

Your New Diocesan Update

Welcome to the first edition of the new-look Diocesan Update. The Communications Team of the Diocese has been working hard for some time to improve this important communication tool and make it a worthy companion to our *Aurora* magazine. It has long been the hope of Bishop Michael and the Diocesan Executive that together *Aurora* and the Diocesan Update act as the tools to promote the good news to the people of our diocesan community and provide a platform for the promotion of information and events important to all.

The original Diocesan Update was conceived over two years ago and has served the diocesan community well. The impetus to rework the Update to make it a more professional, user-friendly weekly email came from the desire to reach more effectively the many Catholics within our diocese – parishioners, teachers, staff, volunteers, religious and clergy and parents of children in both our Catholic and state schools.

It is hoped that the Update can build on its current reputation and become a forum for the news and events of our diocese and beyond. You are encouraged to contribute to the Update in a number of ways:

- Provide us with flyers advertising an event within your parish, school or community;
- Provide us with information about an event and ask us to design a flyer to be included in the Dio Update;
- Provide stories of interest that you would like to share with the diocesan community via *Aurora* extra (e.g. parish, school, diocesan agency or community events or initiatives with accompanying photos and reports on events that we have advertised);
- Provide or recommend opinion pieces on current local, national or international events.

We will endeavour to include submitted material wherever possible. If we are given sufficient notice of an event we may also be able to include a story in *Aurora* (dependent on timeliness and space constraints) or arrange for a media release. We are happy to discuss these options with you.

It is easy to subscribe to the Diocesan Update so please forward this email to as many of your family, friends and colleagues as you can. There is a “Subscribe” button at the top of the email that people can use to ensure that they receive the Update each Tuesday. Alternatively, if you do not wish to receive the Update simply click on the “Unsubscribe” button at the top of the email and your email address will be removed from the mailing list. Please note that the email system is fully secure and the privacy of your email address is guaranteed.

We would appreciate your feedback and hope that you take the time to let us know what you think – simply email joanne.isaac@mn.catholic.org.au with your thoughts. Also, we would greatly appreciate it if you could report any problems you may experience in viewing or navigating within the email. Some of you may have to right click where indicated to download the images within the email (depending on your browser) but if you cannot view or open the email please let us know. We will sort out any teething problems as quickly as we can.

We hope that you enjoy this weekly communication.