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St Christopher's Parish Sunday School Report for 2006

- An average of 50 children, including 13 leaders headed by Brendan Hegarty doing his post-graduate studies, met with Mrs Mary Tam, Dr Sharne Rolfe, about six parents and myself each Sunday morning, creating a lively faith environment
- Our Vision: "To come to know Jesus better" that we might always follow him echoed frequently to us by the children, kept us in focus
- Our Mission for children Years 3-6 was carried out at eight round tables headed by leaders from Year 7 to Uni, each with a distinct role
- Children 4 years old to Year 2 benefited from the expertise of Sharne who lectures at Melbourne University on early childhood. During story-telling, children sat on a brand new large carpet donated by Mrs Kit Moar, a wonderful retired teacher
- Mary's teaching experience and organisational skills added to the quality of the milieu for the making of new learning about Jesus and how to listen to Him in special moments of quiet
- Parents' volunteering has been a great asset to Sunday School in the preparation of the Sacraments, the Christmas Party, facilitating at the round tables during Leader's gatherings – and in many other unobtrusive ways
- Besides regular formation sessions each term, leaders have had meetings and evaluation times together
- The main teaching tool each week has been the "Sunday School Page". It is Lectionary based Catechesis and adapted to all levels of intellect. The older children are guided to delve deeper into the mysteries of faith, to come to know the depths of the heart of God, to help Faith seeking Understanding
- Fr Pat has been with us intermittently, to lead a song, a game, or a Gospel Echo-Pantomime, sparking high spirits and left Sunday School with a blessing
- The prayer and song of Parishioners, which floods the Church at Sunday Mass has had a heartening impact on the children's learning to listen to God at Sunday School

Sr Joy Shelley