

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Queensland State Service Committee

CCR Queensland Structure: 53 prayer groups and ministries over 5 Dioceses

CCR Brisbane- 37 prayer groups and ministry groups (over 400 members)- 2 Healing Prayer Centres, 260 people on 'Prayer Warriors' Intercessory email list

CCR Toowoomba- 3 prayer groups- Toowoomba (18 & 5) Warwick (6) members, 1 Intercessory group

CCR Rockhampton- 6 prayer groups-Rockhampton, 2 Mackay, Blackwater, Emerald, Gladstone (ranging from 5 to 25 members)

CCR Townsville- 2 prayer groups- Townsville (25 - 30), Mt Isa (15-20) 1 Intercessory Group

CCR Cairns- 3 prayer groups- 2 Cairns, 1 Tully

Queensland Service Committee Meeting

Queensland State Service Committee met in Brisbane for our yearly weekend during November 2016. During this meeting, we moved into deeper unity and agreement than we have ever done before, and as a result, our time together was the most productive that we are yet to experience. Present at meeting -Jenny McCormack (President), Len Airey and LP Seow (Treasurer) representing Brisbane, Cheryl Gothmann (Deputy) and Colleen Mullins representing Rockhampton, Sr. Carmel Boyle (Spiritual Companion), Mick and Maree Pyke representing Toowoomba, Gary Liston and John Barns representing Cairns. Unfortunately, Trudy Clarke and Barbara Clunes representing Townsville, were not able to be present at this time.

What did the Lord have to say?

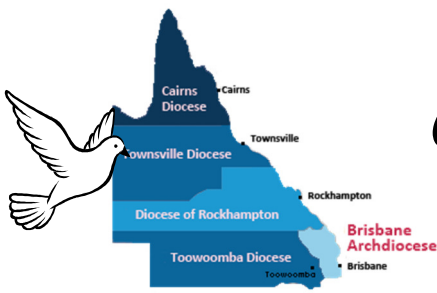
The prophetic word and vision from this State meeting have been discerned, and these points are important for us to believe, remember and put into practice-

- **God is calling us into our vocation by inviting us to live in new life by the gift of His Spirit. We are to move into unity- to be in agreement- to be alive in the Spirit (Psalm 133)**
- **God is asking us to repent for our failings and weaknesses, to let go of the past by receiving His forgiveness, and to witness to the new life which we are now living (Rev 2:17b, Is 54:4)**
- **God is inviting us to prepare to be shaken out of our comfort zones, our old ways of doing things, with an invitation to live with the Spirit God in the now (Ezekiel 37:3.5) (Is 43:18.21)**
- **God's vision is to renew the heart of the Church (Is 54:2.3) and to equip us for His mission. Our response is to turn up, to be led by the Spirit personally and corporately (Is 6:8)**

Our Joint Response to God's Vision

Over the past 7 years we had been working towards a vision for Queensland in the areas of outreach and intercessory prayer. The Lord offered to take us deeper into this vision. We reflected how we had all been working toward integration into mainstream church and how the doors are opening in differing ways in each diocese, according to what is possible. The Lord invited us to move from the impossible to the possible by reminding us that the prayer groups are a means by which His vision can be implemented. As a result, every diocese in Queensland has taken on the scripture of **Isaiah 54:2.3** to help us to expand our vision for the future. "Enlarge the site of your tent and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out, do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left and your descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns".

This is the first time that Queensland Leaders have agreed to operate under a joint vision and scripture. Each diocese has moved ahead during this year and the path forward is looking very exciting indeed!



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Queensland Intercessory Prayer

Another area that we had been moving towards was to set up an avenue for State Intercessory Prayer.

“Watchmen over Queensland Catholic Charismatic Renewal” from Lamentations 2:19 is now in place. This is used specifically for the needs of **Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Queensland** by praying **our local and state prophetic Word into being, along with prayers for Queensland CCR Events**. Prayer points are emailed to all members of prayer groups.

All dioceses also have **local intercessory prayer** operating. This is specifically focussed towards the needs of **local parish, prayer group members, parishioners, and local prayer requests**.

CCR Brisbane has been developing and deepening mission teams through formation of ‘home grown speakers’ for Music Ministry Workshops and Life in the Spirit Seminars. Another major work of CCR Brisbane is towards the operations for 2 Healing Prayer Centres and the ongoing training of existing and new members. Appointments from 11th July 2016 to 17th July 2017 number 80 recipients- 37 for Northgate Centre and 43 for Jindalee Centre. Archbishop Coleridge and Bishop Oudeman and various other priests have been very supportive. CCR Brisbane is hoping for the appointment of a new liaison priest to replace Fr. Francis Ounwunali who was a wonderful source of support for 8 years.

2016 Ministry and Events

- Service Committee/ Mission Team Day Retreat
- Gathering Day on ‘Mercy’ presented by Fr. Francis Ounwunali
- Regional Gift Workshops held in 6 Regions of Archdiocese
- New music ministry for the CCR National Conference
- Planned, organised, and hosted CCR National Conference
- Monthly CCR Healing Masses in 2 Parishes
- Healing Prayer Centres- Prayer appointments for 2016 (114) with prayer recipients (52)
- New batch of trainees commissioned by Archbishop Coleridge
- Healing Prayer Centres offered Healing Prayer Ministry after a Parish weekend Mass

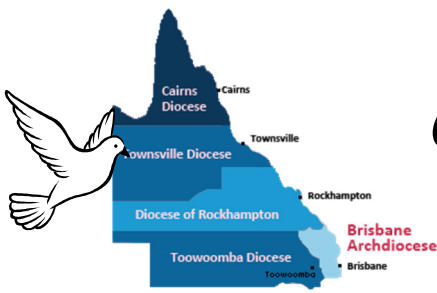
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- Retreat Day for Service Committee and Mission Teams - Completed
- Continuous LISS across the Archdiocese / opportunities into mainline Church -Ongoing
- Working towards an Ecumenical Festival of Praise and Worship - Ongoing
- Increasing the connection between the Service Committee and all the prayer groups- Ongoing
- Promotion of the Healing Prayer Centres and ongoing training of ministers - Ongoing
- Pentecost Celebrations at Bardonia, Jubilee Celebrations in Rome - Completed
- Jubilee Celebrations at Brisbane Annual General Meeting in August
- Hosting Aneel Aranha for 2 weeks of ministry over the Archdiocese during Sept
- CCR Christmas Celebration

CCR Toowoomba have been actively seeking to expand their tents by offering mainstream healing prayer teams, LIS Seminars, Healing of the Family Tree Masses and Intercessory prayer. Earlier this year, Bp. Mc Guckin called the Toowoomba Representative to a meeting. He offered his help towards setting up CCR more fully in the diocese and has since supported all paperwork towards this. A Diocesan Service Committee has been established and there are hopes towards a Diocesan Intercessory Prayer Group along with setting up some more CCR Prayer Groups in the Diocese. Fr. Roque Maguinsay shares wisdom and supports activities for Toowoomba Prayer Group.

2016 Ministry and Events of ‘Wings of Freedom’ Prayer Group

- Healing of Family Tree Mass- teaching of Francis McNutt presented by members



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- Intercessory Prayer Team, “Prayer Warriors” in early formation
- Members presented Parish LISS- Fr. Maguinsay gave teaching on Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- Prayer Ministry Teams after Parish Weekend Masses
- 12 members of Toowoomba/ Warwick attended CCR National Conference
- Planning Day for 2017 Events

Plans and Vision for 2017 - Building on the theme of ‘expanding the tents’ Isaiah 54:1.2

- Parish Life in the Spirit Seminar- Completed
- Healing Masses with Prayer ministry after Parish Masses
- Hosted morning tea after Weekend Masses - spoke at Parish Mass about Prayer Group-Completed
- CCR Article for inclusion in Diocesan Publication- Completed
- Toowoomba Diocesan Service Committee - Completed
- Promotion of CCR in other areas of Diocese – Ongoing
- Healing of Family Tree Mass- 25yr Celebrations during November

CCR Rockhampton aims to see a Charismatic Prayer Group in every parish. Existing groups have been given the challenge to rise up and to be prepared to offer to parishes what they have received; by offering Baptism in the Spirit Seminars. This is the direction that Bp. Michael McCarty has given, with the promise of his support and influence to bring this into being. Bp. Michael also overseas meetings towards the building and raising up of leadership in the diocese. Sr. Carmel Boyle also supports as Spiritual Companion by giving teaching, support and instruction to the Coordinating Team.

2016 Ministry and Events

- Blackwater PG celebrated 30 years with Fr. John Rea NZ presenting a Parish Mission
- CCR members travelled to Brisbane for CCR National Conference
- Outreach to Bundaberg- Sr. Della attended Diocesan meeting and materials to set up core team
- Outreach to Biloela- President invited to speak about CCR at Parish Mass
- CCR Annual Conference presented by Fr. Gino Henriques on theme ‘Holy Spirit and Mercy’
- Meeting of all Prayer/Ministry Groups with Bp. Michael McCarthy

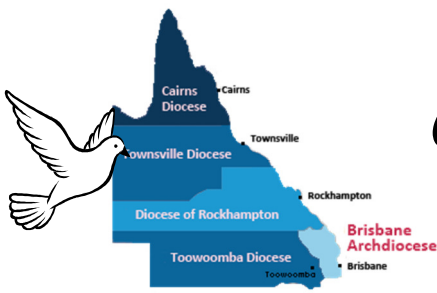
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- Blackwater PG Retreat -Completed
- Attendance at Jubilee Celebrations in Rome- Completed
- Annual CCR Rockhampton Conference August
- 2 meetings planned yearly for all Prayer/Ministry Groups to meet with Bp. Michael

CCR Townsville outline for 2016 was ‘The Jubilee Year of Mercy’. Their focus is on expansion and outreach in both Catholic and Ecumenical Churches, serving Parish and attending local church events, meetings and intercessory prayer. Diocesan Administrator Fr. Mick Lowcock has been a tremendous support and encouragement. Members of CCR Townsville are rejoicing at the ordination and installation of Bp. Tim Harris as Bishop of Townsville Diocese.

2016 Ministry and Events for Townsville

- Weekly intercessory hour of prayer for needs of Diocese, prayer group and family needs
- Bi-monthly CCR Healing Masses are well attended and supported
- Members participated in Diocesan Prayer Event by providing charismatic prayer
- 9 days of Healing Seminars/ Masses Fr Rae NZ- Townsville/ Mt Isa, prayer/music ministry provided
- Fr. Steve Fletcher visited for Pentecost Sunday
- 14 members attended the National Conference in Brisbane



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- John Mellor presented 2 days on Healing and Miracles
- Members attended Ecumenical Women's Conference
- CCR Townsville Regional Conference with Bp. Colin Campbell NZ
- 6 days Healing Masses Fr. Henriques-Townsville/Ayr, prayer/music ministry provided
- Represented CCR at combined church intercessory prayer and events

Plans and Vision for 2017 – Building on the theme of “expanding the tents” Isaiah 54:2.3

- Involvement in Catholic and Ecumenical prayer and events -Ongoing
- Opportunities towards expansion and mission- Ongoing
- CCR Healing Masses- Ongoing
- Golden Jubilee Celebration September
- Townsville Regional Conference -Aneel Aranha-September -

CCR Cairns is focussed on weekly prayer group meetings, intercessory prayer, Healing Masses and hosting of an Annual Conference. Core Team members have an annual meeting with Bp. James Foley who listens to their concerns, and gives approval towards guest speakers. His support and recognition are much appreciated by the team. This encourages their efforts to raise the profile of CCR in Cairns.

2016 Ministry and Events

- Healing Services- Fr. Rea NZ - Edmonton/Tully/ Mareeba -estimated 250 people attended
- One- Day Retreat ‘Merciful like the Father’ with Fr. Rea in Cairns- 45 people attended
- 11 attended CCR National Conference in Brisbane
- Annual Conference - Bp. Colin Campbell NZ- ‘Parables of Mercy’ 45-50 people attended
- Healing of Family Tree Mass- Cairns- November
- Monthly Healing Masses at Edmonton with Fr. John McGrath. Numbers consistent at 30-40

Plans and Vision for 2017

- One day Retreat -Completed -
- Monthly Healing Masses- Ongoing
- Annual CCR Conference- August -
- Healing of Family Tree Mass- November

Raising the Profile of CCR

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has issued instructions towards his expectation of CCR members at Pentecost Golden Jubilee Celebrations in Rome this year, “To share baptism in the Holy Spirit with everyone in the Church, to praise the Lord unceasingly, to walk together with Christians of different Churches and Ecclesial Communities in prayer and activity on behalf of those in greatest need, to serve the poor and sick. This is what the Church and the Pope expects of you, Catholic Charismatic Renewal, but also from everyone here: all of you who have become part of this flood of grace”. Pope Francis CCR Golden Jubilee Pentecost 2017

CCR Internationally have been given a directive from Pope Francis that needs to be fulfilled. Each diocese in Queensland is working hard towards serving the local needs of their parish while also stepping up and into the call of Catholic Charismatic Renewal. In many areas of Queensland the gates are wide open for CCR Ministry. Leaders are willing to cooperate with the grace of God and the mission of CCR, while also depending and seeking the continuing support of all Queensland Bishops and Priests,

Presented on behalf of Queensland Service Committee,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus

Jenny McCormack (Queensland State President)