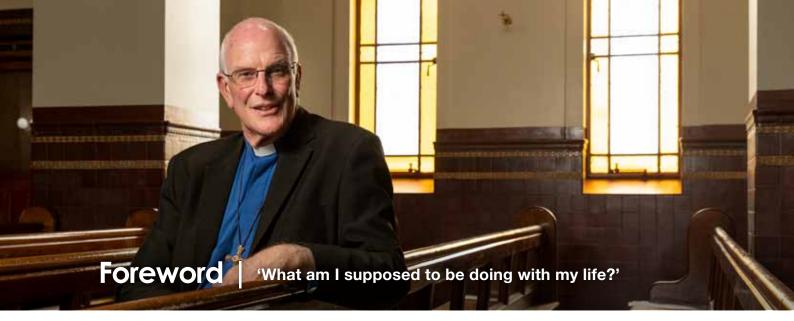


PATHWAYS TO MINISTRY



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People who ask themselves that question are, whether they realise it or not, doing a profoundly Christian thing. In the ancient world, and the pre-Christian societies of Europe, one's place in the world was a given. Under the twin authorities of the gods and your family, you were what you were in the world, the order of things was fixed, and what your life would be was pretty predictable. Christianity changed all that. Suddenly, aristocratic Roman girls were refusing to marry as their fathers commanded but rather dedicating their lives to God, or dying in the attempt. Soldiers left the army to do works of charity. Peasant boys attached themselves to monasteries. The idea that the gods had given you your place in life, and that was that, had gone. The Christian idea that God called each individual to find their salvation by responding to God's particular call and grace to them had changed the world. And shaped the way we see the world now.

This booklet, *Pathways to Ministry*, offers some possibilities to you if you happen to be asking 'What am I supposed to be doing...?' Many young people, in fact I suspect that it's 'most' young people, don't want to simply make a living or even to become rich and famous.

Most of us want to do something we feel is worthwhile, something that makes a difference to the lives around us, something that makes the world better for our having been here. Thankfully, there are many, many ways of fulfilling that desire in the modern world. What we want to do with this little booklet, is to make you aware of some of the opportunities for service to the community through the ministries of your church and, particularly, of the ways available in this diocese for beginning on such a path in life. Ministries within the church include chaplaincies in prisons and hospitals, youth ministries, people who work with students, families, refugees, the homeless and, of course, the various services to local communities through our local churches. In most fields there are ministries undertaken by priests and religious, full-time lay ministers and part-time ministers working side by side. People know that, but often it is not clear how you can get into that sort of work or even explore the possibilities. This Pathways to Ministry booklet, that forms part of the Grad Pack for School leavers, explains the various Pastoral Placement opportunities available in our Diocese and provides an overview of options for a career in ministry for those ready to explore and search out the unique calling God has placed on your life.

Are you looking to discover the calling you have in life and thinking about what gifts you have to share with the world? If so, then read this booklet. It may offer a way forward that suits your situation. God *'urges us to live a life worthy* of the calling we have received'. (Eph4:1).

As your Bishop I encourage you to take the leap into the sort of life you feel you have been *called* to live. I pray and hope that this booklet will assist some of you to find that life by opening up to you a few of the possibilities within our diocese for a fulfilling and enjoyable life in ministry.

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Most Reverend William Wright **Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle**

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Prayer...

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

- 2 Peter 1:2

Christ Has No Body...

Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

– Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)



Our Vision

To live the joy of the Gospel and share it with the world.

Our Mission

The Diocesan Synod of 1992-93, acting on behalf of the diocesan community, resolved to embrace and promote the Vatican II understanding of the Church's mission contained in the following:

The Church, because it is the People of God and the Body of Christ enlivened by his Spirit, is called to be a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people (LG1).

The Church exists to promote the Kingdom of God on earth (LG5).

This it does by proclaiming Christ – the Good News of God's love for all people – and by working in the world for justice, peace and reconciliation.

This mission finds its source and summit in the Eucharist (LG11) which, when lived in everyday life and celebrated in the liturgy, is both the living symbol of Christ's life, death and resurrection and celebrates the deepest identity of the Church as a communion of life, love and truth (LG9).

All those who, through baptism, have been initiated into the community of the Church, have the right and duty to participate in its life and mission as a response to the Spirit in their lives (LG3).

We are called to live out the commandment of Jesus: 'Love one another as I have loved you' (Jn 15:12).



Pastoral Goals

The Synod, acting on behalf of the diocesan community, accepted the following as our diocesan pastoral goals:

- That we, the Church of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, be recognised as a visible and credible sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people (LG1).
- That in every parish of the diocese all the baptised have the opportunity and formation to make their contribution to the life and mission of the Church.
- That all members of the diocesan community young and old, poor and rich, weak and strong, clergy, religious and laity, individuals, families and institutions – be recognised as working together to meet the spiritual and pastoral needs of God's people.

These goals, vision and mission were underpinned by a set of theological principles which the Diocesan Synod used as the basis of our life together and our pastoral planning activities.

The Five Foundations of Church and Ministry Life

FOUNDATION 1: Identity and Community

Fosters Christian community, hospitality, welcome and respect – an identity ground in 'communio'.

FOUNDATION 2: Worship and Prayer

 Gathers people for prayer, sacrament and liturgical celebration... is Eucharistic in life and worship.

FOUNDATION 3: Formation and Education

 Facilitates spiritual growth and promotes empowerment through education and formation.

FOUNDATION 4: Mission and Outreach

Engages people in the transformation of society – outreach through mercy and justice – to build the kingdom of God.

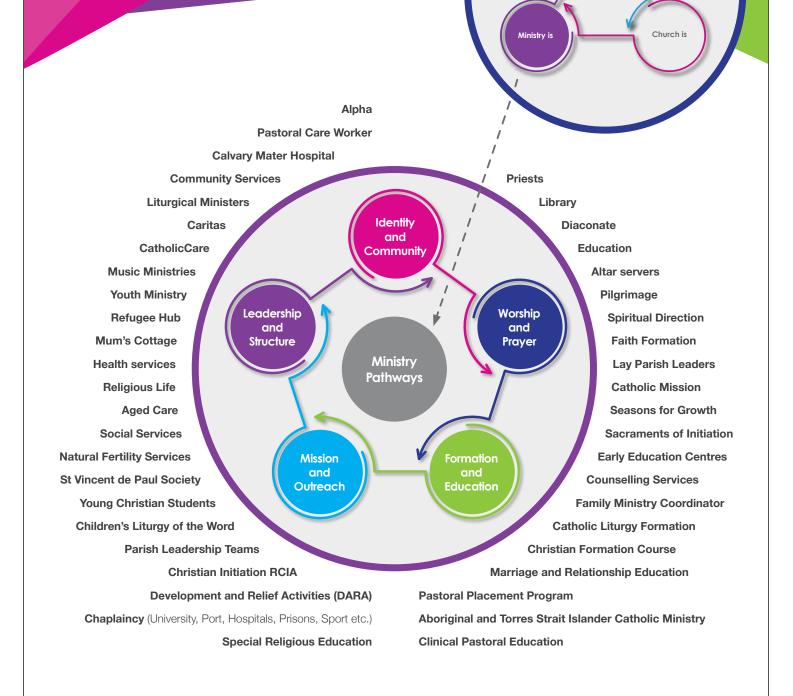
FOUNDATION 5: Leadership and Structure

 Fosters effective Christian leadership, communication, organisational and maintenance structures.

Which foundation calls you?

Ministry Pathway Opportunities

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offers a variety of Ministry Pathway opportunities. Some can be experienced at a local Parish or Diocesan level, others through involvement in the Pastoral Placement Program or through continued study and commitment.



God



Foreword

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will give you counsel with my eye upon you. (Ps 31:8)

Coming to know our true calling, the calling that comes from God, is not an easy undertaking. Arriving at clarity only comes with time, an openness to experience and lots of searching and discernment. It is even more difficult for those whose faith and love for humankind is leading them to step out of the 'norm' and to consider giving their lives to some form of ministry within the Church.

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offers a truly unique opportunity to explore this calling. The Pastoral Placement Program is a year long experience of ministry that both explores the various ministries and services of our Diocese and a guided journey of exploring God's call for your life.

Across the course of the year, participants are provided with access to faith formation opportunities and an opportunity to experience various ministries within the Church.

The Pastoral Placement Program is an exciting opportunity for participants to listen deeply



Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

- ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA

to the voice of God that is speaking to them, and to share their gifts and hopes with each other and with the broader Church as a sign of God's promise. We hope that participants will experience a genuine encounter with Jesus Christ and, in doing so, come to know the call to ministry within the Church.

I commend the Pastoral Placement Program to you as a singular opportunity to explore a pathway for your life. I hope that the program provides the chance for you to find what you are looking for, and where God is calling you to be.

Father Andrew Doohan Vicar General of Maitland-Newcastle

Pastoral Placement Program

Our Vision

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle: To live the joy of the Gospel and share it with the world.

Pastoral Placement Program: To form missionary disciples.

Our Mission

The Pastoral Placement Program provides opportunities for encounter and accompaniment within community and to go forth as missionary disciples.

Pastoral Placement Objectives

GOALS		PASTORAL AND FAITH OBJECTIVES
See	Finding: What is happening in the situation?	 What exactly is happening? (the facts) Why is this happening? (the causes) What is this doing to people? (the consequences)
Judge	Asking: What am I called to do? What is the ideal solution?	 What do you think and feel about this? What does your faith say? What would Jesus do? What should be happening?
Act	Acting: With informed knowledge to create change.	 What is it that you want to change? (long term) What action are you going to take now? (short term) Who and what can be involved in your action? (resources)

These objectives were underpinned by Cardinal Joseph Cardijn's See-Judge-Act interdisciplinary method to be used as a reflective, informed, and prayerful way to make informed decisions.

Pastoral Placement Program (PPP) Participant Guide

Purpose

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

Requirements

Hours

- 6 hours of placement in an organisation/ ministry per week
- 4 hours placement in local parish/church per week
- Ongoing formation sessions throughout the year

Placements

- Placements will run 1 day per week over a 4-week block.
- A supervisor provides ongoing support throughout the placement.
- Monthly gatherings are held on the 1st Friday of each month at which the upcoming placements will be made known.
- The supervisor will check-in with you throughout each placement. Frequent

communication is important as this helps to minimise confusion, troubleshoot any difficulties or concerns and to celebrate achievements.

 Feedback will be provided after each placement, to assist with personal discovery and growth.

Additional

- A journal provides the opportunity for participants to reflect on their placement experiences and consider how their faith calls them to action.
- A Project will provide participants with the opportunity to develop a new resource, event or concept that is directly related to one of the Diocesan Five Foundations for Church Life. This project will be presented at the end of the Program.

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What was your most memorable experience?

I don't think I can pinpoint just one memorable experience because the whole year was amazing however being a part of the PPP community and building friendships throughout the year with other participants was extremely special and to all be experiencing the same things together but differently allowed us as a group to reflect, grow and mature together. One experience I will never forget was the final day of our program in 2015. As a group we spent the morning together in prayer before sharing with one another about our individual projects we worked on to develop and implement. Each participants project was connected to a placement experience that had inspired each of us and therefore called us to action. Sharing these projects with one another and hearing the success of the implementation process and finishing off with afternoon tea with representatives from all the agencies that accompanied us through this inaugural year was a wonderful showing of community spirit and a fabulous way to finish out the year.

What is a life lesson that stuck with you beyond the Pastoral Placement Program?

It does not matter how mundane or little the task is we may do because every action we do makes a difference to someone somewhere whether we know it or not.

How did your relationship with God mature and develop?

The PPP enabled me to further grow in my faith with like minded individuals and explore together where we might be being called. Through the different placement opportunities I was able to see and experience the Spirit working in so many ways through individuals, through different agencies and through the day to day encounters. The encounter experiences I had during my year as a participant allowed me to understand more fully how God is working through us to serve Christ in those we meet and how all this occurs more fully outside of the building that we gather in for worship.

What position do you currently hold now and how has the Pastoral Placement Program influenced this career pathway?

After completing the PPP in 2015 I went on to work with the Diocese as a Family Ministry Coordinator until late 2019 before taking up the role of Director of Mission with the St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland. My time as both a participant and supervisor with the PPP certainly allowed myself to develop a love for social justice and through the range of placement opportunities offered in the program, helped to equip me with the grass roots knowledge of the importance of how witnessing our faith authentically is so vital in whatever we do. I can pinpoint a moment from each placement opportunity I experienced that has in some way shaped how I do my ministry but also how I live life.

Where are they now? Shane Hyland

My time in the Pastoral Placement Program transformed the way I perceived my contribution to the wider church community.

The ability to visit the many Catholic agencies that took part in the program opened my eyes to the diversity of career options available for those who want to contribute to society from a Catholic worldview. My experience with the Port Chaplains at the Mission for Seafarers was formative in that it helped me to understand the pastoral needs of those who are not necessarily able to consistently access the sacraments or a suitable qualified person with whom to have a pastoral conversation. The joy, satisfaction, and gratitude that the seafarers conveyed to me over that short time reinforced my decision to change careers and to take on some more challenging roles in the service of others. A discernment process followed which culminated in taking on a part time role as a Prison Chaplain. The Chaplaincy, which was one day a week, enabled me to develop my skills in pastoral ministry whilst I continued to discern a calling to the Permanent Diaconate and undertake a Master of Teaching.

I have since entered formation for the Permanent Diaconate in my home diocese and have taken up the role of Religious Studies Leader of Learning at All Saints' College, St Mary's Campus in Maitland.

Overall, the opportunities that the Pastoral Placement Program provided are unlike any other discernment program available in Australia. The skills I have acquired, the experiences I have had and the discernment process with which I have engaged, have helped me to understand my purpose in the building of God's Kingdom and to contribute to society whilst staying true to my Catholic identity.

Testimonials

Meeting like-minded, faithful individuals has been such an enriching, inspiring experience.

- SUMMER HARRISON

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This opportunity has truly been a blessing from God.

– ROSE-MARIE MAHONEY

The PPP has opened, not only my eyes, but my heart as well to exploring God's

work. – NATALEE BONIMINI



POSITION DESCRIPTION – PASTORAL PLACEMENT PARTICIPANT

REPORTS TO	Director of Pastoral Ministries	STATUS/	10 hours a week
	Pastoral Placement Supervisors	CLASSIFICATION	20 hours a fortnight
			Part-time
Organisation	nal Summary		
which have c agencies of C diocese provi	of Maitland-Newcastle serves the peop population of some 160, 000 Catholic Catholic Schools, CatholicCare, St Nich ides faith, spiritual, pastoral, education employs approximately 3,500 staff acro	es. Through its parishes nolas Early Education nal, social welfare, and	, pastoral groups, and its and other agencies the d community development.
Vision			
To live the joy	of the gospel and share it with the wo	orld	
Mission			
	e diocesan community resolved to em mission contained in the following:	brace and promote \	atican 11's understanding of
The Church, because it is the People of God and the Body of Christ enlivened by his Spirit, is called to			

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Overall Position Objective

Participants will perform aspects of the role of a staff member in pastoral ministry by engaging in work experience in various ministries across the diocese while in special formation as temporary members of the Bishop's Staff

The purpose of this program is to provide pastoral placements for those seeking to explore the opportunities to serve God and God's people through ministries of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland- Newcastle.

Participants will be placed in as many of the following ministries as possible to get a sense of what is involved in working in the mission field of diocesan life. Some of those placements will be with placement partners such as:

- St Vincent de Paul
- Parishes Liturgy, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation
- Chaplaincies Hospitals, Port
- Catholic Schools Pastoral Care, Teaching, Religious Education & Spirituality
- St Nicholas Early Education
- Catholic Care Social Services Child, Youth and Family Services, Disability Programs, DARA, Refugee Hub
- Youth Ministries Activ8 Chisolm, Diocesan Council of Ministry to Young People
- Pastoral Ministries Faith and Ministry formation, Family Ministry, Diocesan Councils (DCMYP)
- Mum's Cottage
- Catholic Mission/Caritas
- Diocesan Shared Services Human Resources, IT, Finance, Communications, Records Management

Organisational Environment

Participants will fulfil all the requirements of the program under the supervision of the Director of Pastoral Ministries. Six hours a week (preferably 1 day) will be spent in a placement within the agencies and ministries of the diocese. These placements will be between 4 and 6 weeks duration. In addition a minimum of 4 hours a week is to be spent in parish/church ministry for the full ten months of the program. Formation both formal and informal, individual and group is a vital component of this program that can take place outside of the 10 hours of placement and church ministry hours. Participants will be required to reflect and report on their experiences within the program under the management of supervisors/ mentors.

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KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES	KEY TASKS
KEY PERFORMANCE AREA Placements	 Attend placement at the designated time and day Perform the assigned tasks for each placement Participate in the workplace culture and setting of each placement, attain positive feedback from placement supervisor
Policy and Procedures	 Attend, participate in and perform tasks related to group meetings which are held at least once per month Maintain up to date knowledge of the diocesan policies and procedures Complete journaling, reflections and reports Adherence to diocesan policies especially Code of Conduct, WH&S, Integrity in the Service of the Church and Child protection
Supervision	 Respond to and action emails and phone communication in a timely manner Weekly contact with supervisor individually through visits, phone and emails Monthly meetings with all participants as a group
Formation and Training	Attend Professional 'in-service' and formation days in particular the Bishop's reflection Days, Youth Retreats and others as required
Significant Challenges (Short & long t	erm)

What	Why
Following Diocesan policies and procedures for Child Protection, Complaints Procedures and Code of Conduct etc	The ministries in the field are never clear cut as policies and procedures might imply. The challenge is to maintain the spirit of the work.
Maintaining good working relationships with staff of placement partners	Each participant has particular needs and preferred work styles which may or may not be compatible with the various partners





Qualifications

Essential

- Hold a current driver's license
- Successful applicants must provide successful clearances in regard to Working with Children and Criminal background checks

COMPETENCIES, SKILLS & EXPERIENCE REQUIRED (Selection Criteria)

Essential

- A Christian approach to working in the Church
- Capacity to work effectively as a member of a team and to honour confidentiality
- Good verbal and written, interpersonal and communication skills
- Preparedness to meet the demands of a variety of work/ministry settings in locations across the diocese; including being available to work evenings and weekends as required
- Ability to work independently, demonstrating responsibility and reliability
- Diligent, organised and able to prioritise and complete set tasks in a designated time
- Ability to use computers, digital technology and the Microsoft Office suite of programs

Desired

- Keen to explore the call of the baptised
- Knowledge of and personal commitment to the Catholic Church and its teachings

KEY RELATIONSHIPS (EXAMPLES)

INTERNAL	EXTERNAL
Director of Pastoral Ministries	Church Agencies
Pastoral Placement Supervisors	Pastoral Placement Program Partners
Other Program Participants	
Parishes	



EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS	
Performance Management	Monthly appraisal and informal reviews
Remuneration	Agreed salary and conditions comparable to pastoral ministries guidelines from CCER or other relevant awards

Legislative and Risk Requirements

Occupants must:

- Abide by the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and NSW and the policies of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle
- Report, as soon as practicable to the Head of Human Resources any criminal action taken against them, or civil action that may have an impact on the reputation of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle or may lead to a conflict of interest.
- Take reasonable action to understand and familiarise himself/herself with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's policies and procedures, including those relating to the expected Code of Conduct and Confidentiality.
- Not take advantage of their role at the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle for personal gain.
- Take responsibility for their own health, safety and wellbeing and that of other employees, clients, contractors and visitors in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle workplaces, understanding that all employees have a duty of care toward one another.

Expected Employee Behaviour Employees must:

- Treat all people with respect, sensitivity, courtesy, understanding and compassion
- Embrace diversity and difference in those they serve or with whom they work
- Promote personal growth, ongoing professional development and develop both in themselves and others
- Commit themselves to effective professional working relationships and service, promote proper working conditions and also recognise when injustice, unfairness and abuse occurs in the workplace and respond appropriately
- Exhibit transparency, accountability and act responsibly in the use of Church resources
- Provide professional and competent service
- Comply with relevant legislation and directives
- Be mindful of privacy principles and manage information accordingly.

Signatures

Date:

Supervisor:



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Youth Event Information

Young Friends, don't wait until tomorrow to contribute your energy, your audacity and your creativity to changing our world. Your youth is not an in-between time. You are the now of God and he wants you to bear fruit.

- POPE FRANCIS, CHIRSTUS VIVIT (178)

Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People



Council for Ministry with Young People

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The Diocesan Council for Ministry with Young People (DCMYP) serves as an advisory body to the Bishop with the mission to help foster a passionate, imaginative and vibrant community of faith-filled people.

We help to plan a series of events and initiatives that offer young people the opportunity for faith formation, spiritual growth, mission and outreach opportunities and faith-filled life experiences. These include Pints with a Purpose, Thread Day, Sacred@Seven and Pilgrimages to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day.

Pints with a Purpose



Pints with a Purpose is held every first Monday of the month at The Northern Star Hotel, Hamilton. We gather for a catch up and some pub grub at 6.30pm followed by a presentation from a guest speaker. The talks begin at 7pm and finish with an interactive time of Q&A.

Guest speakers talk on a range of different topics from presentations that delve deeper into an aspect of our catholic faith, exploring vocation and discernment, personal testimonies, to discussions on mental health, bioethics, modern slavery and presentations which inspire a call to action and advocacy in areas of social and ecological justice.

Thread Day



Thread Day provides an opportunity for a retreat experience on a Saturday, a time to draw aside from the busyness of work or study to enjoy hospitality, a time of prayer and engaging in presentations and discussions with other like-minded young people.

Talks and workshops on the day follow themes that are geared towards personal development in areas such as faith formation, mental health awareness, faith & fitness, theology of the body, social & ecological justice, worship & prayer, art and music.

Sacred@Seven



Sacred@Seven is held on the second Wednesday of each month. The event attracts young people for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with a time for prayer, a reading of the gospel and a time for reflection both in silence and with music.

Sacred@Seven is an opportunity for young people to draw aside in a judgement free space; exploring the hidden treasures of spending time together with each other and with the Lord and allowing the word of God to speak to hearts.

World Youth Day



World Youth Day (WYD) gathers millions of young people together from places across the world to a chosen host city; with the purpose of celebrating faith, in the name of Jesus Christ.

The first official WYD was held in 1986 in Rome with Pope John Paul II. Since then it has become not just a single day but a whole week of festivities, fun and spiritual enrichment; culminating in a final mass with the Pope and millions of young people.

WYD typically takes place every two to three years and the next World Youth Day will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023.

UoN Catholic Society



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If you would like to explore your faith in a judgement free zone, you will find a great group of people at the UoN Catholic Society. We meet regularly on campus to organise events, eat food, play sports, grow in faith, pray, celebrate mass and do outreach together. We also offer connections to serve people on campus and in the wider community.

There are three Catholic Chaplains on Campus who are available for support and spiritual care. The Chaplaincy Centre is in room HA125a which is directly opposite the Huxley Library. Fr Camillus who is a young priest and one of the Catholic Chaplains celebrates mass each Wednesday at 12.15pm. Feel free to drop in at any time for a chat.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival



The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of young people from across Australia (Year 9-30 years).

ACYF provides young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

ACYF offers a 'mini WYD' experience with engaging talks and workshops presented by some of the most sort after Catholic guest speakers and musicians. The first ACYF was held in Melbourne followed by Adelaide, Sydney and Perth. The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has sent pilgrims to each of these events which take place every two years. The next host city for ACYF will be announced soon.

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Visit the MN Catholic Youth Facebook page

SCHOLARSHIPS for Teacher Education

The Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle (CSO) is offering up to 5 SCHOLARSHIPS TO CURRENT YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS who intend to commence undergraduate courses in teacher training in 2021.



WHAT'S THE OFFER FOR RECIPIENTS?

- A total benefit of up to \$7000 per recipient, paid in five lump sum payments over the four years of study.
- An internship in a targeted Diocesan school that will offer a placement of excellence.
- A number of priority interviews for employment in schools on completion of studies.
- Support and advice with regard to Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead.
- Professional assistance with writing applications to schools and preparing for interviews.



TARGETED GRADUATES

The CSO may offer ongoing teaching positions in selected schools to scholarship recipients who meet the following criteria:

- High academic results throughout the four years
- Internship completed at a diocesan school
- Excellent performance in internship
- Outstanding internship reports from the school

HOW TO APPLY

- **1.** Ask your Careers Adviser for an application form.
- 2. Return the completed form to the Catholic Schools Office by Friday 25 September 2020.
- 3. Submit your ATAR and HSC results to the CSO by Friday 18 December 2020.
- 4. Attend an interview in January 2021. HSC results will be taken into consideration.



For more information, please contact Narelle Cross (Education Officer) **P** 02 4979 1233 at the Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle

Christian Formation Course 2021

The Christian Formation course is a face-to-face learning experience of twelve months duration with eight units each of five weeks – two units in each school term.

The course introduces participants to scripture, theology, church history, sacramental life and spirituality.

UNIT NAME

- 1 Journey of Faith
- 2 Revelation of God
- 3 Revelation in Scripture: Old Testament
- 4 Revelation in Scripture: New Testament
- 5 The Church from Age to Age
- 6 People of God
- 7 Sacramental Life of the Church
- 8 Liturgical Life of the Church

Course Fee: \$480.00 (In the belief that cost should not be a barrier to faith formation, fees are negotiable in the event of financial difficulty. Please contact Course Administration if fee assistance is required).





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