

# The Lantern

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Dear Members of the Nagle community,

Last Saturday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption. From the most ancient of times, Mary has been venerated under the title of Mother of God. Down through the ages, paintings and statues of Mary have mostly given expression to a "motherly smile", a smile that is welcoming and expresses peace and serenity.

A 3rd Century Papyrus Manuscript, published by Roberts in Manchester in 1938, contains the well-known prayer "Under Your Protection" and demonstrates that from the earliest times, Mary was regarded as a mother-figure for Christians of the early Church:

"We turn to you for protection, Holy Mother of God.

Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs.

Save us from every danger, Glorious and Blessed Virgin."

These Christians of the early Church would have been well aware of the role Mary fulfilled as a constant connection with Christ. It was she who had nurtured Him during the years leading up to His public life. She had a leading role at the marriage celebration in Cana, when Jesus began His public life. At the end of His life, Mary witnessed the sorrowful events of the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of her Son. Mary was with the Apostles when they gave witness to the facts of the Resurrection and Ascension. It was Mary, the constant Mother, who prayed with the Apostles and sustained them in their belief until the First Pentecost.

There is little written about Mary, especially what happened after Pentecost, but there is strong evidence, through tradition, that at the end of her life she was united with her Son in a manner similar to how her Son was united with His Father. After an in-depth study of tradition and the early writings of the Church, and after broad consultation with bishops, theologians and lay people, Pope Pius X11 in 1950 declared that, "... The

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Year 8 Social

Wednesday 26 August

7pm – 9pm

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#### Educating girls in the tradition of the Presentation Sisters since 1965.

Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory".

Mary had been so closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, so it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe and declare, that she must be with Him body and soul in heaven. Mary is now in a position to be mother to all people for all time.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, your people, now, and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

God Bless,

Mrs Delma Horan

## From the Assistant Principal

The success of the girls who took part in the Bring It On dance competition has lessons for us all. Effort pays off. These girls put in many, many hours of practice in which they received feedback about their performances and suggestions on how to improve. Obviously they acted upon this feedback and performed outstandingly. Some students know that in order to gain a high mark or result they need to put in a lot of effort. Part of that effort is seeking feedback and acting upon it. For most subjects this will mean that students need to be good time managers so that they can hand in drafts of their work so that they can receive feedback and then refine their final product. I encourage all students to follow this example.

Year 9 are looking at the environment in Geography and have been carrying out some research. I recently spoke to some of the students and they, like me, would like to see better care being taken of our school grounds. The girls have many ideas and initiatives and it looks like the college will be looking a lot tidier in the near future. I commend these girls for their community care and efforts.

Tickets for our 50th Anniversary Dinner are selling fast. Please check the booking details elsewhere in this edition and make sure you do not miss out.

Regards

Mr Michael Hall

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#### **SENIOR RETREAT 2015**

Written by Zoe Hooper and Angelica Tabone

As we prepare to complete our Preliminary Exams, and move into our final year at Nagle, Year 11 girls have had a lot to think about. As such, the Senior Retreat, which took place last week at The Tops Conference Centre from Wednesday the 12th of August to Friday the 14th of August, gave us an opportunity to take some time out of our busy school schedule to reflect on the year that has passed, and look to the challenging year that lies ahead.

The theme for this year's retreat was **Determined and Strong**. Over the three days, the girls listened to many talks from teachers and special speakers, who all shared their stories about how they came to be strong and determined individuals. They explained to us that their past events have shaped them to be who they are today and led them to discover their full potential in life, strengthen their relationship with God and deepen their faith.

We also spent time in small discussion groups and bigger workshops. These times allowed students to work with people who were not part of their "usual" friendship groups. This encouraged us get to know one another and form stronger, co-operative connections with others. Throughout the activities and input sessions, we were continually reminded of the importance of working together and having trust in God's love for us. One activity that we completed was one where we had to put our heads together to find a way to turn over a plastic tarp. You may think that turning over a tarp is easy, but try turning it over with 30 girls standing on top of it, none of them allowed to step off – it becomes quite challenging! The girls had to listen to other's ideas and after a few attempts, we worked together to successfully turn over the tarp. The girls did many activities such as this that emphasised the idea that together we are stronger: a key concept that will assist us in Year 12 and life beyond.

One thing that we were reminded of was that life might present to us barriers and obstacles. We will have times when we will fall; times that we will feel like we have failed, like we just can't take it anymore. But these are the moments when you have to dust yourself off and get back up. On the first night, we watched the film *Stand and Deliver*. This film reflected the theme of **Determined and Strong** and reminded us to persevere and be strong, despite the hardships and failures life may present us with.

On the second night, we took part in Reconciliation. This was an important part of the Retreat experience. Over a few hours, we took time to reflect, consider, and connect with God through pray, text and song. It was a moving experience. The girls were able to ask God for forgiveness in order to move forward.

For Year 11, our Senior Retreat helped us to reflect on what our purpose is in life, as God has a purpose for each and every one of us. Though we may not know exactly what that may be just yet, in time, as we continue to live life, we will discover what we were put on this earth to do. All we have to do is remain courageous and never forget that we are determined and strong young Presentation women, and that God loves each and every one of us.

Ph: 8887-4501

On behalf of Year 11, we would like to acknowledge the teachers who were able to share in on our Retreat with us. With their efforts, organisation and care, it was a fantastic experience. We thank: Mrs Horan, Ms Lonergan, Ms Kervinen, Miss Simpson, Miss Rowan, Mrs Soriano, Mr Iligan and Miss Chidiac. We also appreciate Father Peter and Alison Ryan (Youth Minister) who took the time to be with us over the three days. We also thank Father Denes who joined us for Reconciliation. Most of all, we thank Year 11! Let's do this, girls!











# From the Leader of Student Well-Being

To assist young people through their journey of secondary school it is important that we are helping to educate them on the relevance of maintaining a healthy brain. We need to remember that the body fuels the brain and we cannot look after one without looking after the other. During this term, our Pastoral Care team has been discussing the following apps and the role that they can play in helping to facilitate a healthy brain.

A free app called *NoGo* is a game with a range of great benefits. It is played for fun and may help to improve eating behaviour. The game was designed to provide a fun environment to practise impulse-control targeted at certain lifestyle choices (e.g. smoking and eating unhealthy foods) to help users learn to resist these temptations. The player's performance is tracked and the game's difficulty can be adjusted according to how well it is played.

Couch to 5K – Run app (\$1.99) is a program designed to help student's progress from minimal exercise to running five kilometres or 30 minutes in just nine weeks. The app is a gentle introduction to getting students' body moving, starting off by alternating between walking and running small distances, and slowly building up. Once fit, the students can set themselves goals and track progress on walking, running, swimming and cycling. Things like exercise can actually help increase performance by increasing oxygen flow into the brain, reducing stress levels and increasing endorphins. It is also great at reducing muscle tension.

Another important element to help maintain a healthy brain is sleep. Sleep is food for the brain. It is essential to our wellbeing, and is as significant as the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat. The app, *Recharge*, is a personalised six-week program that helps improve general health and wellbeing.

We encourage you to have a look at these apps with your daughter and encourage her to use them as a means of helping her to improve her brain's health.

Mrs Diane Shean





# Message from the Business Manager

# School Fees

School Fees are now overdue. If you are experiencing difficulty please contact Mary Fairhurst on 88874501, who can assist you in bringing your account up to date.

Thank you to all our families who have finalised their school fees for Year 2015.

# **UNIFORM SHOP**

**YEAR 10, 2015 STUDENTS** have been advised that they will be able to wear their full Senior Uniform as at the start of Term 4.

The Uniform Shop will be open for the Year 10 students on the following dates and time

TUESDAY, 8 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015	Lunch time	3.00 – 5.00pm
WEDNESDAY, 9 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015	8am – 9.30am	Recess
TUESDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015	Lunchtime	3.00 – 5.00pm
WEDNESDAY, 16 <sup>™</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2015	8am – 9.30am	Recess
THURSDAY, 1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2015 (school holidays)	9.00am – 3.00pm	

Cost:

Senior Shirt - \$45.00

Tie: \$20.00

Cardigan: \$85.00 (optional)

Jumper: \$80.00 (optional)

Mrs Mary Fairhurst



# NAGLE COLLEGE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

# **Nagle College Anniversary celebrations**

**Saturday, November 21:** There will be a three course dinner, with drinks and entertainment at the Novotel Sydney Norwest, Baulkham Hills, from 6pm to 11pm. The cost is \$115.00 per person. (Novotel accommodation is available, if required at a discounted rate of \$155.00 per room. Reservations to be made with Novotel Sydney Norwest direct, tel: 9634 9634, mention "Nagle College".)

**Sunday, November 22:** There will be an open day at Nagle College, commencing with brunch at 11am, memorabilia displays and concluding with a celebration Mass at 2pm.

Bookings for these two events can be made through <a href="www.trybooking.com">www.trybooking.com</a> (Select 'Buy Tickets', enter 'Nagle' in the search box, click on the link for the event you want to book and then follow the online prompts.)

For enquiries please contact Mary Fairhurst on 88874501 or email <a href="mailto:nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au">nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au</a> or check our website for updates of the up and coming

events. www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au,





# NAGLE COLLEGE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



We would like to thank these sponsors who have made a kind donation towards our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations







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#### **Winter Beats**

The Bring it On girls have again been given some fantastic opportunities after their win at the Bring it On Dance grand final. Performances at both the Hillsong Convention Centre and the Winter Beats Performance at Blacktown were both fantastic events where the girls showcased their talent to a different audience. Performing alongside artists like Justice Crew from X Factor, Paulini from Australian idol, Young Men Society and the list goes on is a tribute to just how exceptional is the talent of the Nagle Girls and



how extremely proud we all are of them. Winter Beats was a night of celebrating the youth and it was so great to see so many people there to support the girls. Congratulations girls, we are all so proud of your achievements.

# Mrs Maree Concato







The girls of Nagle College have won the Bring It On dance competition.

Hundreds of students from 12 different schools competed in the finals at the State Sports Centre earlier this month.

Nagle College performed sixth on the night and after seeing the high standard set by the first few schools, the nerves began to kick in.

Teachers who coached the dance group, Maree Concato and Ellen Attwood, said fortunately, the girls did their best and every student walked off stage knowing they had given it their all.

The dance group consisted of dancers from years 7 to 12.

"Once the final team of 25 was formed, the girls rehearsed and created an amazing routine that ultimately led to them being crowned NSW Bring it On champions for 2015," Ms Concato said. "Rehearsals took place every day after school, during the holidays and even on weekends. It was great to see the girls were so committed."

Year 12 student Jeramiah Vega said she decided to join the group because she has a strong passion for dancing.

"I knew it was an event that I wouldn't want to miss," she said. "It gave me a chance to express my talent as the leader of the dance group."

Jeramiah said her favourite thing about participating in the competition, aside from leading the school dance crew, was being able to rehearse daily with the team.

"The experience enabled me to develop friendships and special bonds with the rest of the team," she said.

The 18-year-old said the dance routine was about embracing the hip-hop genre through the various styles that have developed over the years.

Ms Concato said the group wanted to include some of the most memorable hip-hop songs created and wanted to show their versatility through including modern styles of hip-hop choreography.

"The achievement, commitment and perseverance of the girls is what made the whole experience unique and memorable," she said. "It goes to show hard work really does pay off and the girls have proven this by winning."

Courtesy of the Blacktown Sun & Blacktown Advocate

# **Year 7 Notices**

With just 4 weeks left till the end of Term 3, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents/caregivers of the following:

#### **Notes Explaining Absences or Lateness**

It is a legal requirement that all absences (partial or whole day) are accounted for. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that if your daughter is absent due to illness or otherwise, please contact the Office on 8887 4501 to inform the College that she is absent. Upon her return, please ensure that she has a note which is clearly dated, to give to her Homeroom teacher to explain her absence from school.

#### **Leave Applications**

A number of students have recently applied for leave due to a family vacation or family reasons. If you are considering taking your daughter away, please ensure that enough notice is given to the College. It is important that teachers are given a chance to set work for the period of time that your daughter will be missing from school, to minimise the amount of work she will miss in her absence. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that any work missed due to a holiday is completed.

#### **Securing Valuables at School**

Each student upon their enrolment is allocated a locker and a lock that has a unique code, which students are strongly advised to keep a secret. The locker and lock are available for students to secure their belongings and valuables whilst at school. Students are reminded to secure their locks at all times, otherwise students risk having their locker contents and any valuables, left vulnerable.

#### **Sports Uniform**

The College Sports uniform is to be worn on Day 9(when Year 7 have Sports) and only during lesson times during PE practical lessons. Students are reminded that they are not allowed to wear the College Sports Uniform to and from school, unless it is Day 9 of the cycle.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Juvy Reczek

Year 7 Co-ordinator

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# **Bully Busters**

Last week Year 8 attended an anti-bullying performance called Bully Busters. This made us more aware of the different types of bullying like racism, sexism and cyber bulling that exist in our society. The performance was set in a school between two high school students who had been given an after school detention for bullying. As we sat through the performance there were songs, dancing, jokes and things we could relate to as teens that made us laugh throughout the entire performance and made us more aware of the bullying that goes on around us all. This Friday we will all become more aware about the issue of bullying when we attend our Pastoral Care day. We are looking forward to this day and are sure we will gain a lot from it.

Jessica Relunia and Susan Taktak





#### **Year 8 News**

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as class Captain for Semester two.

#### Bally

8.26 – Jessica Relunia 8.27 – Jasmyn Shepherd

#### Coraki

8.28 – Erin Minett

8.29 – Anushka Rockey-bance

#### Lucan

8.34 - Apryl Walker

8.43 - Francesca Maiurana

Mrs Maree Concato Year 8 Co-ordinator

#### Darcy

8.30 – Alysse Desira 8.31 – Geraldine Vella

#### Lismore

8.32 – Kiran Mann 8.33 – Susan Taktak

# Year 9 update

By the time the Lantern is sent out this week – Year 9 will have just come back from their camp to Kincumber. Run by The Great Aussie Bush Camp, the girls will have had new experiences and hopefully lots of fun! Photos and an article on the Year 9 Camp will be in the next Lantern.



During sport this term Year 9 have been having self-defence classes. With qualified instructors coming in, the girls have been learning many new skills that are aimed at giving them survival skills in tough, confronting situations. The girls have been having a lot of fun — with the friendly instructors being very helpful and informative and always looking at ways of helping the girls learn.

Mr Houseman Year 9 Co-ordinator

## **Knitting Club Update**

The Knitting Club has finished for 2015. We have had an outstanding few months with hundreds of squares knitted. We have created over twenty blankets which will help ease the cold in the relentless winter night nights that our local homeless and disadvantaged people have to endure. Thank you to the many people, students, staff, relatives, and friends who helped with this very vital cause. Thank you for your generosity. The Knitting Club will start up again in 2016.

God bless Ms Josephine Camilleri Knitting Club Co-ordinator



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# Year 10 Update

On the evening of Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August Year 10 students participated in their 2016 Subject Interviews. This was a tremendously beneficial night for the girls who were able to discuss their planned programs of study and negotiate changes where necessary. As is always the case, some subjects have not been able to run in 2016 and this has meant that some students have had to make changes or draw from their list of backups. However, the College is committed to supporting the girls with their programs of study and as a result all students have been provided with a study program, which is as close to their preferences as possible. I would like to thank Ms Dympna Reavey and Mr Chris Fitzsimons for their work in supporting the girls with their study programs.

A reminder that Year 10 are invited to wear the College Senior Uniform as of Term 4 of this year. I would encourage any student who is remaining at the college for Years 11 and 12 to take up this invitation. The College Uniform Shop will be open at additional times to accommodate this. Details are as follows:

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015 Lunch time, 3.00 – 5.00pm Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 8am – 9.30am, Recess Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 Lunchtime, 3.00 – 5.00pm Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 8am – 9.30am, Recess Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> October2015 (school holidays) 9.00am – 3.00pm

Cost:

Senior Shirt - \$45.00

Tie: \$20.00

Cardigan: \$85.00 (optional) Jumper: \$80.00 (optional)

As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact your daughter's homeroom teacher or myself at the college of via email.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew Wilson

Year 10 Co-ordinator

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#### From the Year 11 Co-ordinator

Winston Churchill once said that "success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." Over the past fortnight, we have witnessed many courageous acts by Year 11.

In particular, I would like to acknowledge the courage and determination shown by Year 11 at Senior Retreat. Over the three days, the girls were co-operative and responsible. I am very proud of the way that the girls engaged with the programme. Please see a more detailed report about the Senior Retreat in this issue.



Jessica Graham of 11 Ballygriffin has been successful in gaining a place in the Step Up Into Teaching programme run by the Australian Catholic University. SUIT will provide Jessica an experience of learning at a university level and will support her transition from high school to university. I am sure Jessica will find this opportunity very rewarding.

#### **Winter Warrior Challenge**

Katherine Tanks and Huntar Hakim of 11 D'Arcy led a team of six Nagle girls – four girls from Year 10 – Hayley Armitage, Bronte Ward, Tayla Worrell & Amy Mandato as they competed in the Winter Warrior Challenge at Gunnedah. The challenge

involved a variety of obstacles over a 20km course to get to the finish line. The team worked well and supported each other right till the end.

Year 11 continue to impress me with their acts of courage. I am truly blessed to lead such a wonderful group of young women.

Yours sincerely, Melissa Kervinen







# S P O R T S N E W S

We are half way through Term 3 and it's been a great term so far. We have our integrated sports well under way with Year 7 participating in AFL development sessions, Year 8 participating in a variety of activities from Cheerleading to dance and stretch and tone. Year 9 are enjoying their self defence lessons and Year 10 having fun doing recreation activities at venues in the local area. Our representative teams have also had a busy term with a number of gala days and the PDSSSC Athletics carnival. I would like to thank the teachers who have volunteered their time to coach and attend these days.

## **Under 15 Girls Soccer Gala day**

On the morning of 27 July 2015, 15 of Nagle's finest U15 footballers set off for Jamistown Park near Penrith to take part in the PDSSSA under 15's Soccer gala day. The girls got off to a great start beating Catherine McAuley handsomely. This was followed up with a tough draw against OLMC and a win against St Bishoy to top the group. The girls then ran into their hardest game against Marian and unfortunately this was our only loss of the day. This then eliminated the girls from the comp. A follow up win against St Columba's finished the day off on a positive note. The spirit of the girls throughout the day was to be commended and the manner in which they played the game and treated their opponents painted Nagle in a positive light to other schools. I was a very proud coach on the day, and to have a record of P5, W3, D1, L1 was a good achievement, so well done to all involved, and with a lot of younger girls making the team the signs are positive for the future.



## **Futsal Gala day**

A week after the exploits of the U15 Soccer gala day, Nagle sent two teams to the PDSSSA Futsal gala day, one junior and one intermediate. Both teams played well in their pool matches with the juniors winning two and drawing one to advance to the final, and the intermediate team winning one, drawing one and losing one, to play in the minor placing final. The juniors were particularly lethal in front of goal scoring 20 and only conceding 6! In the final the juniors faced the only team they didn't win against, Cerdon, and the game was an exciting match, with Nagle racing out to a three goal lead, only for Cerdon to peg us back and force golden goal extra time. With just 30 seconds gone in extra time Isabella Said stepped up and scored a great individual goal to win the gala day for the juniors. Once again the way the girls handled themselves all day was to be commended, with the referee from the final making a point of saying what good sportspeople the girls were, and specifically commended Hayleigh Vella for her concern for an opponent who was hurt during the game.

The intermediate team took to the minor placing final against Cerdon well and quickly established a lead, which they never looked like giving up to finish third overall. It was another successful day for Nagle only posting 1 lose in 8 games overall and I think the girls enjoyed the day and certainly contributed to Nagle's reputation for good sportsmanship and winning ways.



#### **PDSSSC Athletics**

The PDSSSC Athletics carnival was held this week at the Blacktown Olympic Sport Park. We had a strong team attend this year with a number of students narrowly missing out on making the NSWCCC team. A special mention to two students who were successful in making the NSWCCC team. Flavia Aya and Rachel White. Flavia convincingly won both the 100m and 200m events and Rachel the 800m. We wish both these girls the best of luck when they compete for the Parramatta diocesan at Homebush on September 11th.



The following girls are those that did compete on the day. You all performed amazingly and represented Nagle with pride.

Flavia Aya
Magdoline Ibrahim
Claudia Estrada
Ading Majok
Josephine Legge
Rachel White
Gurjot Singh
Amy Mandato
Akela Pitcaithly
Nadia Bella
Sarahfina Neria
Ester Jada

Jolie Ward
Isabella Said
Geraldine Vella
Ahok Lual
Moya Inyasio
Belina Loau
Alang Majok
Rachel Lipscombe
Laura Belissimo
Sandiolla Amito
Ashley Umadhay







#### **Uniform**

A reminder about sport uniform. We are still in our winter terms; therefore, students must be in full winter sports uniform. The sport uniform includes:

- White socks
- Joggers
- Sport jacket (not the College jumper: if students are cold they may wear their jumper underneath their jacket)
- College tracksuit pants and shorts

A number of students have been wearing incorrect shorts, jumpers and tracksuit pants. If students are missing a piece of their uniform they must wear their school uniform and bring a note. Wearing clothing that is not part of the College uniform is not acceptable as students frequently leave campus for sport.

#### **Dates to remember**

Date	Sport	
28th August	CGSSSA Hockey Gala Day	
31st August	PDSSSC OzTag Gala Day	
11th September	NSWCCC Athletics Carnival	

## From the Bishops Office

#### Notre Dame Open Day: 29 August

Experience this 5 star national Catholic university in the heart of Sydney. Check out The University of Notre Dame's courses, meet academic staff and current students, enjoy entertainment and take a tour of the Broadway Campus. Saturday 29 August from 9am-3pm. Personalise your Open Day at: www.notredame.edu.au/openday

#### **Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 30 August**

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's Vocation Discernment Afternoon. The afternoon starts at 2pm and concludes with a shared meal at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary is at 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Diocese of Parramatta contact the Director of Priestly Vocations, Fr Warren Edwards, tel 0409 172 700 or send an email to: vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

#### Blessing of St Pope John Paul II statue at St Patrick's Cathedral 5 September

On behalf of the Diocese, Catholic Youth Parramatta invites all people, but especially the young, to this very special event on Saturday 5 September. A series of statues for St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct was commissioned a number of years ago to celebrate the life of St John Paul II and provide a joyful place of pilgrimage for young people in our Diocese. Everyone is invited to gather in the Cathedral forecourt at 12.30pm. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will bless the statues at 1pm and this will be followed by an address to young people in the Cathedral Hall and afternoon tea.

#### **Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy': 5 September**

Gospel Concert 'Spirit of Joy' is presented in association with the Sydney Sacred Music Festival. It will be held on Saturday 5 September 2015 from 3pm-5.30pm at Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre. It aims to bring together people of all religious traditions to feel the joy of God, through spiritually uplifting/upbeat music and song. Tickets: \$12 adults, \$8 school-age children, \$35 family – two adults with up to four school-age children, children under five free.

Bookings http://www.trybooking.com/144537 For further information please contact Ann-Maree Timmings tel (02) 4773 8338 ext 236 or send an email to manager@schoenstatt.org.au

#### Missionaries of God's Love Sisters Consecrated Life Weekend: 11-13 September

Young women: are you open to whatever the Lord is calling you to do with your life? The Missionaries of God's Love Sisters invite you to their Consecrated Life weekend in the Sydney House. Hear what sisters do, day-to-day, how they discerned their vocations, and what consecrated life is all about. Pray, eat and chat with the MGL Sisters and spend time yourself listening to God's amazing plan for you. Contact Sr Rosie for more details: rdrum@parra.catholic.org.au

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