



Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019

Vision Statement

To be a vibrant Holy Spirit-guided ministry serving the Church through evangelisation and healing prayer

Mission Statement

To foster a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit

Dear Members and Friends of CCR Brisbane,

It is a privilege and a joy to present this 2018 – 2019 annual report, *my very first* on behalf of CCR Brisbane and I do hope that it bears witness to the selfless giving and commitment of a small group of people who have experienced and have a strong desire to share the stirring up of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Isaiah 54:2-3 remains our vision and we continue to strive to “enlarge the place of our CCR Brisbane tent...”

CHARIS...

Pope Francis also shared the vision of Isaiah 54:2-3 at the official start of the service of Charis on Pentecost Sunday 9 June 2019 - “Enlarge the site of your tent...so that all can dwell there as members of one family.”

The main constitutive elements of CHARIS requested by Pope Francis are:

- The promotion of baptism in the Spirit throughout the Church;
- The service of the poor and the marginalised;
- The unity of Christians (to rediscover the ecumenical roots of the Charismatic Renewal);
- Evangelization in all its forms

IN UNITY WITH OTHER CHARISMATIC REALITIES...

It is still unclear what the implications of Charis will be at the National or local level, but CCR Brisbane began reaching out to the other Charismatic Realities within our Archdiocese from early 2018. Since then, we have met with Pat Keady (moderator of Emmanuel), Fr Nev Yun (Emmanuel Chaplain), Ric Manalac (Area Head for Couples For Christ Australia {CFCA} Queensland), Mitch Espares (Pastoral Formation Coordinator for CFCA Queensland) and Pablo and Cecilia Alcantara (Couples For Christ - Foundation for Family and Life {CFC FFL} Brisbane). We also attended the Light of Jesus {LOJ} Grand Feast on 6 July with over 700 others who obviously enjoyed the awesome and lively praise and worship and inspirational teachings by Bo Sanchez (Founder of LOJ) and Vic Espanol (LOJ International Feast Builder Head).

Our discussions have been very promising and it is hoped that we will be able to work together instead of competing with each other by – attending and assisting at each other’s events; possibly holding combined events in the future; sharing talks and workshops.



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EVENTS AND MINISTRY ACTIVITIES FOR 2018 – 2019...

- ❖ 24 – 26 August 2018 **WOW Retreat** with Sr Rosie Drum, MGL and Marilyn Edwards of the Brisbane Healing Rooms with Fr Nev Yun. This ministry continues to be a source of encouragement and healing to a growing number of women who come from near and far
- ❖ 8 & 9 September 2018 **Parish Healing Retreat** at Hervey Bay presented by Mission Team
- ❖ 3 November 2018 **“Go Where Jesus Goes” retreat day** presented by Fr Ray Sanchez and hosted by Sunnybank Prayer Group
- ❖ 24 November 2018 **End of Year Event** theme was “Strengthening the Stakes” with Mass celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Joseph Oudeman
- ❖ 23 February 2019 **Training Day on Discernment** with Fr Ken Barker MGL. Some of our Executive had attended the National Training School on Discernment in Melbourne in August 2018 and it was discerned that this would be of great benefit to CCR Brisbane members.
- ❖ 2 March 2019 **“United as One”** was the theme of our Opening Mass which was held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer. Guest speakers were Ric Manalac (Area Head for CFCA Queensland), Pat Keady (moderator of Emmanuel) and Shayne Bennett (Oceania Rep for Charis). Mass was celebrated by our chaplain, Fr Leonard Uzuegbu.
- ❖ 16 March 2019 **Grace of Baptism** presented at Bardon by Mission Team
- ❖ 13 April 2019 **Grace of Baptism** presented at Kedron by Mission Team
- ❖ 5 June 2019 **Fr Minh Bui** was guest speaker at the Cathedral Prayer Group and at Beside Restful Waters Prayer Group, Upper Mt Gravatt
- ❖ **Pentecost weekend** was extremely busy with various ministry events – Fr Minh Bui at VNCCR Inala, Fr Ray Sanchez at Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Prayer Group Retreat, Len Airey presented at CFCA Central Chapter P&W Workshop, Sr Melissa Dwyer at Bardon
- ❖ 22 June 2019 **Music Ministry Workshop** in Toowoomba presented by Mission Team
- ❖ 27 July 2019 **The Gift – a Life in the Spirit Course** hosted by AGAPE, Jindalee
- ❖ 3 August 2019 CFCA Central Chapter **Gifts Workshop** and CFCA North Chapter **P&W Workshop** presented by Mission Team
- ❖ 8 May 2019 Facilitation of a new prayer group at Redcliffe
- ❖ *Ongoing* - support and ministry to the Coomera Prayer Group by Mission Team

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS... *‘at the heart of the church’*

- ❖ 8 August 2018 **Mary MacKillop feast Day** at the Cathedral – prayer ministry offered by Healing Prayer Centre Team
- ❖ **Plenary Council** – the Service Committee put together a submission and encouraged affiliated members to provide individual submissions
- ❖ 20 June 2019 **Corpus Christi** procession - our members marched with CCR Brisbane banner

HEALING PRAYER CENTRES...

Our extremely hard working and committed Healing Prayer Centre Team continue to provide a much needed ministry of hope and healing to an increasing number of prayer recipients. Thank you to Jenny McCormack (Prayer Centre Coordinator), the Healing Prayer Centre Team and Intercessors, and the Prayer Training Team for their tireless commitment.

It was decided to open up Healing Prayer Ministry Training Level 1 to anyone who wished to participate as it was seen to be a means of sharing ‘the current of grace’ and evangelization – over 60 participated in the sessions that were conducted over March, April and May this year. Level 2 will be conducted later this year for those who participated in Level 1. Level 3 will be presented next year with the aim of recruiting much needed prayer ministers for the Healing Prayer Centres. It is planned that Level 1 and 2 will be presented again next year in the same manner.



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VISITS TO PRAYER GROUPS... *'strengthening our stakes'*

Sadly the Spirit of Jesus Prayer Group at Coolum, 3C Prayer Group at Southport and Gesu e Vivo Italian Prayer Group at Lutwyche have closed in the past year. We are grateful to these prayer groups and their leaders for their service, ministry and commitment over the years.

Our members are the stakes of the CCR Brisbane tent and we realise that the tent is only as strong as its stakes, so it is our hope to visit all our affiliated prayer groups to provide updates and to ask how we can be of further service and support.

At the time of writing we have visited 2 affiliated prayer groups with other visits already scheduled. Breath of the Spirit Fellowship at Beenleigh and St Bernard's Italian Prayer Group at Carina have both been truly inspiring with their faithfulness in continuing to meet regularly for over 25 to 30 years.

Thank you to our many affiliated members and leaders of the 34 prayer groups and ministries for your dedication to Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We look forward to meeting everyone of you in the months ahead.

FAREWELL...

It was a year of loss for CCR Brisbane when we said our final goodbyes to Honor Barry (actively contributed to a number of prayer groups and especially to Elijah House), Fr Jack Soulsby (evangelist extraordinaire) and Irene Hannon (leader of Corinda prayer group for 30 years).

"Well done good and faithful servants...."

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION...

5 July 2019 Fr Vince Hobbs' Diamond Jubilee Mass at Bardon was a joyful celebration of an extraordinary priest and "father of CCR in Brisbane"

WATCH THIS SPACE:

- ❖ 23 – 25 August 2019 **Women of the Way Retreat**
- ❖ 31 August 2019 **"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds"** Retreat presented by Fr Ray Sanchez and hosted by Sunnybank Prayer Group
- ❖ 14 September 2019 **Healing Retreat** at Bardon
- ❖ September – November 2019 **Prayer Training Level 2**
- ❖ September and November 2019 **Leadership Days and Grace of Baptism** in Toowoomba presented by Mission Team
- ❖ 30 November 2019 **End of Year Event**
- ❖ Our **Strategic Plan** continues to be a work in progress and we are blessed to have Len Airey who is our resident expert in this area

THANK YOU...

Archbishop Mark and Bishop Joseph who continue to support us with their wisdom, prayers and celebration of Mass for us.

Fr Leonard Uzuegbu for saying "Yes" to being our chaplain and continuing to say "Yes" to ministering at our various events.

Gail Creswell, our creative Editor of Face-to-Face, who transforms the articles and news into a visual feast.



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Many thanks to our anointed CCR Brisbane Band (Vicki, Angela, Cathy, Helena, Genevieve, Tom, Calvin and Len) who have ministered so harmoniously at various events and venues around the Archdiocese and beyond.

I am so abundantly blessed with a Superb Service Committee who make it possible for me to function in this role and so I thank God for:

Margaret Kerwick who quietly and prayerfully provides support as Vice President and also serves as Prophetic Intercession Ministry Coordinator.

Miriam Holmes, our irreplaceable Secretary and Liturgy Coordinator, who's giftedness in these areas remains second to none and who continues to keep us in line.

LP Seow, our remarkably multi-talented CCR Brisbane and State Treasurer, Prayer Warrior Intercessory Ministry Coordinator and awesome AV Technician; who also happens to be my long-suffering husband, sounding board, shoulder to cry on and currently serves as my uber driver for visits to prayer groups. Without LP's and our family's support, I most definitely would not be able to continue in this role.

Jenny McCormack, our steadfast CCR State President and Representative on the National Service Committee, who has long been my inspiration, listening ear and source of wisdom.

Len Airey, our magnificent Ministry Coordinator and CCR Brisbane Band leader, whose wisdom, humility and passion for mission are truly inspirational.

Juliana Tan and Kathy Nix, our awesome Assistant Secretaries, who somehow manage to condense hours of discussion into a few brief words.

Helena Healey who shares her exceptional gift of hospitality in her role as Hospitality Coordinator.

Finally to our Regional Reps – Rosa Montegrando, Paul Vukim, Maria Monro, Helena Montegrando, EJ Polotan, Gloria Ortiz, Dorothy Kay, Helena Healey, Kathy Nix, Juliana Tan, Cathy Primrose, Margaret Kerwick, Miriam Holmes, LP Seow, Jenny McCormack, Len Airey – thank you for your support, your commitment, your generosity in giving to the Lord and to CCR Brisbane.

STRENGTH IN UNITY....

At the Queensland State Service Committee meeting in October 2018, among the prophetic words received for CCR Brisbane was a vision of sandstone blocks that were scattered all over and which then moved together to form a solid base. Other blocks then grew on top of the base in rows to become a solid pyramid. The words that accompanied this vision were - 'You have a strength that cannot be shaken.'

What are these scattered blocks? They can be seen as the various affiliated prayer groups / ministries and the other charismatic realities that are all working independently of each other trying to enlarge their own individual tents. But the Lord is urging us all to come together and work in unity because only then can we possess the strength that cannot be shaken.

May we continue to "enlarge the place of our tent..." and strengthen our stakes in collaboration with all our affiliated members, other charismatic realities and all who come to a personal conversion and relationship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit.

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