

## PARISH TEACHING/LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Formation and Training in Ministry: extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Readers, Musicians, volunteers, RCIA, Sacrament teams
- Aboriginal reconciliation group
- Parish Library: Magazines/journals
- Cdrom, video
- Spirituality: 2 Christian meditation groups and rosary groups
- Sharing as a sponsor or catechist in the RCIA journey:
- Parish speakers in theology, scripture, history
- Parish renewal

## ARCHDIOCESAN LEARNING

- Annual Social Justice Sunday statement (Sept)
- Women's Night of Spirituality
- Formal Theology courses (Beginning Theology/ Foundations)
- Leadership formation (Certificate 3 and 4)
- Australian Catholic University
- Presentation Centre, Manly,
- Faber Institute
- Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
- Country retreats
- Retreat in Daily Life
- Archdiocesan courses, guest speakers
- Griffith University Multifaith centre



## REFLECTION

I keep up my learning about faith and the church by.....  
 During this year I have been open to learning about the faith by.....  
 I enjoy learning when.....  
 I take advantage of learning about faith when.....  
 My preferred ways of learning about faith and the church are .....

I last took advantage of courses offered by the parish, archdiocese, tertiary institutes in .....

## UPPER MT GRAVATT WISHART CATHOLIC PARISH



### CHURCH COMMUNITIES:

**St Bernard's Church,**  
 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt  
**St Catherine's Church,**  
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## LIFELONG LEARNING



Education in faith is meant to  
**inform, form &  
 transform**

Christian persons & communities  
 as apprentices to Jesus  
 for God's reign in the world.

*Thomas Groome*

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## EVERYONE IS A TEACHER AND LEARNER ACROSS THE LIFECYCLE

As a church we invest many of our great resources in the development of the young. But the Church in the *General Directory for Catechesis* proposes a wider approach to learning, stating, perhaps surprisingly, that its primary emphasis of faith education ought lie with the education of adults. ***It asks each faith community to ensure that adult faith learning is a priority.***

Some key educators invite us to consider parishes as teaching/learning communities, in which everyone is both a teacher and a learner across the life cycle - tapping into energy/insight of all, drawing them to create a new future.

Through Education in faith we are open to seeing the future in new way, able to relate our Christian faith to the complexities of our ever-changing world



## LIFELONG LEARNING IS ABOUT FORMING, INFORMING AND TRANSFORMING

The overarching goal of adult faith formation and education is ***to foster a sense of mission*** rather than simply to enhance membership

At its most integral adult catechesis provides participants with the means and perspectives that allow them ***to give expression to their baptism*** through engagement with the ***mission of evangelisation***

... the church is gathered to be sent and the most important expression of the reality of the church is its commitment ***to transform the world in light of the reign of God.*** The work of ***evangelisation*** is at the ***heart of the church's mission...*** We are called to maintain a focus on ongoing spiritual maturity-with the capacity to respond to cultural realities & the needs of humanity for a message of peace & justice.

***Thomas Groome Horizons and Hopes: The future of Religious Education, p 48***



## LIFELONG LEARNING AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The U.S. bishops'1998 pastoral letter, ***Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice***, calls all Catholics to discipleship through their everyday work.

"Catholicism does not call us to abandon the world, but to help shape it. This does not mean leaving worldly tasks and responsibilities, but transforming them.

We are corporate executives and migrant farm workers, senators and welfare recipients, university presidents and day care workers, tradesmen and farmers, office and factory workers, union leaders, and small-business owners. Our entire community of faith must help Catholics be instruments of God's grace and creative power in business and politics, factories and offices, in homes and schools and in all the events of daily life...

The vocation to pursue justice is not simply an individual task – it is a call to work with others to humanize and shape the institutions that touch so many people."

