'being held responsible' to include the idea that we may be called to discharge obligations



Professor Raimond Gaita.

incurred by our relations to others who are guilty even though we are not, and if we include in it the notion that we may be required lucidly to acknowledge our shame over what we have inherited, then there is nothing confused in the idea that we may be responsible for deeds for which we are not guilty and for which we are in no other way culpable."

Prof Gaita argued that the recognition of native title was "acknowledgement that we have only given Aborigines what we owe them."

"The fact that the substance of native title is determined by their own laws and customs expresses the recognition, among other things, that we cannot unilaterally determine what we owe them and how far we will go in its practical acknowledgment," Prof Gaita said.

The full text of Professor Gaita's discussion may be read (in two parts) in *Quadrant*, September and October 1993.

U.K. Academic Tour

Dr Allan Doring from the Faculty of Education, McAuley Campus recently travelled to the United Kingdom after being awarded a British Council Academic Links and Interchange Scheme Travel Grant.

While in the UK Dr Doring spent five weeks at the University of East Anglia, Norwich and five weeks at the University of Surrey, Guildford. He spent a further three weeks making brief visits to several universities on the continent and within Scotland and England.

During the visit Dr Doring examined research trends and practices in the sociology of education and qualitative research methodology, particularly in the Social Sciences.

Dr Doring also reviewed the preparation, production and offering of teaching material in "educational packages".

One of the highlights of Dr Doring's visit was attendance at an International Conference on "Initial Teacher Training Through Partnership" held at Gatwick.

Student Eyes Games

Australian Catholic University student, Donna Adamson, has the Commonwealth Games in her sights.

A first-year Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching student at Ballarat's Aquinas Campus, Donna recently competed in three major athletics meetings in England.

Representing Australia, Donna was the fastest qualifier in the under-20 British Amateur Athletics Association (AAA) 400 metres championship.

Although her time of 56 seconds was more than two seconds slower than her personal best, Donna was elated with her victory.

"I had no idea what to expect, and to win was just great," she said.

Donna also ran third in the 400 metre race.

She ran her fastest time of the tour for the British AAA seniors event at Birmingham.

Donna drew Olympian Phyliss Smith in her heat and was fourth in 55.6 seconds.

Trials for next year's Commonwealth Games were held in October. Donna's aim is a berth in the Australian 4 x 400 metre relay team.

The best of luck to our Aquinas student!

Team scores well at Inter-varsity Games

A team of thirty students represented Australian Catholic University at the SportsPlus National Games held at the St Lucia Campus of the University of Queensland on October 26 to 29.

It is the first time the University has been represented at the Inter-varsity Games.

At the opening ceremony 5000 competitors gathered from Australian, New Zealand and South African universities.

Ann Mitchell, President of the Australian University Sports Federation, spoke of the potential of university sport in Australia and the hard work and professional approach taken in organising the games.

The University's team performed well bringing home seven medals.

Two medals in judo were awarded to first year Human Movement student Robert Maurency, who won his weight division and also the award of Champion of Champions.

Hannah Reilly won a gold medal in the Womens Shot Put, while Debbie Sesmenko also was awarded a gold medal in the Womens Hammer Throw.

Veronica Kutman was awarded a silver medal for her performance in the Womens Javelin.



The University's successful team.

A silver medal also was awarded in the Women's 300 metre and a bronze medal in swimming.

The Women's Touch Football team came fourth and the Women's Netball team scored seventh after being beaten by

the eventual winning team, Newcastle.

The next Inter-varsity Games will be held in Wollongong. We hope the enthusiasm of the students who attended the Brisbane games will carry over to the 1994 games, and bring even greater success.

Student wins Major Music Award

Australian Catholic University Master of Music Student, Christopher Mason, was awarded the 1993 Musicology Prize at the annual Honours and Post-graduate Students' Conference of the Victorian Chapter of the Musicological Society of Australia (MSA), held at the University of Melbourne on October 2-3.

Christopher's award-winning paper was entitled "The Gentleman's Journal (1692-1694) as a Source of English Secular Song".

A second Master of Music student from the University, Slavomir Zumis, also presented a paper at the conference entitled "Programmatic Sources Associated with Solo Piano Pieces with Religious Titles by Franz Liszt.

The University's honours year to the Bachelor of Music course was first introduced in 1991. Six students are currently enrolled in the Master of Music Program.

Italian Culture Discussed



The Italian Studies department from Mount Saint Mary Campus organised a conference on Interdisciplinary Aspects of Italian Culture on October 1 at MacKillop Campus.

Guests of honour were Ms Franca Arena, MP and Dr Fabio de Nardis, Italian Consul-General.

Dr Gerlando Butti, Director of the Italian Institute of Culture, also was present.

The program included presentations by Dalia de Nardis - "Aspects of the Position of Women in Italian Society: Social and Political Considerations", Nicole Helmy - "Reading a Text: an Analysis of Umberto Eco's Work", and Antonio Man-

At the conference on Italian Culture — Front: I Franceschini (Lecturer); Dott Dalia De Nardis; Dr T Piccioli (Lecturer); Franca Arena, A Mansueto, N Helmy.

Back: Consul General for Italy, F De Nardis, Dott G Butti (Director of Italian Institute of Culture), Professor Dan Stewart.

suetto — "Gestures in Italian: A Socio-Cultural Perspective."

The wide range of subjects presented and discussed attracted a numerous audience including prominent members of the Italian community and students and colleagues from the University.

On track for higher learning

Melbourne's famous trams have been used to publicise Australian Catholic University.

Large advertising panels displayed on the side of 10 trams on routes in central Melbourne and suburbs promoted the University during the months of June, July and August.

Operating from South Melbourne, Glenhuntly and East Preston depots, trams which traverse the central business district were selected to gain maximum exposure.

Another two trams operating from Melbourne's Essendon depot (directly opposite Mercy Campus) carried advertising panels during September.

Although the advertising agency has not yet finalised its assessment of the campaign, feedback to the University's local Public Relations Committee is favourable.

Public Relations Committee Chairman, Associate Professor Kevin Burke, says the aim of making the general public aware of the existence of the university had been advanced by the tram advertising and a general public relations campaign.

FEMALES TO THE FORE

Australian Catholic University has the highest percentage of female staff (57.5%), the highest percentage of females at senior lecturer level and above (37.6%), and the highest percentage of females with tenure (55.1%) in listing of academic staff in Australian universities for 1992.

These details were released in Report Number 18 (August 1993) in the DEET (Department of Employment Education and Training) Higher Education Series, entitled "Female Academics".

In 1992, the year of reference, females represented 31.9% of Australian university staff, with 29.2% of staff at senior lecturer level and above being female.

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Canadians at Strathfield for 18 months



A group of 17 Canadian students recently arrived in Sydney to complete their Dip Education course through Australian Catholic University.

They are studying at Mount Saint Mary Campus.

The students are from universities around the Province of Ontario, and will take approximately 18 months to complete the course.