

DIOCESAN JUBILEE PRAYER CONFERENCE - 2nd AUGUST, TEMUKA

As we journey through this Jubilee Year, the Bishop's Pastoral Office is organizing a one-day conference to be held in Temuka on Saturday August 2nd with the Jubilee theme, "Pilgrims of Hope". The Saint Mary Mackillop Chapel in Temuka is a Sacred Jubilee site for the Christchurch Diocese so we hope many people will take the opportunity to make a pilgrimage and come to this conference. The Conference will involve Mass, Prayer, workshops, keynote talks and more. Bishop Michael will be attending and will give a keynote talk. We also have a guest keynote speaker coming from Australia, Fr Chris Eaton from the Missionaries of God's Love Community. The cost is \$49 which includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. For more information and to register go [here](#) or contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

"BLESSED IS SHE WHO BELIEVED" (LK1:4)

A weekend retreat for young women open to discerning a call to consecrated life. Join other young women aged 18-30 for a weekend of prayer, friendship and formation on discerning a vocation to different forms of consecrated life within the Church.

Aug 9-10, Sr Eveleen Retreat House, Sumner.
Contact Matt moconnell@cdoc.nz or Jess 02102444876 for more info and to register.

DIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT

Bishop Michael warmly invites all men to join him at our Diocesan Men's Retreat. Join us as we venture out into the deep - a powerful opportunity to strengthen faith, deepen connections, and journey together in brotherhood. This is open to men of all ages. Date: **Fri, Jul 25 & Sat, Jul 26** [Click here to register](#). For more info contact Mike Stopforth on 027 539 8542 or mstopforth@cdoc.nz

MASS OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

The Carmelite Sisters warmly invite you to the annual celebration of the Mass of Our Lady of Mt Carmel on **Sun, Jul 13** at 2.30pm, at the Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road. Bishop Michael Gielen will be the principal celebrant at a concelebrated Mass, followed by afternoon tea. You are most welcome to join us on this special occasion to ask Our Lady's intercession for all your intentions. In preparation, a novena of Masses will be offered for all our relatives and friends.

HOPE AND RENEWAL SUMMIT

Parish renewal isn't just for one person — it's a shared mission. Come as a parish. Be renewed. Go back ready. Palmerston North | **Oct 3-4**. Register today: www.hoperenewalsummit.com



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NIGHT AT THE CONCLAVE

Bookings now open! Join us for this rare opportunity to hear Cardinal John share his personal reflections and insights into one of the most sacred and secretive gatherings in the world — the Papal Conclave.

Whether you are curious about Church tradition, intrigued by the theology and history, or simply seeking inspiration, this evening promises to touch the heart and mind.

Fri, Aug 1 at 7.30pm - James Hay Theatre - Town Hall - Christchurch. Get your ticket [here](#). Any questions? email events@cdoc.nz



VOCATIONS RETREAT FOR MEN

A 'Come and See' Weekend Retreat for men interested in the Priesthood is being held over the weekend of **Jul 4 – 6** at the Sr Eveleen Retreat House in Sumner, Christchurch. The weekend will involve talks, prayer, Mass, silent time, fraternity and more. Places are limited. For more information and to register please contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell on 027 536 9407 or moconnell@cdoc.nz

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Whether you're considering engagement or already planning your wedding day, we'd love to walk alongside you as you prepare to enter into marriage. The John Paul II Centre for Life invites you to discover the gift of marriage through the lens of St John Paul II's Theology of the Body, combined with practical wisdom for building a joy-filled life together. Course date: **Sat, Jul 19**

To learn more and sign up, visit:

www.jp2.org.nz/marriage-prep/

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer and authentic community! Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from **Jan 2-11, 2026!** Registrations open July 6th at 1pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

BEATITUDES UPCOMING RETREATS

MARIAN DAY RETREAT – Aug 16

Consecrate yourself to Mary as did the first missionaries. Mary cares for each of her children and is waiting to intercede for us!

COUPLE'S RETREAT – Sep 5-7

"Call to Holiness" is the theme for the retreat. Come away with your spouse to enrich your marriage under the guidance of Saints Louis and Zelie Martin - the parents of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her sisters. To book, email retreats@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 103 6994

TE KUPENGA CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Study anywhere, at your own pace, with the support from qualified lecturers, with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College online courses. Semester 2 starts **Jul 21**. To see courses offered in Semester 2, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/distance

LAUDATO SI' ACTION

Our work is to care responsibly for the earth; it's creatures and all of creation. Through prayer and deep listening we become more aware of how to love and protect God's creation. If your School or Parish church could take part in a Season of Creation activity and plant a small native area (forest) we have access to free tiny native plants to plant in the season of creation (available in late Aug and early Sep) Please email Jenny.carter@xtra.co.nz for more info. Our next Laudato Si Waitaha meeting is **Jul 7** at 7pm at Rosary House, 22 Gracefield Ave Christchurch.

ST NICHOLAS CHILDRENS TRUST MARCH

A March will be held to raise awareness of child sexual exploitation. The march will be held on **Sat, Jul 26**, meet at the Bridge of Remembrance at 10am. For further details contact events@snctrust.org



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