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St Christopher's Parish Mary Queen of Apostles Prayer Group – Report

It's that time of year to report of what has gone on in our parish community and hasn't it gone quickly! We have been blessed abundantly throughout the year.

The prayer group was able to participate in ministry during the Cenacle Hour with Fr Pat and Sr Joy on the nights when the 22nd of the month coincided with our Wednesday night prayer meeting.

The parish weekend held annually at Pallotti College was well attended as previous years. The leader for the weekend was Fr Dean Bradbury SAC. He is currently the Director of Pallotti College. The weekend's theme was "A Time For Listening to God". This was a weekend that we received good reflection and insight from Fr Dean and from each other. This year's Weekend will be from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th October. All are welcome – further details will be made available closer to the date.

We have a group of committed prayer group members who will pray for prayer requests that one may give to us by phone. The prayer requests are always kept confidential. Contact numbers are on the back of the parish newsletter each week.

In the course of the year we have held two seminars, the first being the reflection of the Trinity held over three weeks. The second was over a six week period, presented on DVDs entitled: "This Promise is For You". The seminars were well attended. A number of new people who joined us expressed how beneficial it was to them in their growth in faith.

During the year we also have had speakers provided by Catholic Charismatic Renewal which we are affiliated with. Speakers have spoken on topics like the power of the Holy Spirit, Healing according to the scriptures. We were privileged to have an aboriginal elder Marjorie Dunn/Liddy from the Tiwi Islands in the Northern Territory.

She shared with us her inspiring story of her experience of The Day The Holy Spirit Visited Marjorie and her People. She then presented to us the image that the Holy Spirit revealed to her which after being approved by the bishop it has been accepted as one of the official emblems for the World Youth Day 2008.

We are grateful to Fr Pat for his continued guidance and support of the Prayer Group. With his blessings the prayer group has been given a new name which will be "Mary Queen of Apostles Prayer Group". WE praise and give Thanks to God for the many blessings we have all received in the years past and for the future.

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Core Group Members