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## In the Kitchen

*"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel ..." Luke 1 : 26*

Killian McDonnell, OSB. The Tablet: 19 March, 2011

Giotto got it wrong.  
I was not kneeling  
on my red satin cushion  
in a shaft of light,  
head slightly bent.  
Actually I had just  
come back from the well.  
Placing the pitcher  
on the table I bumped  
against the edge  
spilling water on the floor.  
As I bent to wipe it up  
suddenly a glow  
as though someone had  
opened the door

to the sun.  
Rag in hand,  
hair across my face,  
I turned to see  
who was coming in  
uninvited, unannounced.  
All I saw was light bright  
against the wall.  
A voice.  
You will conceive  
the Son of the Most High  
who will save Israel.  
I stood afraid.  
Someone closed the door  
and I dropped the rag.



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**The Editor welcomes contributions and suggestions**  
**from our readers**



Our deceased and their families...

- \* **Sisters Jean Adams and Mary Benedicta**, Sisters of St Joseph and formerly both on the staff of St Francis De Sales College, Leeton.
- \* **Digby Boland**, wife **Robyn** and daughter **Michelle**, killed in the light plane accident near Moree, March 30, 2011. The family has had a long association with St Joseph's Collaage, Hunters Hill.

For those who are unwell ...

- \* **Br Charles Howard**, Campelltown.
- \* **Br Austin Stephens**, Netley, Adelaide. In good spirits and recovering in the Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre.
- \* **Br Alexander Moss**, Randwick.
- \* **Br Ken Eaton**, Ashgrove. Ex-student of St Ildephonsus, New Norcia.
- \* **Wayne Dean**, teacher at Trinity College, Lismore. Seriously injured in a traffic accident.

And also for ...

- \* Those grieving the necessity of the impending closure of the DOXA school.
- \* For the successful rehabilitation of those affected by earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and fire in recent times.
- \* For stabilisation and harmony in those countries undergoing political and social unrest.

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## *From the Provincial*



30 March 2011

Dear Brothers and Friends

We are half way through Lent and we are hopefully more aware of what is missing in our lives and more determined to seek what has been tossed away, misplaced or ignored. Maybe our heart is dry or hardening; maybe we feel no burning desire, no zeal to pray or be in God's presence: maybe we feel frozen by the chill of emptiness, maybe we feel a bit sluggish or stalled. We can be sure we will not recover in our kingdom of busyness, nor in our land of complexity and lost simplicity. There needs to be some time apart to give attention to what we need. We might even soften that which has hardened in our human heart. There could be less griping, hostility, self-centredness and disdain for differences in our world.

If we look for signs of hope, we could become sowers of hope? Perhaps we would actually sense God breathing Hope through us into the people and the places from which we have turned away. For all of us, not only during Easter, but in the year ahead, there is the possibility of fresh life being birthed. Perhaps we might become *Easter People!*

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br Julian Casey".

Br Julian Casey  
Provincial



*What follows is an outline of the planning which we undertook at our February Provincial Council Meeting. I place it here to give you an idea of what the Council is considering during the next two years.*

## MELBOURNE PROVINCE 2011

### GOALS

- TO KEEP THE GENERAL CHAPTER VISION ALIVE
- TO ATTEND TO THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION OF OCEANIA
- TO ATTEND TO THE FORMATION OF A NEW AUSTRALIAN PROVINCE
- TO ENSURE THAT CURRENT PROVINCE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE FULFILLED

## GENERAL CHAPTER VISION

THE PRESENCE OF MARY ..... TOWARDS A NEW LAND

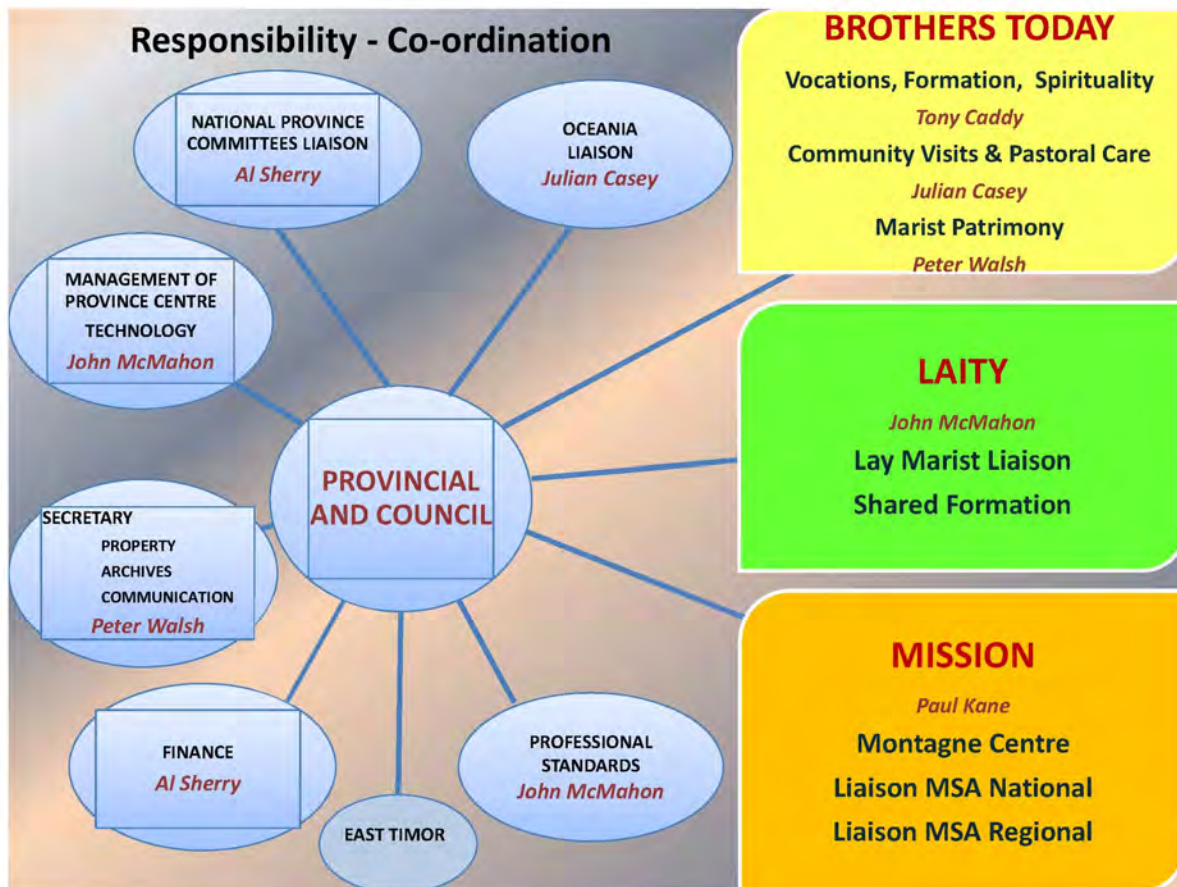


## **OBJECTIVES**

1. To keep the General Chapter Message uppermost in our minds and in our work with Communities.
2. To engage all Brothers in the process of forming a new Australian Province.
3. To ensure representation on the various Inter-Province Committees.
4. To prepare a feasibility study of East Timor Development for consideration at the September meeting.
5. To provide regular and ongoing communication concerning the development of a new Australian Province.
6. To regularly communicate developments of the Oceania Region to the Brothers of the Province.
7. To promote the Animation Theme from the December Gathering during Community visits:  

*"Behold I am doing something New - God with us"*
8. To promote and oversee the Co-ordination of Ministry:
  - a. Ministry Council Review
  - b. Vocations Promotion
  - c. Lay Marists
  - d. Young Adult Ministry
  - e. REMAR
  - f. MSA Melbourne Schools Liaison
  - g. Solidarity
9. To streamline Province Administrative Records
  - a. Personnel Files
  - b. Archives
  - c. Filing System
10. To complete the North Fitzroy House
11. To establish an Inter-Province Executive for consideration of matters between Combined Council Meetings.

# Province News ...



## BLESSING OF FITZROY HOUSE

On Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March the renovated house at Nicholson Street was blessed by **Fr Thien**, the Parish Priest of Fitzroy. About 40 friends and Brothers attended this function which was a wonderful occasion and the completion of nearly 18 months of hard work on the part of the Renovations Committee: Br Peter Walsh, Rex Cambrey, Br Allen Sherry and Sheree Limbrick. The Community have settled in well and Br Paul, on behalf of the Community, spoke of the versatile, welcoming space that it had become as well as a comfortable home which provided for gatherings and for privacy for the Brothers.



## ALICE SPRINGS

Alice Springs and its problems have been in the news in recent weeks as society in general grapples with the deteriorating social conditions in the town.

In mid March, I joined a meeting with Bishop Eugene Hurley, Carmel Bennett FMM, Chris Burke IBVM, Pauline Compton FDNCS, Clare Condon SGS, Bernadette Edgecombe SSpS, Maurice Heading SJ, Magali of Jesus LSJ, Brian McCoy SJ, John Mulrooney MSC and Tim Norton SVD, all of whom have personnel working in Central Australia. From the first session,

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it was clear that the Leaders were keen to listen and to share. It was agreed that this gathering was timely as it is a new era in ministry in Central Australia, with changes in society, government compliance and participation of religious.

It was a privilege (and often a painful privilege) for the Leaders to hear the reality as expressed by all who participated. We were profoundly moved by so much of the sharing and were aware of the spirit of God at work.

As Leaders we are proud of our members and their commitment to addressing the dignity of indigenous Australians in what is an increasingly complex and hostile environment. We lamented that this is becoming more difficult over time and wish to support local religious in their endeavours.

We are hoping that we can assist religious in the area by a renewed sense of collaboration and support as they face the challenges of living religious life in Central Australia.

The Leaders have committed to meeting again at the upcoming CRA Assembly in June in order to address some of the matters that were raised by you and others at this gathering.

### OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE



I was pleased to be able to attend the opening of the year Mass at OLSH Alice Springs. Br Paul Gilchrist and Staff did a remarkable job in bringing together over 1000 students from the three campuses in the Convention Centre. Bishop Eugene Hurley, DD concelebrated the mass with the Parish Priests and the school leaders were presented with their badges and certificates.

Hopefully, next year's celebration will be held in the **new Marian Centre** which is nearing completion. This basketball stadium, cum theatre and drama centre and annex rooms, will provide a wonderful addition to the College facilities.

### BR JOHN HILET

Br John is well settled into the Second Novitiate Programme at Manziana and his progress can be followed on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/people/John-Hilet/100001981394070>