

Carmel Densley, Diocesan GodStart Co-ordinator, has recently retired from this role after twelve years of wonderful service.

As Co-ordinator of the GodStart Program, Carmel has spent many hours travelling, telephoning and emailing all parishes in the diocese, to support and assist with the GodStart program. Over the twelve years, Carmel made contact with every parish, every year.



The GodStart Program assists parishes to keep in touch with families with pre-school children after baptism. The program resources parishes to take an active role in supporting parents teach their children about the love of God. The program welcomes parents as important members of the parish community, demonstrating that they belong and can find support and companionship in their parish community. While this is a very brief description of GodStart, each parish can develop the program to fit their own needs.

The Diocese is very grateful to Carmel for her commitment, generosity of time and service to our parish communities. We wish Carmel the very best in her retirement.

The Diocesan Liturgical Commission is currently undertaking a review of the program in the Diocese. For further information please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office by phone 5337 7159 or email pastoralministry@ballarat.catholic.org.au



L-R: Moira Czurlowski, Carmel, Melissa Keast (Godstart Catholic Care Melbourne) and Val Duffer



Carmel (middle) pictured with Fr Marcello Colasante and families in the Swan Hill Parish