

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Queensland State Service Committee

CCR Queensland Report for Brisbane Annual General Meeting 2019

Dear members and friends of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane. As Queensland President of Catholic Charismatic Renewal for the past 10 years, it is with deep honour and privilege that I present to you the Annual Report, on behalf of the members of the Queensland State Service Committee (SSC).

Queensland State Service Committee is represented by members of all 5 Dioceses of Queensland: Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns. Present at our last annual meeting in 2018:

Jenny McCormack (Queensland President)

Audrey Chan-Seow (Brisbane President)

LP Seow (State Treasurer)

Cheryl Gothmann (Queensland Deputy)

Colleen Mullins (Rockhampton President)

Mick Pyke (Toowoomba President), and **Maree Pyke**

Trudy Clarke (Townsville President) and **Barbara Clunes**.

CCR Cairns was not represented at 2018 meeting.

2018 Meeting continued in the grace of unity as we rejoiced in the efforts, achievements and activities across the 5 dioceses of Queensland.

Elections for State President and Deputy

2018 was an election year for CCR Queensland. Jenny McCormack committed to another term of 3 years as State President, and Cheryl Gothmann continued as Deputy. **Fr Leonard Uzuegbu** (CCR Brisbane Chaplain) led the election process and anointed and commissioned Jenny and Cheryl for the task ahead.

Fr Leonard gave a wonderful teaching on ‘Visionary Leadership’ based on Isaiah 54:2.4. **Members were all commissioned to proceed in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, enlightened by the Word of God, as we venture to live out God’s vision for Queensland Catholic Charismatic Renewal.**

Queensland 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. Fear not, you shall not be put to shame; you need not blush, for you will not be disgraced. The shame of your youth you will forget, the reproach of your widowhood no longer remember”. Isaiah 54:2.4

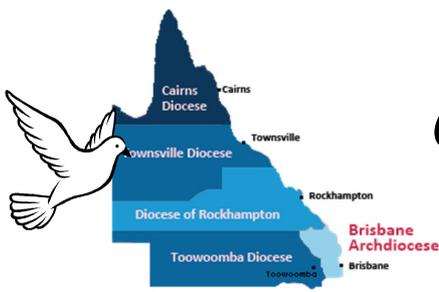
What did the Lord have to say?

Prophetic Word and Vision from the weekend was recorded and prayerfully discerned. The golden threads that emerged were:

“To continue to develop our ability to wait, listen and be attentive to the Holy Spirit as He ‘enlarges’ our vision from Isaiah 54:2-4 trusting that as we ‘hear and obey God’s Word’, the Holy Spirit is infusing us with ‘supernatural power’ to ‘GO FORTH, PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL’. WE ARE CALLED TO: TRUST, SURRENDER, BELIEVE, RECEIVE.”

Queensland Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory prayer is the foundation of all activities and ministries. **‘Watchmen over Queensland Catholic Charismatic Renewal’** is set up specifically for the needs of **Catholic Charismatic Renewal in each local**



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area. This is being used to pray our local and State discerned prophetic word into being, along with seeking prayer for upcoming events. ‘**Watchmen over Queensland CCR**’, ‘**Gatekeepers CCR National Intercession**’ and ‘**ISAO Mountain Movers**’ is sent by email to all those on intercessory mailing lists. All Dioceses have **local intercessory prayer** operating. This is specifically focused towards the **needs of local parish, prayer group members, and those asking for prayer**. CCR Brisbane has over **300** people on ‘**Prayer Warriors**’ (an intercessory email list for prayer for personal needs).

Queensland Structure (49 Prayer Groups and Ministries)

CCR Brisbane establishes, supports, and is accountable for CCR Prayer Groups and Ministries across the Brisbane Archdiocese. **34** prayer groups and ministry groups (over **400** members) meeting weekly are made up of English/Indonesian/Filipino/Spanish/Italian/Sri Lankan/Sri Lankan Youth/Vietnamese speaking. Monthly prayer meetings are held at Brisbane Cathedral Chapel with usually 30-40 people in attendance. A few smaller groups have closed due to age and leadership struggles. There is involvement in establishing a few new groups who have not yet affiliated. The **3** ministries consist of a yearly Retreat for Women (Women of the Way Retreat) gathering over 100 women, Catholics Come Alive Ministry, and a Men’s Music Ministry Group. There has been contact with Emmanuel Community and outreach mission and ministry to Couples for Christ. Monthly Charismatic Healing Mass offering Sacraments and Healing Ministry at Upper Mt Gravatt Parish continues. Brisbane is grateful for the appointment of Fr Leonard Uzuegbu as Chaplain for CCR Brisbane. He has been a wonderful support and source of teaching.

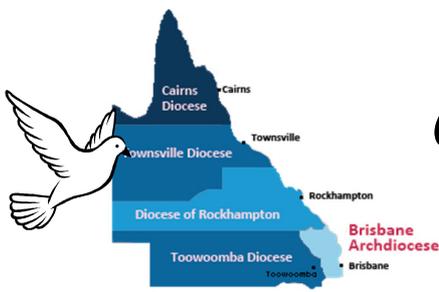
CCR Brisbane Healing Prayer Centres

3 Healing Prayer Centres (HPC) operate under CCR Brisbane at Northgate, Jindalee and Petrie with healing prayer continuing to be in demand. The bookings for prayer at the time of writing this report from August 2018-19 number **140 appointments over the 3 Centres**. Members of the HPC have Spiritual Directors in place seeking personal wholeness and holiness, and attend in-service gatherings for deeper training. HPC Accreditation Team have been involved in further Healing Prayer Training which was far reaching. This training involved over 60 participants from all over the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and people from Toowoomba and Rockhampton Dioceses, with many desiring to continue further training later this year.

CCR Brisbane Ministry and Events August 2018-19

CCR Brisbane President Audrey Chan-Seow has a full report of activities in the CCR Brisbane AGM Report. I will just list some of the major events for your information.

- August 2018 AGM Election, Mass, talk and celebrations
- August 2018 Women of the Way Retreat—CCR Brisbane Retreat Weekend for Women
- October 2018 Annual Queensland State Service Committee Meeting held in Brisbane
- November 2018 Retreat Fr Ray Sanchez—Brisbane offered music and healing ministry
- December 2018 CCR Brisbane end of year Mass, with talks, fellowship and celebrations
- February 2019 Day of Discernment with Fr Ken Barker
- March 2019 Opening Event & National Day of Prayer—Mass and talk by Fr Leonard, fellowship afterwards
- March 2019 ‘Baptism of Grace’ LISS by Mission Team at Bardon Parish
- April 2019 ‘Baptism of Grace’ LISS by Mission Team at Kedron Parish
- June 2019 Retreat by Fr Ray Sanchez—Prayer Ministry by Healing Teams
- June 2019 Pentecost Celebrations at Bardon Prayer Group with Sr Melissa Dwyer as speaker
- July 2019 Gift Clinic presented by Mission Team at Jindalee Parish
- August 2019 Brisbane AGM—Mass Archbishop Mark Coleridge, talk Jan Heath



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CCR Toowoomba: 4 Prayer Groups—3 in Toowoomba (23 members), Warwick (5 members). 2 new prayer groups have affiliated during 2018, one being a Diocesan Intercessory Prayer Group meeting fortnightly. There is a desire to set up a prayer group for Mum's with children. There is a new ministry unfolding 'Outreach to the Aged' offering ministry of praise/worship in Aged Care Centres. Members continue to serve Parish Ministry and to work towards expansion into other towns in the Toowoomba Diocese, without success at this point, but hopeful for a fruitful future. Bp McGuckin has been a source of encouragement and support.

CCR Toowoomba Ministry and Events August 2018-19

'Wings of Freedom' Toowoomba Prayer Group

Toowoomba Prayer Group has an active music ministry. Members host monthly Parish Masses with morning tea, offering prayer ministry after Mass. Members continue efforts of expansion into other parts of Diocese.

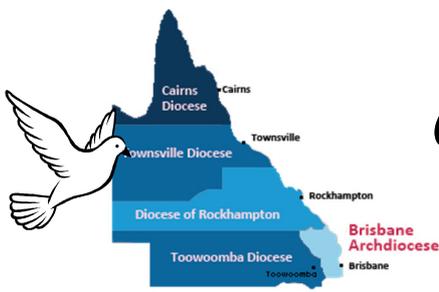
- 2018—Philip and Margaret Moloney visited for 2 weeks of ministry offering Youth Seminar, Family Seminar, 3 Healing Seminars, talks at prayer group and parish, individual prayer ministry day, and day of thanksgiving.
- March, April, May 2019—7 members attended Brisbane Healing Prayer Training
- June 2019—Pentecost Sunday P/W celebration for new anointing of Holy Spirit
- Supporting/visitation for existing prayer groups and formation for future groups.
- Continue the attendance of Annual Ecumenical Christian Muster in Charleville.

CCR Rockhampton: 6 Prayer Groups—Rockhampton (7 members), Blackwater (8-10), Emerald Ecumenical (5-7) Mackay (4), Bundaberg (7-18), Gladstone (12-20) 2 prayer meetings day/evening held fortnightly. A new group is under formation in Mackay. There has been contact with another group in Rockhampton with younger people. State vision from Isaiah 54:2.4 has been the focus and foundation for Diocesan and local Prayer/Ministry Groups. Coordinating team meets 3 times yearly for discussion and prayer, with Bishop Michael McCarthy attending when possible. All groups have been given the challenge to rise up and to be prepared to offer to parishes what they have received through Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

CCR Rockhampton Ministry and Events August 2018-19

- 2018 Blackwater members celebrated 30 years of Catholic Charismatic Renewal
- 2018 Bundaberg encouraging young people to attend prayer meetings
- 2018 Gladstone members presented 'the Gift program' Easter to Pentecost
- 2018 Healing Prayer operating as a Parish Ministry in the Diocese
- 2018 August—Parish Ministry by Fr John Rea from New Zealand
- 2019 Working towards raising new leaders and strengthening older members
- 2019 Feb—Leadership training in Bundaberg
- 2019 Rockhampton Diocesan Conference with Fr Ken Barker was well received
- 2019 Hoping for 2 new prayer groups in Rockhampton and Mackay
- 2019 Offering Life in the Spirit Seminars

CCR Townsville: 2 Prayer Groups. Townsville (40 members) meeting weekly. Numbers have increased during 2018-19 with young people attending from Parish Youth Group. They have a shared leadership of 9 dedicated leaders who present talks on a rotation basis. Members are involved in weekly Bible Study. They are focused on expansion and outreach in both Catholic and Ecumenical Churches, serving local parishes and attending other Ecumenical Church events. Mt Isa (15-20 members) meeting weekly. This Filipino Group celebrated their 16th anniversary of formation during 2018.



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- July 2018—Regional Conference Fr Steve, Cairns CCR attended / Alpha participants / Youth
- August 2018—Fr John Rea SM day of preaching/prayer/Mass/Reconciliation/Adoration
- 2018-19—attended Combined Church Prayer, Walk of Witness, Ecumenical Pentecost, City Women, Shine Women's Conference, Global Leadership Summit (all ecumenical)
- Members serve in RCIA / Catholics Returning Home / Alpha / St Vincent's
- January 2019—members attended CCR Melbourne Retreat
- August 2019—CCR Townsville Conference with Fr Ken Barker MGL
- Continuing to mentor young people hoping for a youth member on leadership team
- Endeavouring to establish new prayer groups, especially in Ayr
- Bi-monthly Charismatic Healing Masses with Fr Steve Fletcher MGL

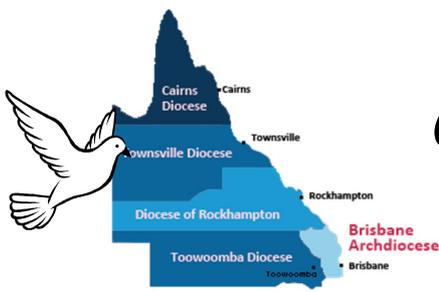
CCR Cairns: 3 Prayer Groups—West Cairns, Edmonton, Tully. Numbers are small with much being accomplished when the whole Diocesan Team works together. Diocesan leadership changed during 2018 with leader retiring after many years of dedicated service. As a result of changes, leaders of CCR Cairns did not have their usual yearly conference during 2018, participating instead in CCR Townsville Conference. They have since had elections and have new office bearers in place and stepping into the State joint vision of Isaiah 54:2.4. Leadership is focused on weekly Prayer Group meetings, Intercessory Prayer, Monthly Healing Masses, and the hosting of an Annual CCR Conference. Contact has been made with Mareeba, who are meeting, but not under the banner of CCR Cairns. Leadership met with members of Community of Risen Lord who were seeking support.

CCR Cairns Ministry and Events August 2018-19

- November 2018 Healing of Family Tree Mass
- 2019 Tully Prayer Group is back to meeting weekly after revival through Life in the Spirit Seminar
- 2019 Cairns CCR Conference with Fr Steve Fletcher MGL
- Continue monthly Healing Masses at Edmonton
- Continue weekly prayer meetings at Cairns, Edmonton and Tully
- Movement towards Youth Ministry
- Unity and working together as Diocesan Service Committee
- Serving the Diocese with LISS and Gift Clinics

Raising the Profile of CCR in Queensland

Every member of the State Service Committee has committed to the vision and scripture of **Isaiah 54:2.4** and are prayerfully discerning ways of **'expanding the tents'** in every area of Queensland. Each diocese is listening to the Lord for direction, stirring up the gifts of the Spirit, and seeking to become a mighty army. The Lord is stretching and strengthening us, preparing and positioning us for **'Mission and Ministry to Mainstream Church'**. What a privileged place to be partners in the vision of Pope Francis of a Renewed Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. We are no longer prepared **to stay in the trenches** where we are safe and comfortable. We are being infused with supernatural power, impassioned by the Holy Spirit **to step out into the open** by witnessing to our faith through **Baptism in the Holy Spirit**. For no matter what the cost, **'we were born for such a time as this'**. **This is our call as Missionary Disciples through the Lord's invitation to us through Catholic Charismatic Renewal.**



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CCR Australia National Service Committee

As Queensland State President, I represent the State on the National Service Committee. National Service Committee consists of 1 member representing each State and Territory, 1 National Youth Coordinator, 1 ad-hoc member, National Treasurer, 1 representative from New Zealand, along with Fr Ken Barker MGL. We meet yearly to gather for prayer and fellowship, to share what is happening in each State, nationally and internationally, and to pray and plan for future National and Oceania events.

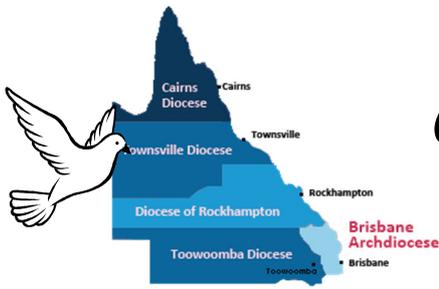
During CCR Great Jubilee Celebrations in Rome last year, our Holy Father Pope Francis, publicly thanked Catholic Charismatic Renewal by saying to us:

‘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!’

Over the past 5 years Pope Francis had called for the implementation of what has now been established as CHARIS. CHARIS is an international service to all members of Catholic Charismatic Renewal worldwide. The Holy Father is calling for all Charismatic Communities and Realities to unite and serve as **‘One Stream of Grace’** to assist the Church in Her mission of Evangelisation and Healing. He has participated in selecting the team, passing the structures and, at Pentecost in Rome this year, CHARIS was launched. CHARIS is a direction of Pope Francis, who said in Rome **‘Let this New Reality come into being, this Reality of Communion, and see what the Holy Spirit does’**. The Pope has given us a basic outline of what he is expecting. He has put a lot of trust in the movement of the Spirit in that Catholic Charismatic Renewal, (CCR) is mature enough to come together in unity and to find a way. **‘Mission’** always arises out of communion. He constantly insists that he expects CCR to take Baptism in the Spirit to the whole church. While we wait to hear more from Pope Francis, our call is to become more inclusive of other groups and to spread the understanding of CHARIS to all CCR Realities.

During the gathering for the National Service Committee earlier this year in Brisbane, members of CCR Communities joined us for a day/evening of prayer, fellowship and conversation: Shayne Bennett as Oceania Representative for CHARIS, Patrick Keedy representing Emmanuel Community, Julie and Joe Chirchop representing Servants of Jesus Community, Chris Noone representing Bread of Life Community (Catholic branch of Servants) and Tim Kirk representing Disciples of Jesus Community. There are many unanswered questions but after our discussion, some of the answers were a little clearer and we will have unity and strength together under CHARIS.

There will be a extra meeting for the National Service Committee (as it is now) in Brisbane on Saturday 16 November. On 17-18 November State members will join the Communities mentioned above for a time of praise, prayer, discussion concerning CHARIS. The team to represent CHARIS nationally will become the **National Service of Communion**, which at this time is expected to begin as a combination of the Communities mentioned previously and the existing NSC members. There will be a platform for the **official launch of CHARIS in Australia** held in Sydney from 30 April – 2 May 2020, where other Charismatic Realities will be invited to attend and to sign up as part of **CHARIS Internationally**. It is envisioned that a member of these Realities will be invited as part of National Service of Communion. We are not sure how



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this will unfold. We only know that the transition will take time and at this point, as numbers grow, the new CHARIS National Service of Communion will take shape.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Internationally has been given the expectation of Pope Francis. There is much to be achieved by the power of the Holy Spirit and, 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 by uniting as ‘One Stream of Grace’ and by serving the Church more fully through Catholic Charismatic Renewal by **‘Enlarging the site of our tent and letting the curtains of our habitations be stretched out, by not holding back; by lengthening our cords and strengthen our stakes. Trusting that we will spread out to the right and to the left and that our descendants will possess the nations and will settle the desolate towns. Fearing not, trusting that we shall not be put to shame; not needing to blush, for we will not be disgraced. The shame of our youth we will forget, the reproach of widowhood we will no longer remember’.** Adapted through the vision of Isaiah 54:2.4

I am grateful to be part of the National Service Committee for Catholic Charismatic Renewal with the opportunity to ‘stretch wider’ as **National Service of Communion under CHARIS Internationally** with ongoing faithfulness and commitment to International Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

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