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Fr Peter's Corner

What is happening in and through

Passionist Family Groups?

In a nutshell, in the words of the PFGM Founder:

"Wherever people are, whoever they are, they yearn to be accepted, loved, cared for and supported by other human beings."

"A well-functioning Family Group of 10-15 families becomes an extended family. It nurtures its members

who are a cross section of ages and can be dual, solo or blended families. Members are of every age, race and economic condition.

"When people are at home in a Family Group, their gifts and graces are used in the parish community and in Evangelisation."

"Christian formation happens in a Family Group and families are freed to tell their stories without shame. They face the same challenges together and learn from each other. Heartfelt prayer is informal and influ-

enced by the rhythm of life. At the heart of the prayer is the Eucharist, whether at the Parish Celebration or the intimate Home Mass.

"Family Groups do not take away the difficulties of life, but give us the strength and courage to live together as followers of Christ. Naturally, we will stumble and fall. But 'Someone' before us also felt that weight, stumbled and fell."

- Father Peter McGrath *cp*

Upcoming Events:

St Anthony In The Fields Passionist Youth Group Reunion—9th November 2014.

International Family Group Day—First Sunday in May—see our website www.pfgm.org for details

St Anthony In The Fields Terry Hills NSW Passionist Youth Group Reunion

Calling all members of the Passionist Youth Groups from 1980-2005. As well as the many helpers who made the Youth Groups a roaring success; leaders, cooks, Youth Group dance bouncers and the like.

The reunion will be held on Sunday 9th November 2014 at St Anthony in The Fields, 12pm –4 pm. BYO everything picnic (just like old times). Bring along your family and have a great time catching up with old friends.

South Australia



For the past 4 years the Passionists have had a novitiate at The Monastery, Glen Osmond in Adelaide. The novitiate brings together students from Vietnam, China, New Guinea and Korea to partake in studies for the priesthood. I have been coordinating the English Language Program, which goes for an hour each day for the twelve months of the course.

People may be interested to know that this program has become an outreach for the PFGM in the Glen Osmond and the Col Light Gdns Parishes. We have volunteer tutors who come along, some each week, and some when required, to help the students with their English. The tutors find great joy and satisfaction in working with these beautiful young men and also interact with them at the parish level.

Early this year, towards the end of their course, the novices expressed a desire to cook a meal for all their teachers, and we were invited to a delicious lunch. Below is a picture of the teachers at this lunch- 8 teachers, 6 are Family Group members.

- SA Director, Chris Wilson



Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Family Group Dinner in May

We launched our Parish renewal with a dinner last Saturday night after Mass. Fr Ray presided and shared his wisdom on the history of the PFGM with those who attended the dinner. We've had some very positive feedback and are feeling empowered on our journey of renewal. - Ricci Barros
Upper Mt. Gravatt/Wishart Qld Parish



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