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## FIRST PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY

**Australian Catholic University has appointed leading Australian scripture scholar and theologian, Rev. Dr Francis J. Moloney, as its first Professor of Theology.**

He was previously Head of the Biblical Studies Department of the Catholic Theological College, Clayton, Victoria.

Father Moloney was born in 1940 and educated in Melbourne by the Sion Sisters, the Christian Brothers, and at the University of Melbourne.

Ordained a Priest of the Salesian Order in Melbourne in 1970 Father Moloney was appointed by Pope John Paul II in June 1986 to the International Theological Commission to the Holy See, and continues to be a member of the Commission.

From 1966 to 1972 he studied in Rome at the Salesian Pontifical University and the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and was awarded a Licence in Sacred Theology and a Licence in Sacred Scripture.

From 1972 to 1975 he carried out research at the University of Oxford and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, in 1976.

In 1991 he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities, and in 1992, was appointed a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for Services to Religion.

Dr Moloney has also been Visiting Professor in Rome at the Salesian Pontifical University, the Gregorian University, the Pontifical Biblical Institute and the Pontifical Institute "Regina Mundi"; in Jerusalem at the



**Rev. Dr F. J. Moloney, Professor of Theology.**

French Biblical and Archaeological School; and in Victoria at several Theological Institutes.

Father Moloney is the author of 20 books and monographs as well as many articles.

As the first Professor of Theology at Australian Catholic University he will be directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, with the task of undertaking and developing teaching, scholarship and research in Theology.

## Special honour for Dr Harman

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University was conferred on Rev. Dr F. H. Harman on May 2.

Dr Harman is one of Australia's leading scholars, and in 1992 he was appointed an Officer in the Order of Australia for his contributions to Bioethics, Religion and Education.

He currently is parish priest at St John the Baptist Church, Clifton Hill, Melbourne, and was a Foundation Member of the Council of the Institute of Catholic Education (Melbourne).

The Honorary Award to Dr Harman was made by the Chancellor of Australian Catholic University, His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy.

The presentation was made at the graduation ceremony for the Faculty of Education in Melbourne.

Dr Harman delivered the Occasional Address at the graduation ceremony. (See page 10).

Dr Harman is the second person to have received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University.

Sir Bernard Callinan, the first, received the degree at the University's inauguration in April 1992.

The Citation for the Honorary Degree is printed on page 11.

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# Vice-Chancellor's Column

I am sure that you have all heard, and doubtless used, the expression 'I only have one pair of hands! After shaking hands with more than 2000 graduates a Vice-Chancellor might be inclined to say 'I have only one hand'. Some ask why we devote so much time and resources to graduation ceremonies. I believe strongly that the ceremony is important and I would wish it always to be a highlight in the life of the University.

This issue of *The Chronicle* is devoted mainly to the graduation ceremonies and the new members of the University, its alumni. In fact, for the first time, a copy of this issue is being sent to everyone of this year's graduates. That is a beginning in our process of building a strong alumni Association.

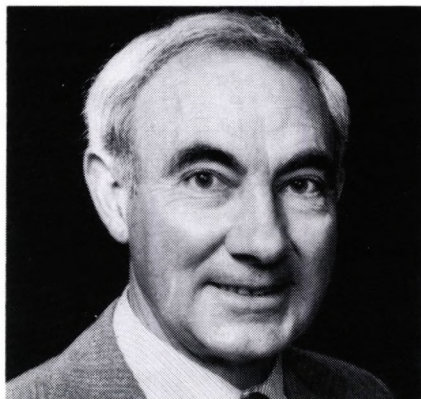
I stress both 'beginning' and 'process'. It might seem a matter for criticism that we are only now, in the fourth year of the University's existence, at the 'beginning' stage, the reason is, that we have, metaphorically, only one pair of hands.

Australian Catholic University began on 1 January 1991. We had eight campuses which had been the scene of teaching for four separate institutions. Since then we have had the task of forming a single institution, building on the achievements of the predecessor components while conscious of the requirement that we were to be one University not four.

A great deal has been achieved. Three faculties have been established and the foundation deans are well settled in office. It is their task to integrate the teaching and research across eight campuses. They have one of the most difficult tasks in the Australian academic scene and I am happy to pay tribute to their dedication to the University and its future. Much still needs to be done to co-ordinate the work of the various schools and departments to ensure that there are common objectives and standards in our enterprise.

We also have a small team of national directors to complement in administrative areas the work done by the deans in academic matters. We have centres of special activity and an Institution of Advanced Research, with three distinguished professors, has been founded. Co-ordination of the faculties, centres, institutes, and the Office of Research is under way. We are now taking significant steps forward in providing electronic systems of communications, data transmissions, and storage.

Why, then, have we taken so long to start using the rich resource of our alumni? Like all universities, we have limited funds, and decisions must be made about the amounts to be spent in competing areas. One of our early decisions was to expend as much as possible on the academic areas of teaching and research. Inevitably that meant less money than is ideal for administration. That decision was a hard one to make, and has meant extraordinary demands on our administrative colleagues. If you want evidence of this, I refer you to the recent DEET report, number 22 in its Higher



*Prof. Peter Drake*

Education Series Highlights: Diversity and Performance of Australian Universities. In table 8, ratio of non-academic to academic staff, our figure is 0.7, the lowest of the 35. The two highest figure were 1.7, and the average was 1.2. We do have a lean (but not, I am glad to say, mean) administrative machine. That explains why we haven't been able to do everything we have wished, from the beginning. Areas that have had to wait include publications, fund-raising, and alumni but all are in process and will grow in the next few years. The University Foundation is growing in strength, and already has enabled us to advertise for a Chair in Educational Leadership. We are moving to the production of faculty handbooks. And this issue of *The Chronicle* is our first attempt to begin contact with all of the graduates from a single year. Our next step, an arduous one, will be to trace as many as possible of the previous graduates, not only of the University but of our predecessor institutions.

Even some graduates need to be reminded of the meaning of 'alumni'. It derives from the Latin for a nursing or foster child, and reflects the use of *Alma Mater* (bountiful mother) as a term for a university or school. The relationship has, I hope, been a fruitful one for our graduates and I also hope that they will not forget this *Alma Mater* in the years to come.

Both the alumni and the present staff and students will be interested in recently approved changes to the executive structure of the University. In 1991 it was both proper and expedient that the operational structure of the University be determined by the existence of the four amalgamating 'state' institutions and that there be four Principals, based at them, to carry out the executive functions under the authority of the Vice-Chancellor. We have now reached the stage, earlier than expected, when we can move on to a structure that takes less initiative from a geographic order and pays more regard to overall academic development.

As you may have seen, we have recently advertised for the appointment of three Pro-Vice-Chancellors and two Rectors.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellors will assist me by undertaking delegated responsibility for assigned areas of University-wide policy while

providing a local focus for the mission, identity, and development of the integrated University.

The Pro Vice-Chancellors will be located in Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney, and their respective policy portfolios will be Quality Assurance and Academic Services, Research and Personnel, and Academic Affairs.

The Rectors will provide a local focus for the mission and identity of the University in Ballarat and Canberra, and will assist in the guidance and development of local activities in the context of the integrated University. They will also contribute to the academic work of their campus.

The five appointees will be persons of high academic standing and bear the title of Professor of the University. It is my hope that they will be appointed by the end of this year. I expect these positions to attract a strong field of applicants, both from Australia and overseas, and I will inform the University community as soon as appointments have been made.

The DEET document that I quoted is described as 'the first to focus on sector-wide diversity and performance using ... 50 indicators ... intended to serve a number of purposes: first, to add to existing market information to assist both international and domestic students to make informed comparisons between institutions; second, so institutions may use the data to compare their characteristics and performance against other institutions and as input to their strategic planning; and third, to contribute to public accountability and enhance the transparency of Government decision-making.'

The results are certainly interesting but, as with the Quality Assurance Report, there are criticisms of its methodology and conclusions.

I do not intend to comment in detail on this matter because I have neither the time nor the space to do so adequately, but I certainly join my vice-chancellor colleagues in issuing a warning against judging individual universities by relying on one (or even a combination) of the 50 indicators in this DEET Report unless it is carefully set in context. One needs to be cautious when interpreting statistics about a group of universities ranging in age from a few years to more than a century; from less than 4000 students to more than 36,000; some with expensive schools of medicine and engineering; some with one campus and others with several.

Whatever conclusions might be drawn from the tables and charts in that report I know that we have a University that is eager to achieve a respected place in the academic world, with devoted staff in teaching, research, the libraries, and administration, and (as I know from my visits) friendly cheerful students. And I am well aware of the unremitting application and personal commitment of all staff in both teaching and administration which leads to the graduation of alumni in whom we take such pride.

We have a most promising future and I ask all our staff and students and alumni to be proud of what has been achieved and to continue to do everything possible to advance our University.



# Charles Sturt University honours Archbishop Carroll and Mr Gerald Gleeson

*Two prominent supporters of Australian Catholic University were honoured at the recent graduation ceremonies of Charles Sturt University by the conferring of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters.*

Archbishop Francis Patrick Carroll, a member of the University Company, was introduced as one who had "devoted a lifetime of faithful and generous service evidenced by the tolerance and concern shown towards the parishioners who have come under his care, through his commitment to encouraging lay participation in the life of his Church, and through his involvement in, and contribution to, various factors of education".

After giving details of Archbishop Carroll's education and his career in the priesthood and as Bishop of Wagga Wagga, the citation noted that he "was regarded by all as an approachable bishop, known for his gentleness, who developed a close relationship with his congregation particularly the youth in the Diocese.

"He was tolerant and patient with those parishioners who required time to come to accept the changes occurring within the Catholic Church.

"In 1983, Bishop Carroll was installed as the fifth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn succeeding Cardinal Edward Clancy.

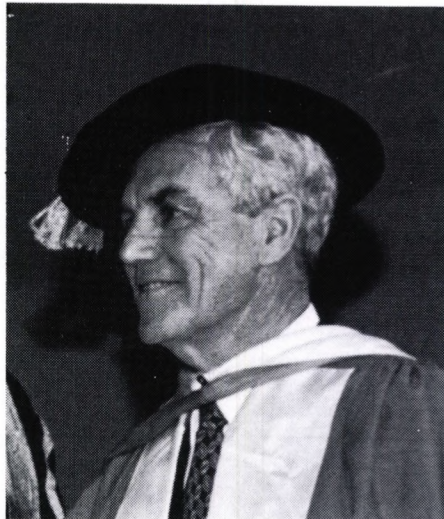
"As Archbishop he has sought to foster the formation of Diocesan Pastoral Councils and to encourage the focussing of many of these gatherings on issues which included Aboriginal people and their spirituality, ecumenism and the rural recession.

"During his time in Wagga Wagga His Grace served as a member of the Interim Council of the Riverina College of Advanced Education and for eight years as a member of the Council of the College.

"Today the University honors the caring and distinguished service Archbishop Carroll has given through the



*Archbishop Carroll*



*Mr Gerald Gleeson*

ministry, and the significant contribution he has made to Catholic education.

"And so Mr Chancellor, I commend to you Francis Patrick Carroll, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn, priest and pastor, scholar, humanitarian and education college founder, and distinguished son of the Riverina for admission to the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa)."

**Mr Gerald Gleeson, a Member of the University Company and Senate, and Chairman of the New South Wales**

Chapter, was described as one who "has made an outstanding contribution to public life in New South Wales during the past 34 years, evidenced by the many facets in which he has chosen to involve himself and by the impressive array of positions to which he has been appointed."

After mention of Mr Gleeson's degree studies at the universities of Sydney and Melbourne the citation listed highlights of his career: a teacher in the NSW Education system, lecturer at the Royal Australian Navy College at Flinders in Victoria, Head Teacher of Chemistry in the School of General Studies of the New South Wales Department of Technical Education, Inspector with the Public Service Board of NSW, and eventually one of the board's four full-time members.

Of particular interest to Charles Sturt University was his time as Chairman of the sub-committee established to incorporate the Wagga Wagga Agricultural College into Riverina College, he previously having played an important role in resiting Riverina College to a site adjacent to the Wagga Wagga Agricultural College.

Finally Mr Gleeson held the position of Head of the NSW Premier's Department, with Mr Neville Wran as Premier, until 1988 when he retired.

In 1989, in recognition for his many years of public service, Mr Gleeson was made a Companion of the Order of Australia.

"And so Mr Chancellor, I commend to you Gerald Gleeson, companion of the Order of Australia, Bachelor of Science (University of Sydney), Bachelor of Education (University of Melbourne), and Master of Education (University of Sydney), distinguished public servant, a pioneer of advanced education in this State, a company director, churchman, friend and supporter of Charles Sturt University, for admission to the degree of Doctor of Letters (honoris causa) of this University."



## VISUAL ARTS GO PUBLIC

For the first time, graduating students from the B Ed Visual Arts Course at Castle Hill Campus moved their exhibition into the public arena.

The exhibition was held at the Cyberspace Gallery, Glebe, after previously being held at the North Sydney Campus.

Since inception, the exhibitions have presented innovative and challenging works dealing with personal and cultural issues, using a wide range of media.

The exhibition is regarded as the culmination of ongoing Visual Art Practice, providing professional experience for the students.

All aspects of the exhibition, including catalogue design, posters, invitations, opening night activities and installation of the exhibition, were managed by the students.

Many persons associated directly with Visual Arts and Visual Arts education attended the exhibition.

They included artists, representatives of the NSW Board of Studies, Art Gallery of NSW, the Catholic Education Office, the NSW Department of School Education, the Art and Education Society, the Australian Institute of Art Education and other tertiary institutions in Sydney.

## Orff Schulwerk

For the second successive year, students at Mount St Mary Campus, Strathfield, responded enthusiastically to a special program conducted by staff expert, Christoph Maubach.

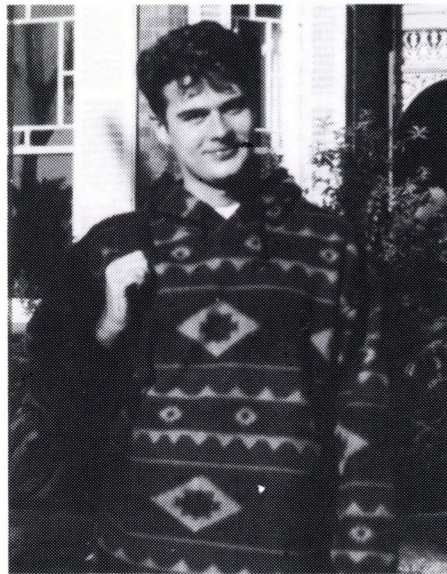
Entitled "Music and Movement Education — Orff Schulwerk", the 12-hour long weekend program was held on March 26-27, and was organised by Bernice Lindner, a lecturer at Mount St Mary Campus.

Christoph Maubach is a lecturer at Mercy Campus, Melbourne. Since 1980 he has conducted workshops, courses and seminars on The Orff Schulwerk Approach to Music and Dance Education in Australia, Germany, Estonia, Greece and Switzerland.

Mr Maubach currently is a member of the Australian National Council of Orff Schulwerk Board of Directors.

Students from Canada in the Dip Ed music program, and students from the B Ed music program, took part in the weekend school.

## JET WINNER



Mr Tony Rotter has been selected from about 1000 applicants to be one of 120 persons to join the Japanese Exchange Teaching program (JET) conducted by the Japanese government.

He is a second year Bachelor of Arts student at Mount St Mary Campus.

Participants in the JET program come from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, and the United States.

They attend schools in Japan as assistant English language teachers for a period of 12 months.

Mr Rotter said: "I have studied Japanese at Australian Catholic University for one and half years and found it a very challenging experience.

"Teaching in Japan will provide me with an opportunity to enhance my Japanese language skills and to develop vocational orientation."

Mr Rotter has been appointed to a high school in Saga City, in Saga Prefecture, southern Japan, and left in July to begin his assignment.

## PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Staff and students of McAuley Campus gathered at the Campus Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Wednesday May 11 to celebrate the 1994 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The service, an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God, was led by Father Joseph Sardic, University Chaplain, and Rev. Helen Mills, a minister of the Uniting Church in Australia, and General Secretary of Queensland Churches Together.

Students participating in the service

## CONFERENCE HOST

Australian Catholic University hosted the 10th Annual International Conference of the Mythopoeic Literature Society of Australia in early July.

Mythopoeia? That's the making of myths and mythologies to explain the world we inhabit.

The conference was organised by Dr Janeen Webb (Christ Campus) and Dr Andrew Enstice (Mercy Campus), both of the Department of Humanities in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The venue was Newman College in Melbourne, and international speakers included:

\* Jack Dann, leading American science fiction writer and editor. Dann has more than 30 books to his credit, including "The Man Who Melted", "Starhiker", and "High Steel". Soon to be released by Bantam Books is his major historical novel about Leonardo da Vinci, "The Memory Cathedral".

\* Anthony Swithin, Canadian fantasist, geologist, historian, and folksinger, author of the "Perilous Quest for Lyonesse" series and more than 400 geological books and papers.

The conference brought together leading academics, writers and editors in a celebration of myth, fantasy and science fiction.

Among them were Peter Nicholls, editor of the international award-winning "Encyclopedia of Science Fiction", released last year in the United States and the United Kingdom. The Russian version will appear later this year.

Australian authors who attended the three-day event included Damien Broderick (Melbourne Age science fiction critic), Van Ikin, Sean McMullen, Russell Blackbord and Paul Collins.

included Anna Hawley, soloist, Jenny McGibbon and Fiona Plunkett, readers, and Maria Giufre, Nicole Flannery and Tania van Mosseveld, who presented the symbols of water, cross and candle.

Staff participants included Mr Tony Robertson and Ms Maria Wagner, song leaders, Mrs Sandra Goleby, who read the Gospel, and Dr Denis McLaughlin, who led the petitions.

In welcoming Rev. Helen Mills to the University Associate Professor Peter Meere pointed out the gathering was a 'first' for McAuley Campus.



# Graduation Ceremonies Feature

## WOMEN TO THE FORE

**Graduation ceremonies were held for all Australian Catholic University campuses during April and May.**

Female graduates outnumbered male graduates by nearly four to one with a total 2771 students graduating — 2161 females and 610 males.

There were 509 graduates from courses in 1993 at Brisbane. Total female graduates numbered 408 with 101 males graduating.

In Sydney, 753 females graduated with 261 males, including graduates from Nigeria, P R China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Fiji.

One thousand and forty-two students

graduated at Victorian graduation ceremonies held for Aquinas, Christ and Mercy Campuses. Female graduates outnumbered male graduates by more than four to one with 839 females and 203 males. The total graduates from Aquinas was 307, with Christ and Mercy Campuses graduates numbering 303 and 432.

Signadou Campus graduates numbered 161-122 females and 39 males.

In Adelaide nineteen females and three males graduated, and twenty females and three males graduated in Auckland.

Degrees were awarded in the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Health Sciences.

## Prof Bourke at Signadou



**Professor Paul Bourke was the Occasional Speaker at the Canberra ceremony, for graduates in Arts and Sciences and in Education, on Saturday April 23.**

He is Head of the Division of Historical Studies at the Institute of Advanced Studies at the Australian National University.

Professor Bourke is a graduate of the University of Melbourne and of the University of Wisconsin, where he completed his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in American History.

He has held academic appointments at Melbourne, Flinders and the ANU, as well as at Smith College, Harvard, and the University of Pennsylvania in the United States; and at Sussex, in the United Kingdom.

He was awarded a Doctor of Letters degree at Flinders University in 1989, has served two terms as President of the Australian and New Zealand American Studies Association, and is President of the Australian Historical Association.

He has published extensively, and this year was elected President of the Australian Academy of Social Sciences.

## Graduates told "stay in touch"

**Contrasts between attitudes to "religious" universities in Australia and those in Europe and the United States were highlighted by Professor Paul Bourke in opening his Occasional Address at the ceremony for Signadou graduates.**

Professor Bourke then spoke at length on the difficulties of establishing a university in Australia at this time.

"The very notion of what a university is and should do is less stable and more in the process of evolution now, than, I think, for many decades," Professor Bourke said.

Much of the instability about the role of Australian universities arose from changing government attitudes, he indicated.

Governments had traditionally allowed universities to exist at the margins of their concern, producing professionals, such as teachers, lawyers, and doctors.

Now, governments increasingly believe that universities had something to do with the national health, especially economic growth.

"And so, all kinds of interventions and management exercises flood in on these places at a daily rate," Professor Bourke said.

Examples he instanced were: pressures to be able to demonstrate accountabilities

across a wide front; incentive moneys of various kinds; pressures to conduct research aligned with socio-economic objectives; and pressures to be managerial and corporatist in the conduct of university business. These, he said, were special challenges to Australian Catholic University.

Professor Bourke reminded graduates of the relationship between their formal tertiary education and their acquiring of the tricks of the trade or the skills necessary to perform the teaching task.

In so doing, they should draw on their university experience in which they had learned to stand back and make a critical evaluation and assessment.

Professor Bourke urged the graduates to retain a fruitful lifelong association with Australian Catholic University.

"Without the basic work, without the exposure to the continuities of higher learning, even if only for a brief period, the work at the applied end of the spectrum loses out," he said.

University preparation provided a kind of enclave in life for students to stop and think, learn to be sceptical, quizzical and critical of the basic premises of what they were doing.

"The old idea of university as an institution to which people proceeded lock-step from high school and left, never to return, is only a memory," Professor Bourke said.



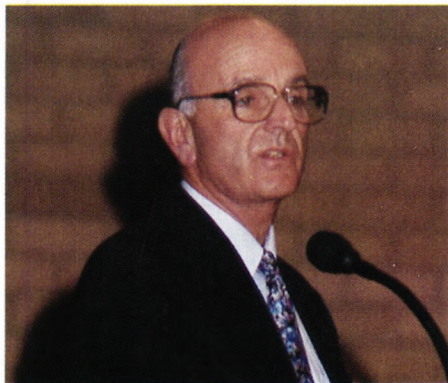
# Colourful Graduation



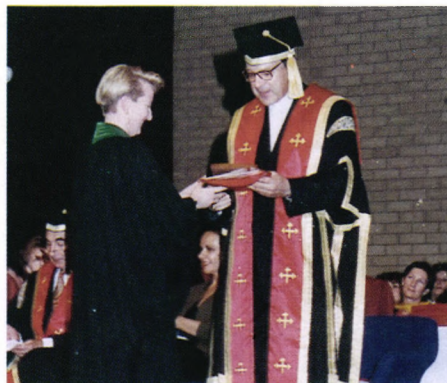
McAuley Campus' first group of Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Palliative Care) graduates. **Back Row:** Dianne Christie, Janette Wilton, Denyse Haseman, Christine Sheehan, Valda Poulton, Georgina Slade, Beverley Bailey, Lynette Willmet, Maureen Hazelwood. **Front Row:** Gaylene Coulton, Ellen Parle, Margaret Cook, Debbie Canning, John Rosenberg, Carolyn Sherwell, Lyndal Moore, Nea Cameron-Smith, Valerie MacNevin.



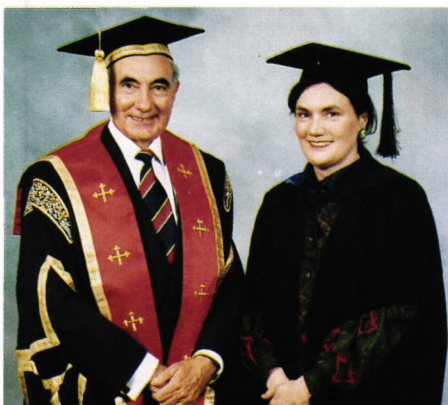
Graduates and audience standing at the ceremony, Ballarat.



Dr Ronald Spencer, Occasional Speaker at graduation ceremony in Sydney on April 7.



Pro-Chancellor, Bishop George Pell awards the Diploma in Teaching prize to Diana Marie Sullivan at Sydney graduation ceremony on April 6.



Dr Margot Hillel, Lecturer in the Department of Humanities, Christ Campus, after receiving her Excellence in Teaching Award from Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor at the graduation ceremony in Melbourne on May 3.



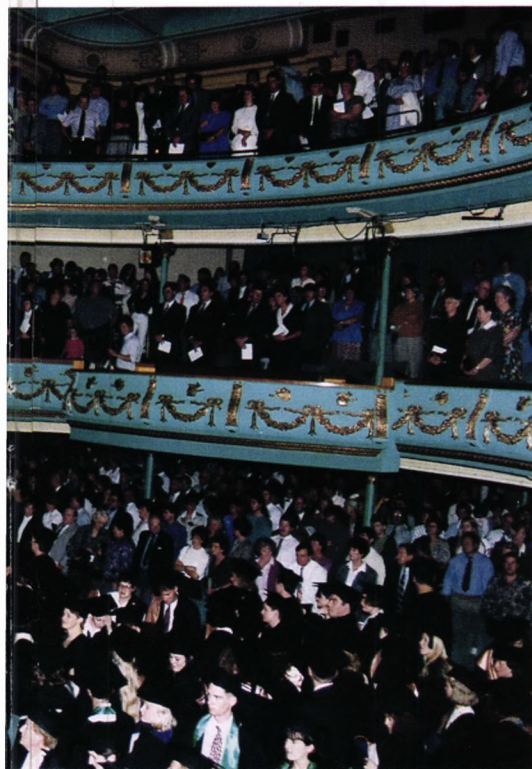
Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor, presents Dr Denis McLaughlin, Head of the Department of Professional Development at McAuley Campus, with the Excellence in Teaching Award at the Brisbane Ceremony.



Bachelor of Education graduates: Paul Chapman after Signadou Campus graduation.



# ation Ceremonies



Conclusion of Aquinas Campus graduation



Archbishop Frank Little, President of the Company, Cardinal Edward Clancy AC, Chancellor, Dr F H Harman, and Professor Peter Drake, Vice-Chancellor at the graduation ceremony in Melbourne on May 2, where Dr Harman received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University.

## A PROUD MOMENT



Bateman, Dominica Carberry and Kellie  
tion ceremony held on April 23.



Australian Catholic University Victorian Division Principal, Professor Bernard Daffey (left) shared a proud moment with his godson, Mathew Stephenson after a recent La Trobe University graduation. Mathew's father Mr Denis Stephenson (Manager, Buildings and Grounds) was the Mace-bearer at the ceremony. Looking on is Professor Elwyn Davies, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Special Projects), La Trobe University.



# SUCCEED — AND EXPECT THE BEST

**The conferring of awards in the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, of Education and of Health Sciences at Brisbane was made on Saturday April 16.**

The Occasional Speaker was Professor Dennis Gibson, Vice-Chancellor, Queensland University of Technology.

Professor Gibson came to Australia in 1982 after being head of the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computing at the Newcastle Upon Tyne Polytechnic.

He was Deputy Director, and then Director, of the Queensland Institute of Technology, which later became the Queensland University of Technology.

He is a mathematician of distinguished reputation, and recently was elected to the honour of a Fellowship of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Professor Gibson congratulated the graduates and said:

"Like all transition points, leaving university is a time for reflection on the past. It's also a time to celebrate your achievement. And it's a time to think about the future and which path you take."

"There is a lot that I don't remember about my graduation."

"But I do remember the pride and amazement of my parents and that meant a lot to me. They had sacrificed a great deal for me to go to university."

"My parents didn't have the opportunity to go to university and were amazed that I wanted to be a mathematician."

"Personally I couldn't imagine anything better. At the time, it was the most important thing in the world to me. I was lucky to have parents who let me do that and took pride in me doing it."

"To me, university meant an opportunity to broaden my horizons and further my education. It was a time when I made key decisions about my life, the decision to go on to further study, to become a mathematician and to pursue an academic career."

"Tonight, families and staff can be proud of your achievement. This is a celebration of their achievement, too!"

"For most of you, the future will be bright in this exciting, challenging new region of Australia."

"I know all of you will succeed, and this university expects the best."

"I want to read some day about one of you becoming the Director of Ethics in the Queensland Government; about another establishing a hospital for the disadvantaged; about another who becomes Vice-Chancellor of Australian Catholic University; and another directing the latest Australian film, 'Crocodile Dundee in the 21st Century.'"

When thanking Professor Gibson, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Drake noted his hopes for the job prospects of our graduates, and added he saw no reason why one of them should not aspire also to the Vice-Chancellorship of Queensland University of Technology, to the delight of the audience and Professor Gibson.

## Dream — and change the world

**Ms Linda Burney, president of the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Inc., was the Occasional Speaker at the first of three ceremonies in Sydney.**

Bishop George Pell, Pro-Chancellor, presided and in introducing the Occasional Speaker, he said:

"Ms Linda Burney is President of the New South Wales Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Incorporated."

"As well, she occupies important positions in the New South Wales Board of Studies, the New South Wales Board of Vocational Education and Training, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council."

"She grew up in Whitton, a small farming community near Leeton, her birthplace."

"After schooling at Whitton, Leeton High School and Penrith High School, she became the first Aboriginal student to complete a Diploma of Teaching at the then Mitchell College of Advanced Education."

"She is experienced both in the classroom and in the administration of education, and no doubt her two young children provide a firm practical basis for her work."

In her address Ms Burney said: "Now, more than in the past, Australia must enter into the debate of its future — a future forged from the past, inherited by each generation — an all-inclusive debate."

Australia lacked deep philosophical debate, and it certainly was not considered politically expedient to raise such questions.

"Australian citizenship has to be inclusive of all Australians," Ms Burney said.

She continued:

"Australian citizenship must involve recognition of Aboriginal people as indigenous and sovereign; and it must be



*Linda Burney.*

recognised that every inch of this country has always been related to an Aboriginal nation state.

"As in the theme of the International Year of World's Indigenous People, there has to be a New Partnership."

"Australian society has to include Aboriginal people by definition and provide justice and equity:

"A united Australia which respects this land of ours, values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, and provides justice and equity for all."

"This has to mean no more cultural racism; no more exclusion of Aboriginal people and Aboriginal perspectives and Aboriginal issues from the mainstream agenda; no more Aboriginal people having to say all the time, as I keep having to say almost every day, 'What about Aboriginal issues?'"

"There is a great healing process that must take place in this country."

"We all have a role. We must always retain the ability to dream — it's a dream that can change the world!"



# Graduates' success is University success

**Mr D J Delaney, chairman of the Victorian Chapter of the University and a member of the Senate, was the Occasional Speaker at the Ballarat ceremony.**

Joe Delaney was born in Warrnambool, and lived on the family dairy farm at Bushfield for 21 years, and played football for Wangoom and South Warrnambool Rovers as a relief from other cares.

He attended the Mercy School at Woodford and the Christian Brothers schools at Warrnambool and Ballarat.

He graduated in Civil Engineering and Town Planning at the University of Melbourne, where he was a resident in Newman College.

Joe Delaney won the Sidney Myer Scholarship to Yale University to study highway and traffic engineering in 1956-57. His professional career was in transport planning and policy development and their implementation with State and Commonwealth governments.

Upon retirement, he completed a course in theological studies at Yarra Theological Union at Box Hill.

He became chairman of the Mercy Maternity Hospital board in 1986, and is now chairman of Mercy Public Hospitals Incorporated, which conducts the new Werribee Mercy Hospital and the Mercy Hospital for Women at East Melbourne.

**Mr Delaney told graduates: "The success of the university will be judged by the success of its graduates, by the success of you who have graduated today.**

"The economic and social climate of today and of the foreseeable future is greatly different from that which existed when you were born.

"It is becoming less likely that you will spend a lifetime in a secure job in a single occupation.

"Thus, it is becoming more important that your sense of identity and self-worth is rooted not solely in what you do in the work force, but in a deeper more personal understanding of yourselves, of your place in the world and of your potential to contribute to the development of a genuinely human community."

Mr Delaney pointed out how self interest had become dominant in the so-

called "real world" and service to others had been given short shrift.

He then continued:

"How do poverty of spirit, gentleness, purity of heart, grieving, the hunger for justice, mercy, peacemaking and martyrdom impact on our pursuit of success?

"Are these disturbing ideas to select as examples of human fulfilment?

"Are these 'fruits of the Spirit' relevant in our fast moving, glitzy age?

"Or, are they dismissed as simply naive, mere poetry and out-of-this-world, to be taken seriously only by the professionally religious?"

"We should be aware that achieving genuine human success is the result of a process, a new way of life, and hence must proceed by steps," he said.

Mr Delaney concluded: "In the final analysis, your genuine success will be judged not solely by what you do, but primarily by who you are."



*Mr D. J. Delaney*

## SERVE THE COMMUNITY!

**In Melbourne on Tuesday May 3 the Occasional Speaker at the ceremony for Arts and Sciences and for Health Sciences was Sister Helen Delaney.**

Sister Helen Delaney is Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy in Melbourne.

Sister Delaney comes from the western district of Victoria and received her early education there.

After joining the Mercy Order, she completed teacher training at Mercy College, now the Mercy Campus of the University.

Sister Helen taught in parish primary school in Geelong and Mildura before completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at Melbourne University and commencing a 20-year career in secondary education.

During that time she completed a Master of Education Administration degree at the University of New England.

In 1987, she commenced doctoral studies in Canada and was awarded a PhD in Canon Law from the University of Ottawa, the first woman in Australia to obtain this degree.

She was Campus coordinator at the Mercy Campus before taking up her present position.

**Sister Helen Delaney told Melbourne graduates that many personal and professional challenges lay ahead of them.**

Sister Delaney said: "I would like you to consider what contribution you are going to make to improve our world.

"Each of you has something to offer to make life better for others.

"The graduates from any university, especially one which operates under the auspices of the Catholic Church, have an obligation to serve their communities.

"As a graduate, you should have absorbed the tradition of service to the community which has been such an integral part of the ethos of all universities since their beginning, and which is so necessary in today's desperately needy society.

"This is your responsibility and your privilege — what are you going to do about it," Sister Delaney said.



# Need for Leadership

The Chancellor of the University, His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy presided at the second ceremony on the night of Wednesday April 6 for graduates in the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and of Education.

The Occasional Speaker was Sister Sonia Wagner, Superior General of the Good Samaritan Congregation.

In introducing her, Cardinal Clancy said: "Sister Wagner has awards from five institutions, in Australia and the United States, and is Deputy Chancellor of Notre Dame University in Fremantle, Western Australia.

"She has lectured, and conducted workshops in Pastoral Ministry, Leadership, and Women's Issues throughout Australia, and in the United States of America, Pakistan, New Zealand and Japan.

Sr Wagner spoke of the need for Prophetic Leadership in a Worried World. Here are extracts from her remarks:

"Conversations in the public arena these days inevitably turn to the question of leadership.

"A constant theme is the dearth of leaders.

"Take political leadership. Relentless mass media campaigns systematically explore the public and private life of every political candidate.

"More and more of their flaws are revealed. The lament goes up, 'where are the great leaders?'

"What is the cause of this? Has the political process gone berserk, or is this the symptom of a genuine malaise in the fabric of our society?



*Sr Sonia Wagner*

"There is some reluctance to assume the roles of leadership on the part of many in our community today. The prospect is daunting. The toll too great.

"We know that a new kind of leader is needed for a new age. Societal expectations are fluid and changeable — rejection is always a possibility.

"Since we do not know what the future holds we are not clear what sort of leader will be appropriate.

"If we need prophetic leaders, what might be some hallmarks of such leaders?

"I suggest these aspects for consideration: contemplation, patience, hope, and asking the right questions.

"As you move forward to take up this sacred trust of leadership, may your faith be stirred, your intellect challenged and your heart enlarged," Sr Wagner concluded.

## DR HARMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chancellor of Australian Catholic University, His Eminence Cardinal Edward Clancy, presided at the Melbourne ceremony for the Faculty of Education on Monday May 2.

The Occasional Address was delivered by Dr F H Harman who, shortly before, had received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University. (See page 11 for Citation).

Dr Harman related some of the events and background which led to the formal tertiary status of the Institute of Catholic Education, one of the forerunners of the University, as a constituent member of State College of Victoria.

Dr Harman said: "I cannot speak for the other States, but I discern in the genesis and development of the Victorian component of this University, a clear intervention of Providence.

"I see Providence in the coincidence of the formation of State College with the advent of Federal funding for tertiary bodies. I see Providence in the vision of the Bishops and religious superiors, who took a calculated risk on autonomy, and sponsored it.

"I see Providence in the circumstances which allowed coalescence of interstate campuses to form this university."

"Most of all, I see Providence in the wonderful band of Catholic laity who drew on the skills of their several tertiary professions to back up the deep faith and extraordinary negotiating ability of Sir Bernard Callinan."

## TECHNOLOGY WILL CHANGE HEALTH CARE

The Occasional Speaker at the Health Sciences graduation ceremony in Sydney on Thursday April 7 was Dr Ronald Spencer, Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent's Hospital.

Dr Spencer is a graduate in Medicine and Surgery of the University of Sydney, and a Master of Health Planning of the University of New South Wales.

He has had a long association with St Vincent's Hospital, since 1957.

As well as his position of Chief Executive Officer, he also is a director of the hospital, of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, of the Skin and Cancer Foundation, and of the Health

Services Association of New South Wales.

Dr Spencer shared with the graduates some thoughts about the health care system in which they would be working.

His main point was that the health system is undergoing major change due to technological advances, financial pressures, changing community expectation, and aging of the population.

Dr Spencer said:

"Hospitals will become smaller — a worldwide trend.

"They will be part of a health system which focuses on a continuity of care, and emphasises links with nurses, allied

health professionals, and doctors in the general community.

"They will be radically re-designed to become much more user-friendly.

"Associated with that will be mobility of staff and enhancement of general practice, with far greater community consultation.

"There will be a greater focus on research throughout the system, because of the need to measure health outcomes.

"There will be a focus on ethical issues, to decide who gets what, when every patient cannot be given access to all the technology because of costs."



# Honorary Degree for Dr Harman

**The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Drake, read the following Citation before presentation of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University to Rev Dr F H Harman on May 2. (See story page 1)**

Chancellor, the statutes of the university empower the Senate to admit to the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University someone who is "either a person of distinguished eminence in some branch of learning proper to a Faculty in the university, or a person distinguished by outstanding services to the University, meritorious cultural achievement, or eminent public services."

At this ceremony the University will honour a candidate who meets all of those criteria: learned in Theology; a distinguished participant in the very processes which led to the formation of the University; aptly described as a cultured Christian gentleman, in Cardinal Newman's definition; and eminent in service both to the Church and the State.

Francis Henry Harman was born in Brunswick in June 1917 and educated by the Sisters of Mercy and the Christian Brothers. Sixty years ago he commenced, at Werribee, the studies that would lead to his ordination as a priest.

Culture shock and multiculturalism were not terms in common use in Brunswick and Werribee in his young days, but he was certainly to experience both when he was sent to Rome in 1937 to complete his studies.

For someone of his age from Australia, living in Rome would be in itself a major new experience; but there were students of 37 nationalities in the seminary. That experience bore fruit later, in his pastoral work, when it was combined with the fluency he acquired in Italian as a result of spending a longer time in Rome than usual, not because of either idleness or incapacity: a war intervened.

He used the enforced stay to advantage, and devoted himself to his studies, completing degrees as a Bachelor of Canon Law and a Doctor of Divinity at the College for the Propagation of the Faith. Not that his years of study were without distraction: he was bombed in Rome by his own side, and, after the capitulation of Italy, he was bombed by the other side, both in England and on his way there. He

recounts these experiences with characteristic equanimity.

From the hills of Rome to those of the Dandenongs was the next transition in his life. The Reverend Dr Francis Harman became assistant priest of Ferntree Gully. The parishioners did not, however, receive the remote inhabitant of an ivory tower. Their Curate drove the school bus, 120 miles every day, and was a familiar sight in the villages and along the roads (and lanes) of the area.

The next culture shock came with his translation to the Cathedral, where his intellectual gifts were first used in the work of Church tribunals. Another change was one that has lasted for 33 years, to Clifton Hill, where Father Harman is the devoted Pastor, serving his flock with grace and compassion. Throughout his years of priestly service he has had an abiding interest in migrant communities, especially those from Italy, and evidence of the affection and respect in which he is held was apparent at the celebrations of his Golden Jubilee.

In his mature years, Dr Harman has continued his work in the discipline of Canon Law, but has made his greatest contribution in the field of medical ethics. For many years he taught nurses, and both students and practitioners of medicine, at St Vincent's and other hospitals. He has been a prime mover in the St Vincent's Hospital Bioethics Committee and its Human and Animal Research Committees.

Such involvements led naturally to his appointment by the Victorian Government in 1982 to the original Committee to Consider Social, Ethical and Legal Issues arising from In-Vitro Fertilisation. He was later appointed in 1985 as a foundation member of the statutory body, the Standing Review and Advisory Committee on Infertility. His work on that committee has been the paramount demonstration of his intellectual power, dialectical skills and ability to grasp both the scientific data and theological principles of the issues. In that committee he has shown, as he did in his Tribunal work, a clear mind, compassionate understanding and a marvellous gift for elucidating complex issues.

It was natural that Dr Harman, with his scholarly background, should take an interest in education, and that interest was a significant force in the formation of the

Institute of Catholic Education 20 years ago. He was a member of the Council of the Institute throughout its existence, and was deeply involved in its entry into the State College of Victoria system. The negotiations which led to the amalgamation of four such institutions to become Australian Catholic University owed a great deal to his attention to detail, wise guidance, and drafting skills. It is fitting, therefore, that the university should be allowed the privilege of honouring one of Australia's leading scholars.

In 1992, the Australian Government recognised his contributions to Bioethics, Religion, and Education by honouring him as an Officer in the Order of Australia.

## Media Award

**Br Peter McCracken, CFC, Lecturer in Media Education at Mount St Mary Campus, has received an Archbishop of Sydney Citation in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Christian Ideals in Media Education.**

Br McCracken received the award at the Media Mass on May 1 at St Mary's Cathedral marking the 28th World Communications Day.

The presentation was made by His Eminence, Cardinal Edward Clancy, Archbishop of Sydney and Chancellor of the University. Br McCracken is a member of the World Association of Christian Communication, the Australian Teachers of Media, and the Advisory Body to the Australian Bishop's Conference for Social Communications.

He won the Inaugural Multimedia International Award in recognition of his use of media in Evangelisation.

Br McCracken has developed audio-visual methods for Religious Education, and is the author of a popular series of 11 Visual Books.

He produced the Young Person's Guide to the Bible on LP record and 14 audio cassettes in the Cassette Bible Series, which include dramatic readings from the Bible, with music and sound effects.

His other productions include nine 16mm films for television and schools, and a video "Multimedia Catechesis" which demonstrates audio-visual methods in Religious Education for teachers. (See photo on page 12)



# Choir at International Festival

Associate Professor Geoffrey Cox directed Australian Catholic University's Mercy Campus Choir for two performances during the 24th Melbourne International Festival of Organ and Harpsichord in April.

Head of the School of Arts and Sciences at Mercy Campus, Geoffrey Cox is interested in plainchant, particularly in its adaptation for use in today's liturgies, and is well known as a choral director and organist in Melbourne.

At the choir's first performance in Monash University's Robert Blackwood Hall on April 7, a Schola from the choir performed plainchant verses with the Organ Mass of Nicholas De Grigny played by Olivier Latry, organist of Notre Dame, Paris. Radio ABC FM broadcast the performance nationally on April 15.

The second concert, "Easter at Notre Dame" held at St Mary's Star-of-the-Sea, West Melbourne on April 9 also involved organist Olivier Latry. Recorded by Radio ABC FM the concert is expected to be broadcast around Easter, 1995.

The Mercy Campus Choir was formed in 1990, mainly from students in the Bachelor of Music and Master of Music courses at the University. The repertoire of the choir has ranged from Renaissance polyphony of Palestrina to twentieth-century works by Benjamin Britten and Maurice Druflé, and includes examples of Baroque oratorio and classical Masses.

## Grant for Research

Dr Raymond Canning's book, *The unity of love for God and neighbour in St Augustine* (Augustinian Historical Institute: Heverlee-Leuven, 1993, ix+446 pp), appeared in September last year.

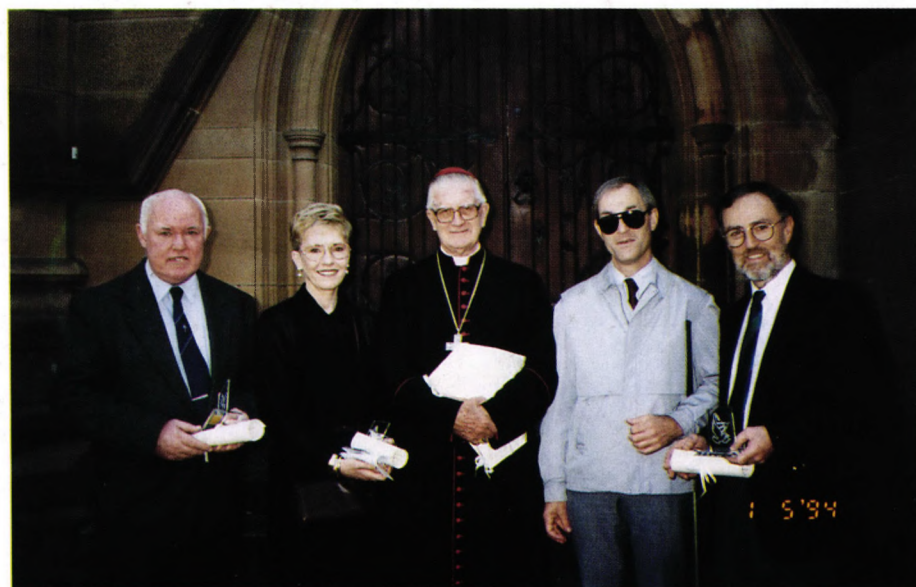
Dr Canning is Head of School of Religion and Philosophy at Signadou Campus.

Together with Associate Professor Pauline Allen (McAuley Campus), he was the recipient of an Australian Research Council infrastructure grant for 1994 in the area of *Early Christian Literature (1st-8th Century)*.

A network of researchers in this field, consisting of eleven Australian Catholic University scholars including the Foundation Professor of Theology (Rev Professor Francis Moloney), has recently been established.



## Archbishop Clancy Media Citations



Cardinal Clancy with recipients of the 1994 Archbishop of Sydney Media Citations: Br Peter McCracken, Mrs Dianne Liebmann (on behalf of her husband Steve, Nine Network); Graham Downie, Religion Reporter, Canberra Times; and Ron Nicholls, Executive Producer, ABC Religious Radio. (See story on page 11)

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