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PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

# Family Group Goss



## Fr Peter's Corner—The Essence

As a Christian following Christ each one of us is called to love others. This isn't a mere job that we do 8 hours a day or when we are in Church. This is a 24/7 vocation, day after day. Each one of us is to be a person of love and forgiveness.

Whether we are a nurse, or a student or an elderly person retired or a check-out chick, we are called to be concerned for others. As parents we are to be people with heart and children with love.

We are to see every single person as worthy of our self-giving love. Every person reflects God. With all

our weaknesses, we are God's people.

This is at the very essence of our Family Groups and is at the essence of the Christian Community. Pope Francis repeated this in his "Joy of the Gospel"



## Australian Directors' Gathering– 1-3 May

New South Wales, Victoria/Tasmania, Canberra/Goulburn, Queensland and South Australia, were represented.

We were blessed on this Annual weekend with the

presence, input and wisdom of Passionist Fathers Tom McDonough, Peter McGrath, Brian Traynor and Ray Sanchez.

Father Tom McDonough, Provincial of Holy Spirit Province, reminded us that we were gathered to be everything we could be for the Mission of the PFGM; to be open to what the Holy Spirit wants us to do. We were encouraged and inspired to reflect on this in silence

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presence of Passionists Fathers Peter McGrath, Brian Traynor and Ray Sanchez and their input and wisdom was invaluable.

The weekend had many sessions which inspired sharing, reflecting and contemplating our past, present and the future. The beautiful gardens of Santa Theresa gave us quiet opportunity to do just that. For a copy of the full report of this weekend – please email: [family@pfgm.org](mailto:family@pfgm.org)



Tom McDonough cp, Provincial, Ray Sanchez cp, Peter McGrath cp, Brian Traynor cp

## Our New Generation Family Group

The first of many Next Generation Family Groups was established in mid-June at the St Anthony's church kitchen. Twelve families with over two dozen children will form the new group, comprising of traditional nuclear families, single parent families and singles. Interestingly, at least five members spoke of their positive experiences growing up in a family group and

their keen desires for their own children to have the same opportunity.

Also in attendance were Fathers Jose, Parish Priest, and Peter McGrath, Founder of the Passionist Family Group Movement, along with representatives from the Family Group Office and St. Anthony's coordinators.

Fr Peter spoke of each person's uniqueness and how it is in getting to know one another

that we can love one another and become the extended family - a community to which all of us desire to identify and belong. This happens, he said, by just getting together and being yourself.

Fr Jose welcomed and met everyone and said it is wonderful to add to the number of family groups which make up smaller communities within the larger parish community.

Joe Tesoriero, St. Anthony's Family Group Coordinator



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