

# 2018 Queensland Report for Brisbane AGM

## CCR Queensland Structure: 48 prayer groups and ministries

**CCR Brisbane:** 34 prayer groups and ministry groups (over 400 members), 285 people on 'Prayer Warriors' Intercessory email list, 3 Healing Prayer Centres

**CCR Toowoomba:** 4 prayer groups—3 in Toowoomba (27 members), 1 Warwick (5 members), 1 Intercessory Group

**CCR Rockhampton:** 6 prayer groups—Rockhampton (11 members), Blackwater, Emerald Ecumenical (4-6) Mackay, Bundaberg (25), Gladstone (12-20)

**CCR Townsville:** 2 prayer groups—Townsville (30 members), Mt Isa—Filipino (25) 1 Intercessory Group

**CCR Cairns:** 3 prayer groups—2 groups in Cairns, 1 group in Tully

## Queensland Service Committee Meeting

Queensland State Members came together in Brisbane for our yearly weekend meeting during November 2017. Our meeting continued in the grace of unity as we rejoiced in what the Lord had done with the efforts, achievements and activities across the 5 dioceses, and as we made commitments to work with each other in unity towards **'a joint vision towards expansion for Queensland'**.

Present at this meeting—Jenny McCormack (President of Queensland), Len Airey, LP Seow (Treasurer) and Margaret Kerwick representing Brisbane, Cheryl Gothmann (Deputy) and Colleen Mullins representing Rockhampton, Sr Carmel Boyle (Spiritual Companion), Mick and Maree Pyke representing Toowoomba, Paula Malaponte representing Cairns, Trudy Clarke and Barbara Clunes representing Townsville.

At this meeting, Sr Carmel tendered her resignation. She has been a valuable source of spirituality, teaching, wisdom and friendship over the past 9-10 years and we are deeply indebted to her.

## Our Joint Response to God's Vision

**"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". Isaiah 54:2.3**

## What did the Lord have to say?

The prophetic word from the meeting was discerned as follows:

**'The Holy Spirit is calling us as a body i.e. the State Service Committee. This will overflow to each Diocesan Service Committee and on to each Core Team in individual Prayer Groups taking us to a much deeper depth of unity and development of our ability to really listen, firstly to God and then to each other'-God's blessing follows Unity (Psalm 133:1.3)**

Key words from the Prophetic Word: 'Listen, Step Back, Wait, Listen Again, Be Attentive and Obedient'.

## Queensland Intercessory Prayer

**Local intercessory prayer is operating in all dioceses, specifically focused towards the needs of local parish, prayer group members, and those asking for prayer.**

**'SSC Hotline Intercessory Prayer'** has been set up for the **private and personal needs of our state members**, along with areas of confidentiality in local areas.

**'Watchmen over Queensland Catholic Charismatic Renewal'** is specifically for the needs of **Catholic Charismatic Renewal in each local area**. This is being used to pray our local and

state discerned prophetic word into being, along with the prayers towards local organisation and advertising CCR events in Qld.

**'Gatekeepers CCR National Intercession'** along with **'ISAO Mountain Movers'** is sent by email to all those on our intercessory mailing lists.

**CCR Brisbane** is calling for commitments towards 24/7 prayer for **'Watchmen, Gatekeepers and Mountain Movers'**. **There have been responses to this call.**

## **Raising the Profile of CCR in Queensland**

Queensland is a vast and expansive State involving many remote and distant areas. Having said this, we have been extremely blessed with Catholic Charismatic Renewal operating over the 5 dioceses of the State. We are aware that when much is given, then much is expected. Members of the State Service Committee have committed to a joint vision and prayerfully discerning ways of **'expanding the tents'** in every area of Queensland. Each diocese is listening to the Lord for direction, becoming more reflective, and seeking to become good stewards of who and what is entrusted to our care; trusting in the promise that if we offer to God the little that we have, that He will reward us by providing and equipping us for the task of bringing in a **rich harvest in His Harvest Field.**

### [CCR Brisbane](#)

CCR Brisbane establishes, supports, and is accountable for CCR Prayer Groups and ministries across the Archdiocese. There has been communication towards affiliation of a couple of new groups. Three Healing Prayer Centres operate under CCR Brisbane at Northgate, Jindalee and Petrie. Healing prayer continues to be in demand. The quality of ministry seems to have deepened as prayer ministers deepen their relationship with the Lord and work with their own Spiritual Directors, along with being faithful to in service prayer training. Brisbane continues to offer LISS and similar local programs, along with healing prayer after weekend Masses to Parishes. Invitations are slow but changes are happening towards Parish Renewal. There is deeper listening for guidance in an effort to fully understand what God is saying through Isaiah 54:2.3. Brisbane is grateful for the appointment of Fr Leonard Uzuegbu as Chaplain for Renewal.

### [Events for 2018 Theme 'Expanding the tents' from Isaiah 54.2.3](#)

- Opening Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge celebrating, CCR Chaplain Fr Leonard Uzuegbu and three other priests concelebrating. Our Archbishop continues to encourage us that 'CCR is at the Heart of the Church'.
- CCR National Day of Prayer—P/W and Discipleship Day
- Planning continuous LISS across the Archdiocese with parish opportunities
- Promotion of the Healing Prayer Centres—letters sent to all Parish Priests including offers for Healing Prayer Ministry after weekend Masses
- 'Grace of Baptism' LISS by Mission Team, Pentecost weekend at Bardon
- Evening Pentecost celebrations at Bardon with Peter Pellicaan as speaker
- In service Prayer Training for Healing Prayer Centres
- Supporting and visiting prayer groups
- Discipleship Gathering Day
- Parish Healing program at Hervey Bay
- Brisbane Annual General Meeting in August—election year for Brisbane
- CCR Brisbane End of Year celebration

### [CCR Toowoomba](#)

CCR Toowoomba has now started a slow growth as the tent of **Isaiah 54:2.3** is being stretched within the diocese. Much prayer and work has been fruitful with the establishment of a Diocesan Service Committee. Bp McGuckin has endorsed the Terms of Reference for the

operation of the Diocesan Committee and a Mission Statement under John 21:15.17. Two new prayer groups have been established in Toowoomba, along with an intercessory prayer team. There have been offers given across the diocese towards interest for CCR involvement, and there are hopes towards assisting establishment of a couple of prayer groups in the diocese.

### **Events for 2018 Theme 'Expanding the tents' from Isaiah 54.2.3**

- Gifting Seminar presented by Philip and Margaret Moloney
- Seeking further interest in establishment of prayer groups
- Seeking outreach to Western areas of the diocese
- Reaching out to non-practicing Catholics and non-believers
- Supporting existing Prayer Groups
- Looking towards the reality of a Diocesan Intercessory Prayer Group
- Considering establishment of Diocesan Music Team and IT/Communications

**CCR Rockhampton** aims to see a Charismatic Prayer Group in every parish. Bishop Michael McCarthy heads a Prayer and Ministry Groups Committee with 2-3 meetings yearly. The vision from **Isaiah 54:2.3** has been the foundation for all that has taken place. All 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.

### **Events for 2018 Theme of 'expanding the tents' Isaiah 54:2.3**

- Gladstone and Blackwater Life in the Spirit Seminar—Easter to Pentecost
- Annual CCR Rockhampton Conference in June
- Annual General Meeting with elections for Executive positions
- Seeking to reach out to the youth of the diocese
- Facing the challenge of raising up new Leaders

**CCR Townsville** outline for CCR Ministry has been '**Expanding the Tents' Isaiah 54:2.3**. CCR Townsville is focused on expansion and outreach in both Catholic and ecumenical churches, serving local parishes and giving attendances to church events. Bishop Tim Harris gives his blessing and support to CCR Townsville.

### **Events for 2018 Continue vision of 'expanding the tents' Is. 54:2.3**

- Continue involvement in Catholic and ecumenical prayer and events
- Combined Churches Pentecost celebrations
- Bi-monthly CCR Healing Masses
- CCR Townsville Conference in July with Fr Steve Fletcher MGL
- Being open to opportunities towards expansion and mission
- Raising up new leadership and Spirit filled musicians
- More focus on unity, growth of Praise/Worship and Intercessory Prayer

**CCR Cairns** is focused on weekly Prayer Group meetings, Intercessory Prayer, monthly Healing Masses. Leadership numbers are small with much being accomplished when the whole Diocesan Team works together. Paula Malaponte has stepped down as leader of CCR Cairns after many fruitful years of service and ministry. Therese Hunt from Tully has recently been appointed to this role of leadership. Members of the diocesan team meet with Bishop James Foley yearly, who gives recognition towards their efforts of raising the profile of CCR in Cairns.

### **Events for 2018 Theme 'Expanding the tents' from Isaiah 54.2.3**

- Monthly Healing Masses
- Continue weekly prayer meetings

- Cairns CCR Conference (will not be held this year)
- Healing of Family Tree Mass during November
- Movement towards Youth Ministry
- Unity and working together as Diocesan Service Committee

During CCR Great Jubilee Celebrations in Rome last year, our Holy Father Pope Francis, publicly thanked Catholic Charismatic Renewal:

'Thank you, Catholic Charismatic Renewal for what you have given the Church in these fifty years! The Church counts on your fidelity to the Word, on your availability for service, and on your witness of life transformed by the Spirit! Share with all in the Church Baptism in the Spirit, praise the Lord without a break, walk together with Christians of different Churches and Christian Communities, in prayer and in action for the neediest. Serve the poor and the sick; this is what the Church and the Pope expects from you, Charismatic Renewal. Thank you!'

We have been given the expectation of Pope Francis and there is much to be achieved by the power of the Holy Spirit. But with the public support of Pope Francis, CCR can go from strength to strength. It rests with each of us to give Pope Francis every reason to continue his support and encouragement.

I am grateful to the members of the Queensland Service Committee for their ongoing faithfulness and commitment to Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Thank you! Together in unity, the Lord will continue to bless our endeavours.

Presented on behalf of Queensland Service Committee,  
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,  
Jenny McCormack (CCR Queensland State President)