

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



To live and love like the early Christians

Leadership change

The Passionist Family Group Movement has been established in New Zealand for thirty-three years. When the request came to start PFG's in New Zealand, my brother Paul and I were in the midst of rapid expansion of the Movement in Brisbane and Northern NSW. We were not looking for more work! Our Passionist Province had decided only a few months earlier to close our community in Hamilton because of a lack of personnel.

Starting in New Zealand and committing ourselves to offer the necessary support was a huge challenge. The first thing we did was speak to our PFG leaders in Brisbane and Northern NSW to ask their support in assisting new parishes that were starting there. This had the positive effect of increasing the level of responsibility and ministerial involvement among our lay leaders, which was to be mirrored in New Zealand.

After just three years, in 1990 we handed over the reins as Directors in NZ to Lynn and Rob Hill, who served in that role for an amazing twenty-six years. They inspired and supported strong teams of committed leaders at every level. Lynn and Rob retired as Directors in June 2016.

Linda and Paul Darbyshire and Mary-Ellen and John Leen accepted a five-year term as Directors from July 2016. They took on leadership roles in the PFGM while still in their late 20's and they have continued to exercise these roles for thirty years. In 2019 they added Paul Traynor to the team and agreed to a new role definition as the National Coordinating Team.

From from July 1st, Paul Traynor will take up the role of National Coordinator of the Movement in Aotearoa. This appointment has been made by the Trustees of the PFGM and confirmed by the Provincial of the Passionists, Fr Tom McDonough CP.

There is great excitement about this appointment because Paul brings with him great experience and passion for the role. Paul was a frequent visitor to Terry Hills way back in 1972 where the PFGM began and he has been extensively involved in the PFGM since 1985. He has great pastoral and educational experience. He holds a Masters' degree in Education and Graduate diplomas in teaching, counselling and theology.

Linda, Paul, Mary-Ellen and John we owe a huge debt of thanks, firstly for exercising the key PFGM leadership role in New Zealand for these past five years and secondly, for exercising it so professionally and with such commitment, including through the challenges of COVID-19. It is typical of them that they have assured Paul of their ongoing support especially over the next two years. At the National PFGM leadership weekend in mid-June, we will have the opportunity to thank them appropriately, and to commission Paul to his new ministry.

Brian Traynor

Anniversaries – 30 Years

Helensville	17-2-1991
St Helliers	24-2-1991
Upper Hutt	7-4-1991
New Plymouth	30-6-1991
Taradale	24-8-1991
Johnsonville	6-10-1991
Otaki	30-10-1991
St Pat's Napier	3-11-1991
Hastings	10-11-1991

Anniversaries – 25 years

Beckenham (ChCh)	3-3-1996
Tainui/Waverley	8-9-1996
Waikanae	29-9-1996

Anniversaries – 20 years

Waihi	26-8-2001
Papanui (ChCh)	11-11-2001

Passionist Retreats

Youth Retreat 15-18 yrs

Mon 19 July – Thurs 22 July
Cost \$110.00

Young Adult Retreat 19 yrs+

Fri 9 July – Sun 11 July
Cost \$140.00

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zURnZTV_eTc

For more info and Registering visit: www.passionistretreats.co.nz
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PLAY WHATS IN FRONT OF YOU

I don't know who first used the saying, "play what is in front of you", but it certainly has been used by Rugby coaches, to encourage players to block out everything except the reality that you have to respond to what the team opposite you is actually doing. Take the opportunities provided; adjust to what you didn't expect; watch what your opposite player is doing; change what you planned because it may not work in this new situation etc.

It seems to me that this is what we must do during COVID-19. It is very easy to become discouraged or frustrated by changing regulations and restrictions, but these are attempts to help us 'play what is in front of us'. Three weeks ago things were very different in Victoria. We can expend all of our energy seeking to lay blame or express frustration, but we still have to play what is in front of us!

We have to be patient with ourselves and others. We have to be compliant with what is asked of us so that danger for others and ourselves is minimized. It is very demanding and it tires us. There is nothing wrong with admitting that.



"Lord, grant me the **serenity** to accept the things I cannot change, the **courage** to change the things I can, and the **wisdom** to know the difference."

We are grateful and give thanks...

Paul, Linda, John and Mary-Ellen wish to thank each of you for your time, treasure, talents and friendship over the past 5 years.

We have been blest to work with amazing faith filled, gospel living people throughout Aotearoa.

John and Mary-Ellen will remain on the Wellington regional team and the four of us will support Paul as he takes over the National role.

We firmly believe the Movement is in good hands and wish Paul all the very best for the future. It's been encouraging to hear positive feedback on Paul's appointment and we know he will be well supported by each of you. Arohanui

Welcome:

To those who recently have accepted roles serving the movement.

John and Therese Van Loon
(Parish Co Katikati, Waihi)

Jerri and Doug Pirc
(Parish Coordinators, Nelson)

Clare and Ray Hague
Co Parish Coordinators Levin

Thank you:

To the following who have given generously of their time and gifts in roles serving the movement..

Lorna and Len Gee
(Katikati Parish Co)

Formation Dates 2021

May 22	Hawkes Bay
June 26	Auckland
July 3	Nelson
July 24	Christchurch
August 7	Wellington
August 22	Palmerston North
August 27	Dunedin
August 28	Invercargill
September 11	Katikati
September 12	Hamilton
November 7	Kapiti

Formation notes 2021 - These are available on the webpage under resources 2021. Take copies to your family group to share and discuss.



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