

mini MICAH

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Hello, and welcome to *mini MICAH*.

What's been happening

- Γ Congratulations go to Paul Linossier, CEO of MacKillop Family Services for being honoured at this year's Robin Clark Memorial Awards in the Inspirational Leadership in the Field category.
- Γ CSSV has received advice from Archbishop Hart, that he has given in-principle agreement to a new structure of CSSV commencing 1 January 2008, as a result of a review undertaken by the Archdiocese this year. We are currently working on employing an Executive Director, Margaret Casey will fill the role of Member Support Manager, and other staffing is yet to be finalised - more details to follow at a later stage. CSSV will hand over all chaplaincy services to Centacare Catholic Family Services.
- Γ The Archbishop has appointed an Episcopal Vicar for Justice and Social Services, and Bishop Christopher Prowse will fill that role. We look forward to working with Bishop Prowse.

What's coming up

- Γ Anti Poverty Week is 14-20 October. On 15th October, Good Shepherd Youth & Family Peninsula Service will hold a community discussion at Beaches, Mornington, on affordable housing. For details please contact 5971 9444.
- Γ Shekinah Homeless Services will hold their annual Community Ball on 16th November at Collingwood Town Hall. For further information, please contact Debra Evans on 93331444.
- Γ Jesuit Social Services' Brosnan Centre will hold a trivia night on 19th October at Burke Hall, Xavier College, Kew. More details from Brosnan Centre on 9387 1233.
- Γ Nominations for the National Youth Roundtable 2008 are now open. If you have someone on your staff you may want to nominate, details are at the following link http://www.thesource.gov.au/involve/NYR/pdf/roundtable_2008/information_for_applicants_2008_ver5.pdf

Who am I?

Each issue, we profile someone in the CSSV community. In this issue, we hear from Mark Clarke from the former Melbourne Catholic Commission for Justice Development & Peace [now known as the Justice Unit of the Archdiocese].

Q: Mark, tell us about where you work and what you do.

My role is to promote justice groups in parishes and schools.

Q: Has something interesting or funny happened at your work recently?

Recently I organised drinks for Grand Final Eve and the 'guest speaker' was a member of the Anti Football League!

I was also speaking to a social justice contact in Geelong who was placing blue and white streamers on the school fence when she had to refuse entry to the school grounds to a man walking his dogs. After the man left the other teachers asked her what she had said to Jimmy Bartel. She had denied entry to the winner of the 2007 Brownlow Medal.

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

Dad's motto was always 'do unto others as you would do unto yourself' and I try to live up to that.

Q: How do you wind down or relax?

Riding my bike to work each day and walking the dogs down by the Yarra are the two most relaxing things I can do.

Q: Have you a particular role model?

St Thomas More because he was prepared to back his rhetoric with action.

Q: Which footy team do you support and why?

Geelong, because I was born in 'Sleepy Hollows'! **GO CATS**

Editor's note: Since Mark was interviewed, Geelong have in fact won the flag and Mark even has a photo of himself resplendent in Geelong jumper and scarf, holding the premiership cup!!!

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

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