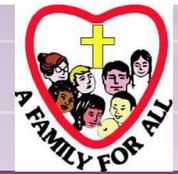


# PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



## Seasons Greetings

Since our last newsletter in July, the Leen's have been to Nelson and Blenheim meeting with Parish Coordinators and group leaders and their respective Parish Priests. We had a trip to Invercargill and met the lovely Dot and Neil, and family group members who are doing a sterling job in the deep South.

In September we represented the Passionist Family Group Movement as attendees at the Wellington Archdiocese 2017 Synod. A group of us from different Parishes around Wellington gathered together in June to listen and discern 'Go, you are sent .... To the peripheries, Go, you are sent.... To support marriage and families and Go, you are sent....to accompany one another. The Synod theme 'Go, you are sent' will be further explored at the Wellington Dio Passionist FG Parish Co weekend next year.

The Hawkes Bay Regional Team: Norma, Mary and Peter had an enlightening evening gathered with their Parish and Group Co. Linda & Paul had a lovely stay with Clive and Frances who gathered the Hamilton Dio Parish Co's for a shared lunch. In Auckland Rosie and John hosted a shared dinner with their Parish Co.

At all these gatherings there is a constant babble of sound, such are the benefits of spending time with those who share in the ministry of community. A time to listen, learn and support each other. For this we are truly blessed.

We thank each of you for your support, commitment and generosity throughout the year.



Greetings from Linda, Paul, Mary-Ellen, John and our Passionist Coordinating Director Brian Traynor CP.

Checkout the website for the following information:

- Template re: reporting to PPC
- A visit to the deep South
- Welcome to PFGM St Patricks Lincoln
- Pt Chevalier set up PFG's
- Passionist Companions retreat
- NZ Passionist Parish – Star of the Seas, Marlborough
- Passionist Family Group Movement Go you are sent. Synod submission

## Save the Date 2018!!

**PFG Day**  
**Auckland Dio**  
**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Further details to come...

**PFG Day**  
**Hawkes Bay**  
**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May**

All invited. Make this your family group activity.

**PFG Day**  
**Christchurch Dio**  
**July 2018**

Date to be advised.

**PFG Day**  
**New Plymouth**  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> April**

All invited. Make this your groups activity!

Save the Date 2018!!

**PFG Day  
Palmerston Nth  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May**

All invited. Make this your family group activity!

**PFG Day  
Hamilton  
Sat 26<sup>th</sup> May**

All invited. Make this your family group activity.

**PFG Day  
Bay of Plenty  
Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May**

All invited. Make this your family group activity.

**PFG weekend  
Wellington Dio  
May 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>**

Parish Co Weekend at The Home of Compassion, Island Bay.

Stipend (Annual cost to the Parish)

The Passionist Family Group Movement (PFGM) in New Zealand relies on the financial support of its participating Parishes and Grants from the Passionist Congregation in Australia to provide the funds necessary to run the Movement.

The Movements success is based on its support structure which starts with Leaders of individual groups within a Parish, Parish Leaders, Regional Teams, Diocesan Directors and finally National Directors. At every level of leadership there is pastoral support. Keeping in touch with our members frequently involves travel and is important in

ensuring the Aims and Goals of the Movement are properly understood and carried out.

Being a Charitable Trust there is a formality and accountability both in financial and commercial terms that the Trust must comply with. We use the services of a Chartered Accountancy firm to undertake the administration work, which includes invoicing, making payments, and preparing the audited Annual Accounts.

**Note:** Parish Co please ensure you prepare an annual report to the Parish Pastoral Council.

**To assist** there is a template under resources on the webpage.

PFGM Aims and Goals

- To share our Christian Values
- To live and love like the early Christians
- To give example to and involve our children in Christian sharing
- To build and promote community within the Parish
- To support one another in times of need and celebration



**For our celebrations during Advent and Christmas both of our King's first coming at Christmas and of our hope in his Second Coming at the end of time, you and I have a double task:-1. To rejoice and give thanks that we do not save ourselves, but that our God is coming to save us, and 2. With the help of our gracious God, to fill in those potholes, level out those bumps, and remove those roadblocks, that are hindering God's work of saving, transforming, changing and renewing us.....*Brian Gleeson CP***

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND LOVE**

*Mary-Ellen, John, Linda & Paul*



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