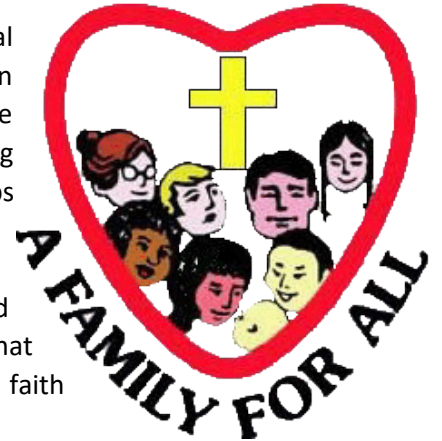


CATHEDRAL PARISH FAMILY GROUPS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS

On Sunday, November 13 the Passionist Family Groups within the Ballarat Cathedral Parish celebrated twenty-five years since their formation in the Parish in 1991. On that day the 10.30 am Mass at the Cathedral was also the occasion to celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which was followed by morning tea in the Cathedral Hall. A special jubilee cake was provided for the Family Groups and all who attended enjoyed the celebration. Coordinators of the Family Groups in the Cathedral Parish are Marika and Michael Hingston who oversee the four existing groups in the parish. Following a recent promotion of the value and importance of Family Groups in a large parish such as the Cathedral as a way that parishioners can get to know other parishioners and enhance the sense of faith community, a fifth Family Group is being formed.



At a state level, the Coordinators for many years have been Bernard and Maree Metcalfe. The Metcalfe's have been wonderful in their support of the regional and parish coordinators of the Family Groups throughout the Diocese of Ballarat and across the whole of the state (and Tasmania). Regionally, we are well supported by Jan Mullaly who was able to join us for the twenty-five years celebration.

Other parishes in the Diocese of Ballarat with the Passionist Family Groups include St Alipius' Ballarat East, St Columba's Ballarat North, St Patrick's Camperdown, Sacred Heart Casterton, St Mary's Colac, St Joseph's Coleraine, St Augustine's Creswick, St Peter's Daylesford, St Mary's Hamilton, All Saints Portland, Sacred Heart Mildura, St Joseph's Red Cliffs, St Aloysius' Redan, St James' Sebastopol, St Thomas' Terang, OLHC East Warrnambool, St Joseph's Warrnambool, St Pius X West Warrnambool and OLHC Wendouree.

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