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From the Director



St Paul is the Church's great preacher of the gospel. Included in *Inspiration* is a little about the story of Paul's conversion in, taken from *Call and Response: An Introduction to the Catholic Faith* which you might enjoy reading.

In his letter to the Church at Corinth, Paul begins his commentary on the resurrection of Jesus by stating that salvation is not possible without Jesus' resurrection. He further illustrates this by stating that Jesus will raise those who are dead in Christ. He describes Jesus as the first fruits of the resurrection for His time in history, and subsequently this resurrection is made available for all of humanity, from Adam to those who belong to Jesus today.

"But Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man..."

Jesus' death and resurrection, for the salvation of all mankind, is the foundation of the gospel.

It is to this salvation in Jesus that the Catholic Enquiry Centre invites enquirers.

Recently the following email was received from a gentleman who is grateful for the gift of his salvation:

"In 1964 I received your course by mail while living and working at Balgo Hills Mission in the East Kimberley WA. In 1965 I was baptised and married a Catholic girl, we have 5 grown up offspring and 9 grandies. My wife has been a local Parish secretary for 20+yrs

and I have been amongst other things an active Acolyte (31 yrs) and St Vincent de Paul Society member (25yrs). I owe your Centre a great debt for initiating me into my greatest possession, my faith. Thanks Doug L."

It is not often that we receive feedback from enquirers but it is edifying when we do. It is most definitely a case of "one sows, another reaps" (Jn 4:37)

Another example of this is the republication of "No Greater Love – Stations of the Cross" which has been available to parishes for thirty years. See *From the Projects Desk* for more information.

The response to advertising for the beginning of 2012 has been remarkable, with 96 requests for information coming in January alone. By way of comparison, in January 2011 we had 16 enquiries. Our outreach using modern means of social communications (Facebook, Google Ads etc) seems to be paying dividends.

As we continue our Lenten observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we continue to pray for all those who have come to know the message of the gospel through the Catholic Enquiry Centre, those who have contributed to this ministry throughout its history, and those who support this work through prayer and financial support.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

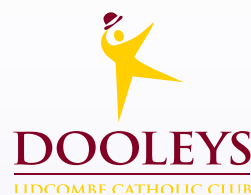
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Your donation helps to provide a copy of *Call and Response: An Introduction to the Catholic Faith* for someone who has indicated that they want to know more about Jesus Christ and his Church. We thank you for your ongoing support, in both spiritual and practical ways, for those who receive the information on the Catholic faith.

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Projects Desk



As you are no doubt aware, in 1959 the Catholic Enquiry Centre (CEC) was founded to allow all people to come to a better knowledge of Christ and the Catholic Church

in Australia. From its origins up until the present CEC has been gifted with talented and enthusiastic personnel. The talents of two such people have recently come together in the re-presentation of a classic CEC resource: "No Greater Love – Stations of the Cross". Originally written as a book by the former CEC Director, Rev James Fitzpatrick OMI, "No Greater Love" has been repackaged for the digital generation by CEC Projects

Manager, Mrs Jan O'Donoghue. As a book "No Greater Love" went through a number of reprints and has been used in parishes as an aid to personal prayer and communal reflection since it was first published in 1982.

Jan has utilised her considerable skill with computers to post the text and artwork on the CEC website. You are invited to visit www.catholicenquiry.com to access the variety of formats that are available to be downloaded free of charge.

The practice of praying the Stations of the Cross has its basis in the gospels. "No Greater Love" is grounded in the scriptural account of the passion and death of Jesus and includes the fourteenth Station marking Christ's victory over death in the resurrection.

Lent is a special time of year for Catholics and it is particularly significant for those who are preparing for Baptism and/or Confirmation at Easter.

Thank you for your continuing financial support in our work and I ask that you unite with us in praying for those who are to join us in the Catholic Church this Easter.

John Francis Collins
Catholic Enquiry Centre

Resources

FOR PARISHES

The original version of "No Greater Love – Stations of the Cross" has been used effectively in parishes for many years. It has been reproduced in 2012 in response to requests from parishes. Three powerpoint and two PDF versions of "No Greater Love – Stations of the Cross" have been created. These may be freely downloaded from the CEC website for parish use. Each can be used separately or by combining a powerpoint and PDF resource.

Visit www.catholicenquiry.com to download these resources this Lent.

FOR SCHOOLS

Are you ever asked by your students to explain what Catholics believe? Would you be able to give them a succinct explanation of the elements of the Creed that is recited at each Sunday Mass? In two short chapters in *Call and Response: An Introduction to the Catholic Faith* the answer is there for you. This is a very useful resource for young Catholics wanting to know more about their faith or for students who are not Catholic but are interested in learning about the faith underpinning their school. To order a copy of Call and Response, visit our website, www.catholicenquiry.com or call us on 1300 4 FAITH (1300 432 484).

YOUR WILL

The Catholic Enquiry Centre has received some significant bequests in its fifty-three year history, enabling us to support non-Catholics in a number of ways, including a 1300 number so enquirers can telephone from anywhere in Australia for the cost of a local call, offering a variety of publications and information resources introducing the Catholic faith, and an attractive and informative website. After meeting all ordinary obligations in your Will, you may consider a bequest supporting the Catholic evangelisation of our nation. The Catholic Enquiry Centre can supply a form of words for such an intention to your legal advisors.

Inspiration

The inspiration this month is the account of the conversion of Saul. It is taken from *Call and Response: An Introduction to the Catholic Faith*, Chapter 3.

The Conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus is perhaps the most dramatic account of a call from God in the whole Bible. Saul was an influential Jewish leader and teacher. At the time he was

persecuting the early Christians. As told in the Acts of the Apostles, Saul, who was also known as Paul, was approaching Damascus, when:

... suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he

could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate or drank. (Acts 9:3-8)

In time, Saul began to use the name Paul more often and it is by this name that he is known as the great preacher of the Gospel to the people of the Roman world beyond the borders of Palestine. Paul established Churches in cities around the Mediterranean region and his letters to these Church communities are collected in the New Testament.

Orders

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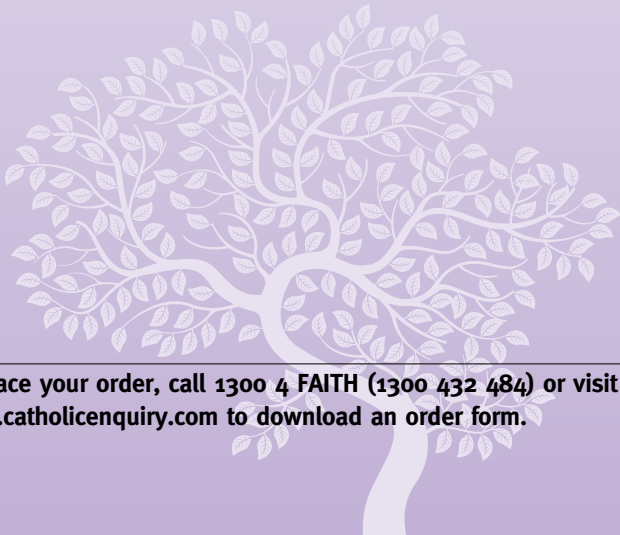
Call and Response:	16.50
An Introduction to the Catholic Faith	
Divorce in the Catholic Church FAQ's (No GST)	2.00
"Food for Life" Catholic Mission Cook Book	25.00
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MULTIMEDIA

Christ Bearers - Understanding Baptism (DVD)	32.95
Hearing God's Call: An Audio Introduction to the Catholic Faith - 4 disk set with 30 sessions of 10 minute duration (CD)	44.00
Pope Benedict's Encyclical - God Is Love <i>Deus Caritas Est</i> (CD)	24.20
The Mass - Images of Catholic Life (CD)	32.95

PAMPHLETS

About the Catholic Faith	0.25 ea
How to Pray the Rosary	0.45 ea
The Sacrament of Baptism	0.25 ea
The Sacrament of Marriage	0.25 ea



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