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TOGETHER WE CAN BRING THE NEW CATHEDRAL TO LIFE

Together, through prayer, sacrifice and generosity, we can build a Cathedral that will honour God and serve His people for generations.

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DIOCESE YOUTH MASS

All youth and young adults are welcome to the final Dio Youth Mass for 2026! Mass will be celebrated in Te Reo Māori and will be held on **Sun, 25 Oct** at 6.00pm in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

DIOCESAN COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT PROCESS

"By listening to one another we learn to listen to the Lord" Pope Leo XIV

Bishop Michael is inviting parish leadership from across the Diocese to a process of communal discernment and reflection about the vision and priorities for our Diocese.

The material can be found on our Diocesan website.

Any group is welcome to undertake this process and facilitators can be provided. We welcome group feedback by the end of November.

For more information contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@cdoc.nz or 027 5398 542.

REFLECTION DAY IN HAWARDEN

All are welcome at St Raphael's Church in Hawarden for a Reflection Day on the Eucharist with Fr John Rizzo on **Sat, 7 Nov** from 10.00am-3.00pm. Enquiries to catholicurunui@gmail.com

ELECTION WEBINAR

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference is hosting a webinar to unpack the bishops' 2026 election statement, Discerning Our Nation's Future Through a Gospel Lens. Join Wellington Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Catholic Family Support Services Hamilton manager Renee Rewi and Trinity Catholic College principal Kate Nicholson live at 7pm on **Wed, 28 Oct**. The conversation will examine how faith can inform participation in public life and help shape a society that upholds human dignity, promotes justice and serves the common good. Learn more and register at:

<https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection>

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Be encouraged, equipped and inspired to lead with greater impact.

The Global Leadership Summit (GLS) brings together world-class speakers, practical leadership insights, and inspiring stories to help you grow as a leader.

Whether you are an experienced leader or just beginning your leadership journey, the Summit offers valuable ideas and tools to strengthen your influence and effectiveness.

Invest one day into your leadership watching videos of internationally respected leadership experts. The day provides practical strategies and inspiration. Tue, 17th Nov, Diocesan Office 391 Moorhouse Ave, 9.00am to 4.30pm. Cost \$55 (includes lunch).

Numbers are limited so register early.

To register visit the page on our website or for more information contact Mike Stopforth, email mstopforth@cdoc.nz phone 0275398542



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2026**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY IS FOR EVERYBODY COURSE**

What does it mean to be human, to love, and to be loved?

Your body, your relationships, your life... all of it means something.

Join us for a weekend exploring St. John Paul II's core teaching, Theology of the Body: God's design for humanity, revealed in the human body. We're excited to be presenting a brand new course, thanks to our friends at the Theology of the Body Institute.

Fri 6th Nov, 6.00pm - Sat 7th Nov, 6pm

Where: St John Paul II Centre, 391 Moorhouse Avenue
Cost: \$47 Register: <https://jp2.org.nz/theology-of-the-body>

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN

Join us for an afternoon of prayer, hymns, and fellowship as we pray together for an end to abortion. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at 3.00pm in Hagley Park, Christchurch, Matai Street east entrance. Next gathering **Sat, 7 Nov**. Contact: info@fftkingdom.com

SILENCE – PAUSING – REFLECTING

The 2027 retreat programme at Sister Eveleen Retreat House is taking shape. You are warmly invited to take a look at the retreats planned for the coming year [here](#).

MADE FOR LOVE: MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Getting married soon? What are you really saying I do to? This one-day course is for engaged couples preparing to get married in the Catholic Church. It's a chance to pause, reconnect, and invest in your future together. You'll explore what helps marriages thrive, how to navigate differences well, and what those vows actually mean. Plus, enjoy morning tea and lunch together, and take home plenty of practical resources.

When: Sat, 28th Nov. Cost: \$140 per couple; sponsorship available if cost is a barrier.

Please note this is our last course for 2026.

Where: St John Paul II Centre, 391 Moorhouse Avenue

Register: <https://jp2.org.nz/marriage-prep/>

ST MICHAEL'S TROOPS

Do you long for authentic brotherhood and a space to grow deeper in faith alongside other men? St Michael's Troops is an event for men aged 16-35 seeking strength, discipline, and purpose rooted in Christ. This morning event in Riccarton on **Sat, 7 Nov** includes Mass and formation, physical activity, and shared BBQ. Join us, and bring a mate. Register now at fitforthe kingdom.com.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2027

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.



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