

# mini MICAH

## April 2007

Hello, and welcome to *mini MICAH*.

### What's been happening

Γ Regina Coeli featured on a Stateline segment on Friday 9th March - 7.30pm Channel 2 as part of the celebrations of the Sisters of Mercy's 150 years of working in Melbourne. The Stateline segment highlighted the original intent of the congregation - working with homeless women.

Γ CSSV held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 21 March at St Vincent's Hospital with approximately 45 people from our agencies in attendance. Prior to the meeting, Fr Kevin Mogg celebrated Eucharist with Fr Joe Caddy, Fr Peter Norden AO, Fr Len Thomas and Fr Grant O'Neill concelebrating - all of whom have either worked at or with CSSV.

Γ Corpus Christi Community has welcomed Patrick Gallagher as its new Community Director - their gain and our loss. We wish Patrick all the best in his new role and look forward to working with him in a new relationship.

Γ CSSV has a new staff member. Aaron Mentha has joined us to take forward the projects commenced by Suzy McManus in her time at CSSV. We welcome Aaron and know he will be a great asset.

### What's coming up

Γ This month sadly, sees us farewell our beloved Episcopal Vicar for Social Welfare, Fr Kevin Mogg. For 27 years Kevin has brought the Catholic welfare sector together in many and varied ways and will be greatly missed by all at CSSV and our many agencies as well. More in our next issue.

### Who am I?

Each issue, we profile someone in the CSSV community. In this issue, we hear from Marg Casey, from Catholic Social Services Victoria.

*Q: Tell us about your role.*

With Patrick Gallagher leaving, I have taken on the role of Acting Executive Director of CSSV for the time being. I am still operating in the role of Member Support Manager, and looking after the chaplaincy arm of CSSV.

*Q: Tell us something interesting or funny that has happened at your work recently?*

Wow - how to capture all the interesting and funny things that happen here at CSSV. As there are so few of us now, one of the ways in which we keep our spirits up is to laugh. And together we work and laugh well.

*Q: Have you a piece of advice or an encouragement that has helped you in life or work?*

I am a firm believer in the philosophy that whatever happens to us in life happens for a reason. If we're truly open to life, we can only grow as a result of our lived experiences - and I believe that to be true of life in general - and that of course includes work.

*Q: What do you do to wind down or relax?*

I garden. I love getting my hands dirty, digging, propagating, growing my veggies and of course my compost - in my family I'm known as the 'queen of compost'. Even the grandchildren join in - especially in the worm farm.

*Q: Have you a particular role model?*

My dad. Even though he has been dead for 22 years, his legacy lingers on in my - so I'm often reminded by my family. He had a sense of justice which knew no bounds and was a larger than life character. I grew up learning how to laugh at myself but not at others, being challenged in the way in which I treated others but mostly being and feeling loved. And if I have inherited any of those traits I'll die a happy woman.

*Q: Which footy team do you support and why?*

I support the mighty Demons! Well -they were when I was growing up. Mighty they still are in my eyes, however, 1964 and a flag were a long time ago. My dad used to take us to the footy and then it grew into a group of neighbours going together and my brothers and I and our families still do. However, I do consider myself somewhat of a failure - only one of my children is a Demon!!!

Send us your news – any information on what your agency is doing will be greatly appreciated.

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