

XXIInd Eucharistic Convention

10 - 12 April 2015



“Every Promise has been Fulfilled; not one has Failed” -- Joshua 23:14

Daily Ending Prayer, Novena to Mary Undoer of Knots



Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life.

You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots.

Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life.

No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. [Mention your request here] I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all.

You are my hope.

O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains.

Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge!

Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

<http://catholicism.about.com/od/To-Mary-Undoer-of-Knots/qt/Prayer-to-Mary-Undoer-of-Knots.htm>

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Please pray the following prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady Untier of Knots as many times as you are able during this convention weekend for a Special Intention that can only be resolved with Divine help. Thank you!

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the days of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the Devil was never capable to tie you around with his confusion.

Once with your son you interceded for our difficulties, and, full of kindness and patience you gave us example of how to untie the knots of our life. And by remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order, and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother, Mother of God, and our Mother, to you, who untie with motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands the special intention of this Eucharistic Convention, and to free the people concerned of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks them.

Through your grace, your intercession, and your example, deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen

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Note: Anna Moore was inspired to draw the cover image of *Our Lady Undoer of Knots*. Anna has blessed the Convention with her art many times over the past 22 years.

Note: This year's theme is taken from the Old Testament to encompass our Jewish connection.



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Eucharistic Convention - Easter 2015

Dear Friends

Sometimes it's hard to know whether the glass is half empty or half full. That's true in our daily lives as well as our personal faith and spiritual outlook.

This year, the world has already seen so many terrible examples of religious extremism: in France, Denmark, UK, the Middle East, and even in nearby Australia. It is enough to make one weep.

But at the same time, we've seen many wonderful examples of God's goodness, many reasons for us to be joyful as Catholics.

Pope Francis' love of the poor, his passion for the Gospel, and his joyful personality have made him "the most popular man in the world". And he is using this media platform to proclaim the Word of God to the entire world.

In mid-February, Wellington Archbishop John Dew and Bishop Soane Mafi of Tonga were installed as Cardinals, which means that our little countries at the bottom of the world will have an even more direct say in our Church's future.

Closer to home, Fr Stephen Lowe was recently installed as Bishop of Hamilton.

These things lift my spirit, as does the ever-changing face and incredible vibrancy of Holy Mother Church. This is never more obvious to me than when I celebrate Mass at our beautiful Cathedral, and I look out upon a sea of Catholic faces from dozens and dozens of countries.

And now we come to the XXII Eucharistic Convention, an absolute bright spot on my calendar! This year's Convention looks to be, dare I say it, one of the best ever, thanks to Our Lady's intercession and the courage and commitment of organiser John Porteous.

Just think...

- A couple of years ago, teenager Leah Libresco was an atheist.
- A few decades before that, Roy Schoeman was a Jewish agnostic.
- And a few decades before that, a young boy named Robert Narewczewitz was in the Nazi Theresienstadt concentration camp.

Yet over this Divine Mercy weekend, each of them will speak of their faith, as will Louisiana's Fr Shenan Boquet, president of Human Life International, Fr Antoine Thomas, a former member of the French Army and Claire Culwell, who survived when her twin was aborted.

So is the glass half empty or half full?

Goodness abounds on God's green Earth. But, sadly, evil abounds as well. This has been the case since the Garden of Eden. It is our lot.

I encourage each of you to listen, sing, pray, and be open to the enormous graces that God wants to pour into your heart this weekend. In this way, we will be equipped to "go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our lives."

+Patrick Dunn

Bishop of Auckland

Schedule

FRIDAY 10 APRIL

- 7.30pm Opening Mass -- **Bishop Patrick Dunn, DD, celebrant** -- Chapel
JPII Centre for Life -- **Michelle Kaufman, FLI** -- Chapel
Family, Become What You Are
- 9.30pm Close

SATURDAY 11 APRIL

- 8.00am Adoration -- Chapel
Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge
- 8.45am Prepare for Holy Mass -- Chapel
- 9.00am Holy Mass -- Chapel
- 10.00am Morning Tea
- 10.30am **Bob and Freda Narev** -- Auditorium
Our Journey to the Promised Land
- 11.30am **Legion of Mary** -- Auditorium
- 11.45am Lunch
- 12.45pm **Theresa and Monica Orbe** -- Auditorium
Musical interlude
- 1.00pm **Roy Schoeman** -- Auditorium
*From Jewish Harvard Professor to Catholic Evangelist:
My Witness Testimony*
- 1.45pm **Fr Antoine Thomas** -- Auditorium
To the Victor, I Will Give the Hidden Manna (Apoc.2:17)
- 2.30pm **Leah Libresco** -- Auditorium
Falling in Love with Math, Morality, and Mercy: My Conversion Story
- 3.45pm **Claire Culwell** -- Auditorium
My Very Personal Story of Life
- 4.30pm **Theresa and Monica Orbe** -- Auditorium
Musical interlude
- 4.45pm **Fr Shenan Boquet** -- Auditorium
Speaking a Language of Life & Family

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

- 8.00am Adoration -- Chapel
Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge
- 8.45am Prepare for Mass -- Chapel
- 9.00am Holy Mass -- Chapel
- 10.00am Morning Tea

10.30am	Dame Colleen Bayer -- Auditorium <i>Welcoming the Least Amongst Us</i>
11.15am	Christine Bell -- Auditorium
11.35am	Catholic Discipleship College -- Cameron Surrey
11.45am	Lunch
12.45pm	Fr Shenan Boquet -- Auditorium <i>Building a Culture of Life</i>
1.30pm	Claire Culwell -- Auditorium <i>Life is Always Worth It</i>
2.15pm	Fr Antoine Thomas -- Auditorium <i>Why St John Did Not Report the Institution of the Eucharist</i>
3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet -- Auditorium <i>Led by Mother of Divine Mercy Refuge</i>
3.15pm	Afternoon Tea
3.45pm	Leah Libresco -- Auditorium <i>Sharing Our Faith in a Secular Culture</i>
4.30pm	Roy Schoeman -- Auditorium <i>The Jews, the Holocaust, and the Second Coming</i>
5.15pm	Raffles, Thanks, Closing -- Auditorium

MONDAY 13 APRIL

7.00pm Mass of Thanksgiving, Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
Vermont St, Ponsonby

Speakers

Fr Shenan J Boquet



(SHAN-en BO-kay) travels around the world spreading the Gospel of Life as president of Human Life International (HLI).

Fr Boquet is a priest of the Houma-Thibodaux Roman Catholic Diocese in Louisiana, where he served before joining HLI in August 2011. As president of HLI, Fr Boquet has traveled over 290,000 miles to 15 countries, spreading the Church's teachings to build a Culture of Life.

Since being ordained as a priest in 1993, Fr Boquet has given hundreds of talks on issues ranging from the dignity of the human person and the nature of marriage, to social justice and moral theology. He has been a guest on several EWTN television programs, EWTN Radio, Catholic Answers Live, Ave Maria Radio, Vatican Radio and more.

Fr Boquet grew up in the small town of Bourg, Louisiana, in a devoutly Catholic family, for which he is extremely grateful. His earliest and most influential examples were his parents and parish priests, all

of whom instilled in him at a young age a love for Christ and his Church. He was taught that an active faith was to be lived, not merely held.

HLI is a Catholic apostolate seeking to respond to our calling as followers of Jesus Christ by building a Culture of Life and of Love around the world through education, outreach, advocacy, and service. Fr Boquet's visit to New Zealand is sponsored by Family Life International. His website is www.hli.org

Fr Antoine Thomas



who also has appeared on EWTN, is a native of France. Before joining the Brothers of St John in 1985, he was a member of the French Army in the Alpine Troops and absolutely in love with the outdoors.

He was chaplain of a large Catholic school in Paris before going to the USA to help establish a new foundation of his community. He served as the main chaplain for nine years at Bradley and ICC Universities.

He and a few brothers are establishing a new priory in Christchurch. Fr Antoine has been appointed full chaplain of Canterbury University, is vicar at St Teresa Parish in Riccarton, and local superior of his community.

He has given many youth retreats and formed a children's Eucharistic Adoration program known as "Children of Hope" which is being implemented around the world.

When he speaks at Eucharistic Congresses

and Conventions, his purpose is always the same -- "To help children encounter Jesus in His silent and loving presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, in faith, in hope and in love, to adore Him and to gaze upon Him with joy."

Roy Schoeman



is an amazing convert. He was born outside of New York City to Jewish parents who survived the Holocaust. He was a devout Jew, receiving his Jewish education

and formation under some of the most prominent Rabbis in contemporary American Jewry.

He went to college at MIT and then Harvard Business School, where he received an MBA magna cum laude. He joined the faculty and quickly became a 'rock star' professor of marketing but lost his faith because he "had no meaning or purposes in life." Then, midway through his Harvard teaching career, he received the grace of several supernatural experiences that resulted in his totally unanticipated conversion to Catholicism.

"While walking on an empty beach, it seemed like I 'fell' into heaven. I directly felt God's presence and his love. I knew that He existed; that from the first moment of my life He loved me and watched over me, and that everything, every event which happened in my life, was exactly the best thing which could possibly happen. I knew that everything I did — for good or for bad — mattered and was weighed in the scales. I knew that we lived forever, and knew that heaven existed. I knew about the angelic hierarchy. I knew that this was not the picture of

God that I had from the Old Testament.

“I prayed to know the name of my Lord and Master, my God. I prayed: ‘Let me know your name. I don’t mind if you are Buddha, and I have to become a Buddhist. I don’t mind if you are Apollo, and I have to become a Roman pagan. I don’t mind if you are Krishna, and I have to become a Hindu. As long as you are not Christ and I have to become a Christian!’”

His journey into the Catholic Church took several years and included intense study, “falling in love” with the Blessed Mother at a Marian shrine in La Salette in the French Alps, and spending time at a Carthusian monastery. There, he became aware for the first time of “how the Catholic Church was itself an outgrowth of Judaism. It was unavoidably obvious, given how the monks spent many hours a day chanting the Old Testament psalms, with their continual references to Israel, Zion, Jerusalem, the Jewish patriarchs, and the Jewish people.”

Roy now lives a life of evangelism, writing, speaking, appearing on EWTN and teaching theology at Ave Maria University and Holy Apostles Seminary in the United States.

His spiritual journey as a “Jew-turned-Catholic” has been filled with trauma. His father nearly disowned him. His academic brethren thought he’d gone mad. And his mission of seeking prayer for the conversion of the Jews angers many in Judaism and even our own Church. Yet his insights, writing and the grace coming from so many prayers, he says, continue to draw many Jews to Catholicism.

In 2003 his first book was published for Ignatius Press, *Salvation is from the Jews: The Role of Judaism in Salvation History*, and became a surprise best-seller. His second book was *Honey from the Rock: Sixteen Jews Find the Sweetness of Christ*. His website – salvationisfromthejews.com – offers a huge treasure trove of articles, videos and audios.

Leah Libresco’s



conversion story made CNN, MSNBC and heaps of other media. Why? Because before her conversion, she was a well-known Ivy League atheist and blogger.

Leah was received into the Catholic Church in 2012, the year after she graduated from Yale.

She works as an editorial assistant at The American Conservative by day, and by night writes for Patheos.com about theology, philosophy and math. The self-proclaimed “geeky convert who picks fights in good faith” also writes about Catholicism and myriad spiritual matters on her “Unequally Yoked” blog.

Her “hobbyhorses” include epidemics, epistemology and ethics. If any of your “fallen away” family members want to debate religion, Leah is more than ready!

Leah grew up as an atheist in a non-religious household on Long Island and didn’t meet any outspoken Christians until university. There, she was shocked to meet smart Christians for the first time.

“My idea of a Christian was the Young

Earth Creationists, and now I was meeting people who not only were converts to Russian Orthodoxy and math majors, but they thought the beauty of mathematics was evidence for God.” Her road to Rome included a vast amount of reading, chats to deacons and priests, RCIA (she got kicked out the first time) and ballroom dancing with her former Catholic boyfriend.

Claire Culwell



walked into the Coalition for Life wondering what the organisation provided. It led her to an horrific family secret and to her personal ministry.

“A little less than six years ago, I met my birth mother. She told me something that changed my life forever. I survived her abortion.

“I will never forget the way the tears rolled off her face, the way my heart sank as I heard that I had a twin who was aborted...sitting on the floor at midnight calling my family to tell them that my life was a miracle...

“Almost six years later I am still blown away every time I think about it and every time I talk about it. God is good even in the midst of the pain. He has always protected me. Even when I don’t understand and even when I feel like I’ve lost my way-- he has always had a bigger plan.

“Abortion will always be a part of my family’s story but it doesn’t have to be a part of yours.”

Claire was born 2 1/2 months early, weighed only 3 lbs 2 oz, had dislocated

hips and club feet. She had to wear casts on her feet, a harness and eventually a body cast. The abortion still affects her today. But her message is clear:

“LIFE IS STILL WORTH IT”.

Bob and Freda Narev



– If you trace Bob’s family name back a few generations, you will understand why their story is so amazing.

Gertrud Narewczewitz and her son Robert, 9, were liberated in 1945 from the Nazi’s Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

Two years later, they sailed in a converted troop carrier from Switzerland to Auckland, bringing with them two orphans who they dropped off with adoptive parents in Australia.

Gertrud and Robert changed their name from Narewczewitz to Narev to fit into their new lives in New Zealand, which began on a Howick chicken farm owned by Ernst and Alice Rothschild.

Gertrud eventually learned English and was able to teach piano and voice at St Cuthbert’s College, and to perform herself. Young Robert did very well at Howick District High School, Auckland Grammar, and Auckland University, where he earned degrees in languages and law.

Freda Malacka, long before meeting and marrying “Bob Narev”, was from an Orthodox Jewish family in Widze, Poland,

which was almost completely exterminated by the Nazis. Freda, under the name “Fella”, survived by “living as a Catholic” for three years on a farm. After the war, her older sister, only 18, collected Freda. They lived in Poland and Germany before being sponsored to Auckland in 1949. Freda went through Bayfield School and Auckland Girls’ Grammar. She became engaged to Bob in 1957 and married him in 1959. Bob worked as a lawyer and was a leader in the Jewish and general community. Freda was for many years active both within the Citizens Advice Bureau and as a marriage counsellor, and in the Jewish community. They have three children – Kim, Rick and Ian.

A few years ago, Freda received a Queen’s Service Medal for service to the community. Bob previously had received a New Zealand Order of Merit for service to the community.

Bob and Freda, if she is feeling up to it, have agreed to speak at the Convention to give first-person accounts of the Holocaust and their lives as survivors, and to thank Kiwis for the compassion and opportunities they were given. Bob and Freda were kind enough to step in when Inge Auerbacher was forced to withdraw as a speaker.

Only then did Bob learn he and Inge had been in the same concentration camp as children.



Dame Colleen Bayer

established Family Life International NZ in 1992. Inspired by the late Fr Paul Marx (the

great Apostle of Life), she realised the need for a pro-life, pro-family organisation in New Zealand which addressed all the life issues from natural conception through to natural death, was unashamedly Catholic, and would open its arms wide to every pregnant mother facing a crisis pregnancy, as well as the sick, disabled and elderly who may find themselves a target for euthanasia-type practices.

Colleen has been married to her husband Terry for 42 years. Together they have five children (four adopted, three of whom have special needs), and 10 grandchildren. Over many years, Colleen and Terry have fostered and provided respite for 27 children with various special needs, truly opening their hearts and their home to those who are most vulnerable in our society today.

In the 20 years prior to establishing Family Life International, Colleen was actively involved in SPUC, Operation Rescue, and praying outside abortion clinics.

Prior to his resignation, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI named Colleen a Dame in the Order of St Gregory the Great, an honour for her pro-life work with mothers and babies in New Zealand.

Michelle Kaufman



is the Communications Director for Family Life International NZ. She writes regularly for Family Life International NZ’s blog “A Culture of Life” and produces their “Family Life” magazine.

Michelle is also the New Zealand

Correspondent for LifeSiteNews.com, an internet based news service bringing culture, life and family news to pro-life leaders, and all people of goodwill, throughout the world.

A trained teacher (BEd primary), Michelle has a passion for promoting the Catholic faith and educating people about the dignity of the human person from conception through to natural death.

Michelle is married to Brendan and together they have been blessed with seven children.

Theresa and Monica Orbe



– Like mother like daughter! Theresa teaches singing and piano. Monica's amazing voice saw her reach the semi-finals

of New Zealand's Got Talent in 2012. Both mother and daughter serve at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Hamilton. Monica is presently a first-year student at Auckland University, studying Bio-Med. Music and drawing are her passions. The duo will provide brilliant musical interludes on Saturday.

Message from the Organiser

Our Lady of Guadalupe has been an integral part of these Conventions since the very beginning, as has the Divine Mercy devotion. In our day and age, we need to restore the Woman Clothed with the Sun to Her rightful place in our lives, if we are to fully understand how we should correctly deal with the many challenges that come our way daily. Mary has a special place of honour in our church because it recognises the particular role the Father has assigned Her in His plan of salvation for the human race. Thank God our church is a faithful church that upholds truth against oftentimes enormous odds.

Mary has many titles. She is held in high esteem in many cultures, which accounts for the many different styles of devotion to her. It is a sadness that some of our Christian brothers and sisters do not uphold Mary in the manner God ordained; this is a common stumbling block to Christian unity.

Pope Francis has a great devotion to Our Lady Untier (or Undoer) of Knots, whose image is on the cover of this booklet. What a beautiful devotion this is.

One commentator's story is touching:

A young priest was in very serious trouble with his superiors and was sent into exile in Germany to get himself sorted. He had caused huge problems and rows because when put in a position of authority he had been too dictatorial and harsh and got loads of people's backs up.

He happened to wander into a Church in Germany where there was a very old beautiful picture of Our Lady untying a ribbon with knots in it. The ribbon symbolised the wedding ribbon young people used to have wrapped round their hands at the wedding ceremony and the knots symbolised the trouble that crept into a marriage and how Mary could untie the

knots. The young priest developed a great Devotion to Our Lady under this title, his problems were solved and he was able to go back to his Order in his own country and prospered. Like all truly holy people he had to be broken so God could put him together again. His name? Jorge Mario Bergoglio (Pope Francis).

No matter what problems we face in our lives, we will find our answers through genuine devotion to the Madonna; Mother of us all. If only the power-brokers in the world and peoples of all creeds and cultures could come to understand this, our problems would melt before us.

At this Convention, we have an opportunity to follow the example of Pope Francis by adding his special devotion to Our Lady Untier of Knots to our prayer repertoire. Hedgewick Lewis, SJ, gives us a little more insight into this devotion that is rapidly increasing in popularity:

A German nobleman, Wolfgang Langenmantel (1568-1637), was distraught that his wife wanted to divorce him. He sought counsel from Fr Jakob Rem, SJ. Fr Rem, in a solemn ritual act, raised Wolfgang's wedding ribbon before the image of "Our Lady of the Snows", while at the same time untying its knots one by one. As he smoothed the ribbon, it became dazzling white, which was taken as

confirmation that their prayers were heard. In 1700, to commemorate the turn of the century, Wolfgang's grandson commissioned a painting for the family's altar. The artist based his painting on this story, and the Image came to be venerated as Our Lady Untier (or Undoer) of Knots.

The website "Mary Undoer of Knots" explains that the knots Mary can untie "... are problems and struggles we face for which we do not see any solution ... knots of discord in our family, lack of understanding between parents and children, disrespect, violence, the knots of deep hurt between husband and wife, the absence of peace and joy at home.

"They are also the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude..."

<http://www.sign.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Mary-Undoer-of-Knots.pdf>

How very blessed we are to be Catholics!



John Porteous
Organiser

SPECIAL NOTICE

At every Convention Mass, we will remember the previous convention attendees, workers, helpers etc who have died, and their deceased family members etc. Please feel free to write the names of those you have lost in the commemoration book provided at the Reception Desk. It will be placed on the altar at each Mass.

Announcements

A TIME TO PRAY

Please use this amazing event as your personal spiritual retreat. Enjoy the Convention and seeing old friends. But let us devote ourselves to heartfelt prayer - for ourselves, our families, vocations, the unborn, our priests, Pope Francis, Christians being persecuted around the world, and for the conversion of New Zealand.

FASTING BEFORE MASS

Some people have asked for clarification on the requirement of the Church to fast before receiving Holy Communion. It is necessary to fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion NOT before the start of Mass.

CONSIDERATION

Parents please mind your children; take them into the foyer if they get loud. Everyone, please turn off your cell phones NOW (unless you are medical professionals).

EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any emergency announcements should be passed on to volunteers in blue or crimson sashes, the Information Desk or any Convention official.

CONFESSION

Rite 1 is available during Adoration, from 8.00-9.00am on Saturday and Sunday, and at other times when priests are available. Confessionals will be marked. More information will be available at the Information Desk and via announcements from the stage.



We are especially blessed this year that Fr Paul Glynne, SM, has flown in from Australia and will be hearing confessions right throughout the whole Convention! What an amazing priest, and how blessed we are to have him in the “Convention family”.

DIVINE MERCY CLARIFICATION

It is not certain that everyone who wants to go to confession over the convention weekend will be able to because we never know how many priests will be available. As Fr Rory Morrissey clarified in 2010, you do NOT have to go to confession on Divine Mercy Sunday to receive a Plenary Indulgence. “It’s a question of fulfilling the Easter obligation, which the NZ Bishops Conference has extended to cover the period between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday. The truth of Private Revelation is dependent upon Church Authority, as is the interpretation and implementation of any Private Revelation. *The Diary of St Faustina* on this matter [699] does not say that a person must go to Confession on that day. It could be misinterpreted as such, but the Church has interpreted this requirement in terms of the fulfillment of the Easter obligation to go to Confession at least once a year, and if it is only once then that occasion should be during the Easter Season.”

COLLECTIONS

Collections will be taken at all Masses to defer our ever-increasing costs. If you want these events to continue, then you must give generously.

FIRST AID

Medical professionals are frequently at the Convention. If you need assistance, please advise a volunteer or any Convention official, and help will be summoned.

SEATING

Seating is first in, first served. Please try not to leave gaps between seats. And please find your seat before the lights go down.

CDs & DVDs

If you are touched by a talk at the Eucharistic Convention, please share it with someone you love! Myriam Media Ministries does a wonderful job of recording talks. They try to make copies of some talks available almost immediately. Audiotapes, CDs and some DVDs are available by mail order through: Myriam Media, 10 Park Ave, Northcote 9, Auckland -- 09 418 3428.

'E-PRAYER' FACILITY

Never underestimate the power of intercessory prayer! We continue to "storm heaven" for those who join the EMAIL REGISTER, accessible from eucharist.co.nz. This gets people from all around the world on their knees in prayer. The results have truly been miraculous!

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS

This Roman Catholic event is staffed mainly by volunteers trying to serve Our Lord and His Church. Please pray for them, for the success of these Conventions and for vocations!

ORGANISER

John Porteous is the Organiser. The Eucharistic Convention is held with Episcopal approval.

THANK-YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Eucharistic Convention is managed and held by the laity. Quite literally, hundreds of volunteers donate their time and talent to bring the event to fruition. We thank them all, and we ask convention-goers to say a prayer for them.

GUEST HOSPITALITY

The Auckland Filipino Community, through the generosity of their hearts and at no cost to the convention organisers, provides the catering for our overseas guests. The Convention is most grateful to them for their ongoing generosity and support. Their "sacrifice" also includes not being able to actually "see" the Convention, as they are always working away in the staff room, making guests feel relaxed and at home. The Filipino Community's hospitality is well and truly recognised around the world.

FOOD

There is plenty of food and drink to buy at this wonderful new venue, so can everyone please support them. Please note, food and drink are NOT ALLOWED in this beautiful new auditorium!

RAFFLES

Please considering buying raffle tickets to support the Convention. Tickets are available at the front desk.

THANK-YOU TO ALL ATTENDEES

This Convention would not exist if no one turned up to participate in it. Every year the people come. We are constantly amazed at the numbers involved and the

enthusiasm for the event that is there year after year. So thank you all for coming along this year. You are the reason we are constantly encouraged to continue organising these great Conventions.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Stay in touch with the Convention throughout the year by visiting our website eucharist.co.nz and our Facebook page (Eucharistic Convention – Auckland NZ). Please LIKE the Facebook page and get involved!

PRAYERS FOR MSGR PAUL CRONIN AND BISHOP PATRICK DUNN

From the beginning, Msgr Paul Cronin served tirelessly as the Eucharistic Convention's Spiritual Director. The event's success is in large part due to his



hard work, vision and sanctity. Mons was called home to God in 2010. We would appreciate your ongoing prayers.

Since Mons' passing, Bishop Patrick Dunn, despite his enormous workload, has generously served as our Spiritual Director. Please ensure that the Bishop knows how much we appreciate his support, and let's keep him in our prayers.

New M.C. at Convention XXII



Deacon Mark Rivalland has generously agreed to serve as our Master of Ceremonies this year, filling in for the legendary Philip Sherry, who is unable to attend.

Mark was born in Zambia. He and his wife Sue, and their two children, Gareth and Louise, emigrated to New Zealand in 1994.

Mark is Deputy Principal at Mount Albert Grammar School and has devoted

his entire career to education.

He was Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate by Bishop Patrick Dunn in 2012.

“While I was for many years part of a team delivering the Confirmation Programmes to young adults, I now see my clerical tasks as making the Scriptures relevant to the everyday life of Catholics,” says Mark.

Mark and Sue are parishioners at Mother of Perpetual Help, Glendowie, and have been members of the Glendowie Medjugore Prayer Group for about 12 years.

They celebrated their 40th anniversary last year. They have two grandchildren, Holly Rose and Mila.

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