

A visit to remember!



Her Excellency, the Hon. Ms Quentin Bryce, AC CVO, Sr Mary Muirhead IBVM, Myrna Nunan fcJ and Ms Camille Barker.



Painting depicts St Mary of the Cross MacKillop playing with the children of Penola.

On Sunday 29 January 2012, Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce, AC CVO, the Governor-General of Australia, visited the Mary MacKillop Aged Care Residence, Hawthorn East, Victoria, Australia. On this occasion, she was the guest of the Chief Executive Officer, Ms Camille Barker, and Sr Mary Muirhead IBVM, who is a resident at Mary MacKillop. Before the visit, Sr Mary Muirhead had been so impressed by the Christian content of a talk given by the Governor-General that she wrote to congratulate her. Three or four months later, an Aide phoned to say that the Governor-General wished to visit the MacKillop residence.

Great were the preparations for this visit, both on behalf of the Aged Care Centre and the formal security requirements. It was decided that a small group would have afternoon tea with their distinguished guest, while the remainder of the residents would have afternoon tea in another room. During the afternoon, the Governor-General would unveil a painting which depicts Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop playing with the children of Penola. As our readers may know, Sr Myrna Nunan fcJ is a resident at MacKillop, and she was asked to be alongside Sr Mary (and others) at the special afternoon tea.

At last the long-awaited day arrived. The small group gathered in one of the lounge rooms, where the Governor-General greeted them and sat with them for afternoon tea. Sr Myrna has told us that her charm, ease of manner and graciousness were clearly evident as she moved among the group. In due time, the Governor-General unveiled the painting depicting Mary MacKillop. She also went downstairs to where the other residents

were having afternoon tea. She went around to each table, shaking hands with each person, and delighting in their presence. It was clear that all the residents were enjoying themselves, too. The Governor-General commented on the care of the residents, and the peace of the whole building. Shortly after her visit, she wrote a letter of thanks to MacKillop, saying how much she had enjoyed the afternoon, and meeting the residents.

When asked what are her lasting memories of the Governor-General's visit, Sr Myrna spontaneously replied: 'It was a beautifully peaceful day. It raises one's spirits to recall it. The house was beautifully decorated, and all the staff members were invited to meet the Governor-General. She was a most gracious lady, who smiled a great deal, and was very easy to talk to, whose manner was very pleasant, and who made a big impression because of her simplicity'.

Denise Mulcahy fcJ



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Last month FCJ Sisters who had joined our Society since the 1990s were invited to a conference called 'Confidence to Dare'. It was held in our Generalate in Broadstairs, England, and was the last

conference to be held there, as our Generalate is moving to London.

Our present leadership team is thus showing great 'confidence to dare' at this time as they prepare to move out of the place which has been the governing heart of our Society for a hundred years. This was understandably one of the reasons that the conference for newer members was being held there at this time, for our history is intertwined with the very fabric of the setting, and those who will be living the charism into the future will be helped if they can imbibe some of this as well.

As we know, change is not easy and in this scenario every single thing has to change ... community members missioned elsewhere, offices emptied out, the paraphernalia – gathered over the years through hundreds of Sisters and co-workers thriving in that place – disposed of. More importantly, in a very carefully planned ritual, the remains of our foundress will be transferred to Paris.

For many people the move from Broadstairs may not be physical. However, it is emotional and spiritual for all. The beauty and quiet of the cliff tops in Broadstairs will give way to immersion in the dynamic life of a rich multicultural city. We have the confidence to dare because it 'rises from the heart of our charism of companionship: an amazing gift for our world today' (*General Chapter Decree of 2008*).

Judith Routier fcJ

'Underneath part of this building and of the adjacent land are the "Catacombs" which were dug by the Sisters between 1940–42, and used by them as an air-raid shelter from 1940 until the end of the Second World War.'



The newer members of the FCJ Society at Broadstairs

Nurturing the spirit



'When you are working at your passion you lose track of time.' – Ken Blanchard

In August 2006 I set off for Calgary, in the Canadian province of Alberta, to work in the FCJ Christian Life Centre. I was asked to coordinate a team of four in training people in their role as spiritual directors. Over the six years I spent there, some 59 people from all faith traditions presented themselves to be trained in this wonderful ministry. As in the words of Ken Blanchard, I lost all sense of time, as I truly was working at my passion.

The training program required those presenting to commit themselves to 200 hours of teaching. This was done on a Tuesday evening. The first year we worked with four modules: Listening Skills, Prayer Forms, Spiritual Conversation and Discernment. The second year was a more practical time where each participant gave spiritual direction to two others every week for eight weeks. This required them to have appropriate supervision.

I was blest in being trained for supervision at the Mercy Centre in Burlingame, Los Angeles. I also had a number of people for spiritual direction and supervision and led some reflective programs on Ignatian spirituality and Thomas Merton.

One of the things I learned about myself was that, instead of living up to the expectations of myself and others, I needed to listen to the passionate voices that spoke to me. I began to nurture the seeds that were planted in me to blossom into greater life. This learning came from what spoke to my heart in the core of my being. I began to realise that I had lost the rhythm within my own nature. So, as time went by I tried more than ever to live the life, the ministry I love, following my heart, doing what gives me life and joy in all the things that matter to me. It meant being nourished by all those wonderful people I met and the in-depth sharing that truly spoke to my soul.

At this time I was encouraged by a piece of writing I read by Ann Rennie: *I believe that it is not healthy or life-giving if we deny the core part of who we are, if we masquerade ourselves to satisfy goals that others have set for us.*

Spiritual direction is contemplative listening and this we tried to instil into all our trainees. We endeavoured to help others by realising that we all need to awaken to the mystery of God's presence and action in all experiences and then to reach out to others, recognising the work of the Sacred in their lives.

Joan Cartlidge fcJ

Getting to Know

Sr Vanessa Fernandez Reposar fcJ



Place of Birth: Santa Clara, Naga, Zamboanga del Sur, Philippines

Parents: Angel S Reposar and Genara Reposar (both deceased)

Siblings: Omar Angelo, Dennis, Nathaniel

Education: Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Mindanao;
Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Manila

Van fcJ and her Community in Manila

How did you find out about the FCJ Sisters?

I was a member of the Youth Ministry Team in our parish community and this helped me meet some new people and make new friends. The FCJ Sisters were some of them. As time went by I noticed them passing our house, walking, sometimes in a car, talking and chatting to the villagers from our own place and laughing with them. I found them friendly and helpful to many people in need. They were very hospitable.

Education was something treasured in my family. When I finished my secondary education I applied for a scholarship from the Sisters and I was fortunate enough to be accepted as one of the scholars until I finished my studies.

What would you name as the key influences in your life?

The key influences in my life were firstly my parents, who shaped me into being who I am now, both inside and out, and who taught me good values, both spiritual and moral. They helped me understand the importance of having faith in God at all times. Secondly, my brothers were ever supportive. And lastly my friends were in many ways a support to me and gave me some words of wisdom.



Could you describe some of the ministries in which you have shared since becoming an FCJ Sister?

After my first vows in 2004 I was appointed as the school liaison contact at St Joseph's High School, Maasin City. I was grateful for the opportunity to listen to the stories of the students, as well as of their parents. Since 2006 when I moved to Manila, I have been the Community Bursar. I have also had the opportunity to help in tutoring children from our neighbourhood in basic Maths and English. I did this while I was studying social work at the Asian Social Science Institute.

When I graduated I was employed as a social worker in an agency for street children in Manila. It was a challenging ministry, since the clients I worked with were teenagers abandoned by their parents.

From 2010 I have been in the vocation ministry with Rowena, a lay vocations promoter. The ministry invites me to learn how to be with young people of today. I am enjoying listening to their life stories and how God touches the lives of each of them. In addition to this I will soon begin a part-time position in another agency that cares for abandoned adolescents.

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FCJ Sisters, Myanmar

Our FCJ community in Myanmar is now three and a half years old. That means the child is growing up – no longer crawling but now up and running around the place. Her feet are firm and she has begun to explore other areas within her competence. Two of the ‘children’ are very fluent in speaking and reading Burmese. The slow learner among them is still babbling but is quite happy with her slow progress!

Agnes, Sisca and Marion were each involved in teaching English to a group of women for 14 weeks from the end of February to the end of June. The month of April is a holiday month in Myanmar so we did not have classes then. The group met two evenings a week for a 90-minute class. Generally speaking, the majority have not had much opportunity up to this point to attend English classes. Many other women availed themselves of the opportunity to pursue a 14-week course of basic computer skills. Both groups agreed that apart from learning skills, they grew in confidence and they very much appreciated the opportunity to strengthen bonds with other women.



Mid-way through the course we had a wonderful gathering of the group here at D'Houet House. The main purpose was to celebrate women. About forty women gathered and we prayed together, cooked and ate together and then celebrated women through dance and song. It was a wonderful evening. At the end of the course we joined again with Myanmar Ecclesia Women's Association (MEWA), under whose auspices the course is run, in celebrating the graduation of the women and the reception of their certificates. Again, we prayed, ate and danced!

In July, we welcomed five young women from Pekhon Diocese to Yangon where they will follow a seven-month course in Personal Development and Leadership Skills. This will equip them for leading groups when they return home in March 2013. All their needs, including accommodation, food, transport, personal needs and course needs, are paid by the generosity of so many generous sponsors.

We are also committed to the on-going spiritual development of young women. A monthly Sunday retreat is held in our community house. A number of young women ranging from three to thirteen may appear for these occasions. This is not usual in Myanmar and it is not easy to get on-going commitment to such programs. Spiritual accompaniment is also provided for individuals, whether for an individually guided retreat or occasional personal accompaniment.

Now that we have two aspirants from Myanmar, we are also committed to accompanying Maria and Dominica in their desire to get to know FCJ spirituality. This entails holding regular classes in both personal and spiritual development as well as familiarising them with the FCJ Sisters and Companions in Mission also.

We also continue to support educational and development needs in poor areas in central Myanmar by providing educational resources, toilets, and wells to several schools and villages.

Hospitality is an important part of our community ministry. We welcome many people to our community each year. Some come to join us for prayer and a meal, others for short stays of a few days and some for a month. Our community is greatly enriched by all. Here we would like to express special thanks to Rosemary Breen, who has come for a month each year since our arrival in January 2009. Rosemary is a very active companion and support to FCJ Myanmar, who engages directly with the people during her time with us. We look forward to welcoming you again in January 2013, Rosemary.

Each of us continues with our regular ministry. Sr Sisca teaches English at Campion Institute, which is run by the Jesuits. Agnes teaches Indonesian at the Indonesian International School and works with MEWA. Marion works in a teacher training institute.

We are enormously supported by enthusiastic co-workers, who tirelessly raise funds in myriad ways for projects such as these and follow through with their interest and concern from afar. We are very grateful for your support in so many ways and we remember you with appreciation and thanks.

Marion Dooley fcJ



Agnes fcJ with a MEWA group



Marion fcJ with a group of retreatants



Women Building Peace Group with Agnes fcJ



Rosemary Breen and Marion fcJ seated with Bebe Lub and Agnes fcJ

Fifty-one years and the wheels are still turning

Recently I did some research in the Genazzano Archives Room, thanks to Julianne Barlow, the college archivist. My challenge was to find when the Past Students began contributing to the Hawthorn Meals on Wheels project. I read through, scanned in parts, the Association (now known as the Alumnae) Minutes books from 1953 through to the 1960s and it was fascinating reading, providing a window into the dedication of the committee members of that era to the Sisters and the college.



Barbara Handley, Helen Courtney, Mercia Nunan, Eleanor Bolger, Denise Anderson and Pauline Lewin

‘Stella Harding has continued the very exacting task of organising Meals on Wheels which is such a deserving cause and our thanks go to all those members who have cooperated with her.’

As well as their regular functions, such as the Ball, the annual luncheon and the film night, the committee always had a charity project. I read that in 1955, members attended St Vincent’s Hospital to assist in the cafeteria. One day a month the rostered group served meals and snacks – coffee was not the vogue then – to staff and outpatients. The organisation of this group of volunteers was managed by Miss Josephine Collins and ‘under her capable leadership members did a work of charity in a very happy atmosphere’ (Annual Report 1954–55).

Over the next six years there were regular references to the cafeteria project at St Vincent’s. At times there were calls for new volunteers and on one occasion it was reported that the day ‘staffed by the Genazzano Past Pupils was the most efficient and well organised.’

At the 1961 February meeting it was reported that the St Vincent’s Cafeteria was closing, as a new kitchen was being built. Committee members were asked to ‘keep their eyes open for another charity to replace this one’. Following this the minutes of the June 1961 meeting reported that the St Vincent’s Cafeteria had closed. Hence a charity requiring active work was required.

In August 1961 a decision on the choice of charity was made. ‘The decision was between Meals on Wheels for the Hawthorn Elderly Citizens and aiding with emotional needs of children resident at St Anthony’s Orphanage in Kew. The former was chosen and Stella Harding volunteered to organise same.’ The President at this time was Nancy Reis.

Later it was reported that ‘Stella Harding has continued the very exacting task of organising Meals on Wheels which is such a deserving cause and our thanks go to all those members who have cooperated with her.’ It was reported that ‘in the sixties a three course meal was taken to the sick and needy older folk in the community. The Genazzano group provides three drivers and three assistants every fourth Friday. To this small band of loyal workers I extend the thanks of the Association’ (Marie Hemingway, President 1962).

In February 1963 it was reported that Joan O'Donoghue, Helen Stanley, Bib Shrimpton, Barbara Clark, Mollie Niall and Joyes Cooper were continuing to deliver the meals.

This work of charity, unseen and unsung, continues to this day more than fifty years on from its inception in 1961. Little reference is made in the later minutes of the Association of the loyalty of this continuous line of women, who give their time so generously to deliver Meals on Wheels to the sick and aged people of Hawthorn.

Some regular members of the roster in the late 1960s and 1970s included Mary Hayes (Cox Thomas), Gwen Carrucan (Lodge), Marg Vosti, Cecily Horan (Newing), Mimi Murphy (Newing), Pat Spillane (Page), Pat Banks (Hoyne), and Alma Capes (McGillicuddy).

For many years Nan O'Neil was the coordinator, a role later taken up by Mercia Nunan (Kritz). Mercia is still the coordinator and each year she arranges a morning coffee for members and distributes the roster for the year. The present members of the roster include Helen Courtney (Kennedy) Mary Donohoe, Genny Pirrie (Cody), Chris Mangan (Cody), Pauline Lewin (Lodge), Eleanor Bolger (Groves), Barbara Handley (Ryan) and Denise Anderson. Some members, including Mercia, Helen and Genny, have been members of the roster for more than forty years.

Meals on Wheels in Australia began in South Melbourne in 1952 where the first volunteer delivered meals on a bike. These days the bike has gone! There is now much more variety and choice on the menu. As well there have been a number of administrative and security changes:

- Volunteers are now required to have a Police Check and wear a security lanyard.
- A mobile phone is provided to each team for use while delivering the meals.
- Improved packaging is used and all meals are provided in sealed containers.
- Volunteers are no longer allowed to leave meals at the door. If the door is unanswered the meals are returned to the Hawthorn Community Centre.

In the beginning the recipients were all women, but now with the increased life span a number of men are receiving meals. As the Genazzano team delivers on a Friday they often provide meals for three days to cover the weekend.

While the meals being delivered are important, so too is the friendship offered to the housebound, frail, elderly people of Hawthorn. Congratulations to this dedicated group of women who continue this work of charity.

Julie Chamberlin and Mercia Nunan



Hawthorn Meals on Wheels welcomes new volunteers. Ring: 9278 4777

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Insights from South Sudan

A Personal Reflection



The project 'Solidarity with South Sudan' (SSS) is an act of solidarity between religious institutes of men and women, who are members of the Unions of Superiors General (USG and UISG), and the Church in South Sudan under the direction of the Sudan Catholic Bishops Conference (SCBC). The FCJ Society is one of the participating congregations in this project. In January 2005, after years of civil war, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement was signed and the bishops of South Sudan invited the USG/UISG to consider the needs of their people. It became clear, after consultation, that projects related to education, health and pastoral care were needed if the goals of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement are to be achieved.



I am Elizabeth (Betty) Ryan, an Irish member of the Society of the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). I came to Solidarity with South Sudan (*Solidarity*) in November 2008. I have completed my three-year contract and signed a new eighteen-month one to finish in June 2013. My Solidarity community is Malakal, Upper Nile State, but I have taught for shorter or longer periods in five other states. I am presently in Wau tutoring in English in the Solidarity Health Training Institute.

My previous ministry was in Ireland, in FCJ co-educational second-level schools where I filled various roles. English was my main subject but I moved out of education and, after my term of office in provincial leadership, had hoped to move into spirituality and spiritual accompaniment. *Then the God of surprises and Solidarity with South Sudan came calling!*

Being from a rural farming background and having always lived in community have been enormously helpful as preparation for the simple life in Solidarity with South Sudan. Primary school training would have proved more beneficial for teaching English here. Not being from a 'missionary' congregation, my prior contact with Africa had been in Kenya. From 2003 to 2007 I did Retreat work with an indigenous Kenyan congregation for a month or two each year. Without this I would not be in South Sudan.



Betty Ryan fcJ enjoying teaching her students

As I reflect on life here I consider some things to be of paramount importance: *health, prayerfulness, the ability to get on with oneself and other people*, flexibility, annual leave. The environment, climate and terrain (unsealed, uneven roads, making walking a challenge) are taxing, so good health is a necessity. *Prayerfulness is the bedrock of community life and ministry.* To be able to live with oneself to some degree is also a necessity, as is ability to live healthily in community. A visitor once asked me what community meant for me. My immediate reply was: living with whoever is here at the time. I would still maintain that stance and add: living in whatever community (*Solidarity* or other) that I find myself in from time to time! Flexibility with regard to where and what one teaches has become more urgent, as *Solidarity* with South Sudan extends its ministry to places and programs other than *Solidarity* locations. Annual leave is a 'must' for me. Fortunately Sudan is near enough to Europe to return to Ireland each July, make my six or eight-day directed retreat, get medical check-ups, catch up with FCJs, family and friends, recharge the batteries and feast my eyes on the verdant countryside.

If asked what takes the greatest toll of me here, I think it is the environment. I have a new appreciation of the line in Psalm 23: 'like a dry, weary land without water' – I can feel like that, especially after about nine months. Luckily by then the green fields of Ireland are on the horizon! The line, 'pleasant coolness in the heat', from one of the hymns to the Holy Spirit helps me appreciate even the slightest breeze!

Asked what gives me life, I will readily respond: 'People – *Solidarity* and South Sudanese'. Living with so many cultures has its challenges but its richness outweighs those. I see it as a blessing that I have had the opportunity to meet and share life with so many – having an outgoing personality makes that easier. On the other hand I feel my introvert side has grown. Time is not rationed here – 'props' are! While the laptop is a necessity for work and the Internet (what a blessing!) for contact with the world, there is little else by way of props or variety – so one is thrown back on one's own resources.

The South Sudanese are a beautiful people to teach – welcoming, eager and, despite all their sufferings, with a sense of humour and a resilience that are endearing and inspiring. Despite this, teaching here is not easy due to the climate, and the lack of educational aids or the fuel to turn on the generator to use the technology. 'Chalk and talk' becomes the medium! One has to take the long view in all of life here – we live an Advent reality (waiting, hoping) in season and out of season.

What I do know is that being here at this juncture of the country's evolution, and playing some small part in developing what is the national language and medium of education for this and future generations, is *a privilege for which I am truly grateful.*

Elizabeth Ryan fcJ

Immersion visit of John Paul College, Frankston to The Philippines



In recent years, the John Paul College (JPC) community in Frankston has been growing in action to live the gospel message of service to the poor and marginalised. The true goodness of the young people here is secondary only to their intense altruism and selfless giving. From soup vans to community breakfasts, from blood donation to assisting in classrooms at Nepean special school, their spirit of courage to step outside their own needs to respond to the needs of the community is truly amazing.

The foundation on which the FCJ Sisters built John Paul College was strong. The lived charism of Marie Madeleine is very much a cornerstone of our community. The life story of Marie Madeleine and the ongoing story of the FCJ Sisters have captivated the young women of JPC. This background and their knowledge of Marie Madeleine's experience before the crucifix, when Jesus' words, 'I thirst!', touched her deeply, led five young women to say *Yes* to this very exciting and challenging experience of living and working with the FCJ Sisters in Manila in the Philippines.

In the months leading up to this experience, these Year 11 students were extremely busy raising awareness of the issues of poverty in Manila and the important work of the FCJ Sisters. They gave presentations at local primary schools and had a formation meeting each week to prepare themselves for their work ahead. However, all the preparation in the world could not have prepared them for what they would experience.

You see, it is one thing to 'know' that poverty exists and view it on the television from the comfort of your couch. But it is indeed another to 'experience' poverty and be outside your comfort zone by being present in it, breathing it, touching it and staring the 'thirst' right in the face. Beyond this, these young women had as their mission to build relationships with the people of the Philippines, so that, as one of them said to me, 'the poverty will never again be someone else's problem'.

Experience it they did and the stories of this encounter are theirs to tell and can be read in FCJNEWS. However, it was the relationships with the FCJ Sisters in Manila that I know have touched their hearts and changed their souls forever. The FCJ community members in Manila are simply remarkable women. True daughters of Marie Madeleine, they are very real and faithful companions of Our Lord present in those they serve throughout Manila. Sr Paola Terroni facilitated our journey and welcomed us into their home. Our every need was anticipated and generously provided for. We were gently orientated to the Philippines and our week with the community at the FCJ Community and Development centre was extraordinary. From assisting with income generation projects to running a games day for the children, it was truly a privilege to live and serve alongside the FCJ Sisters. All of us have the most profound respect for these women, who work for the poor in such conditions every day of the year ... and they do it willingly and without reservation.

Unlike other school trips, the students on this immersion experience had two occasions where they experienced homesickness. The first, as you would expect, was a few days into the experience but the second was when they said goodbye to the Sisters. There was not a dry eye amongst us.

This speaks of the extension of 'Family' that Sr Paola and all the Sisters became for us and of the home they created for us. This speaks of the gift that the Faithful Companions of Jesus are for us all over the world. This speaks to the heart of Christ.

John Riddle, Faith Development Coordinator,
John Paul College, Frankston





Teachers, students
and their FCJ Hosts



Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I would be going to the Philippines at the age of 16, but never will I regret the experience it gave me. Recently, I was lucky enough to receive the opportunity to travel to the Philippines with a small group of peers and teachers from my school. I encountered the lives of some of the poorest people in the world and also experienced the amazing work of the FCJ Sisters.

Knowing that my school, John Paul College, was originally founded in conjunction with the Faithful Companions of Jesus, I was excited to see where their work had taken them since leaving our college. Not only have the FCJs taken it upon themselves to work with the poor and marginalised, but they are also making immense change to individuals' lives that would otherwise be forgotten. The work of the FCJs in the Philippines and primarily in the community situated at the bottom of Smoke Mountain, a large rubbish mountain, was beyond what I ever imagined. The poverty experienced by so many was beyond what I could ever foresee and the work and the tireless effort of the FCJs is indescribable.

They are truly living out what Jesus asked of us.

Many of us would more than likely give up on the situation facing the FCJs, yet they tirelessly work for the benefit of each individual, and this brought me so much hope. The people I met, both Filipinos and FCJs, have given me enormous encouragement that each little contribution you can make to someone's life will change something, no matter how big or small. I feel truly blessed to have spent my time in the Philippines with the inspiring FCJ community for the amazing work they implement and do in communities. On returning from the Philippines I am energised to lead other like-minded young people in enriching the lives of those who live in such anguish.

I have learnt that not only do we all have a purpose and a mission in life, but it is our task to carry out the work of Jesus in any way we can.

Teaghan Dolan 16, John Paul College, Frankston



Students learning how to make
greeting cards from the women at
the FCJ Centre





Moving house

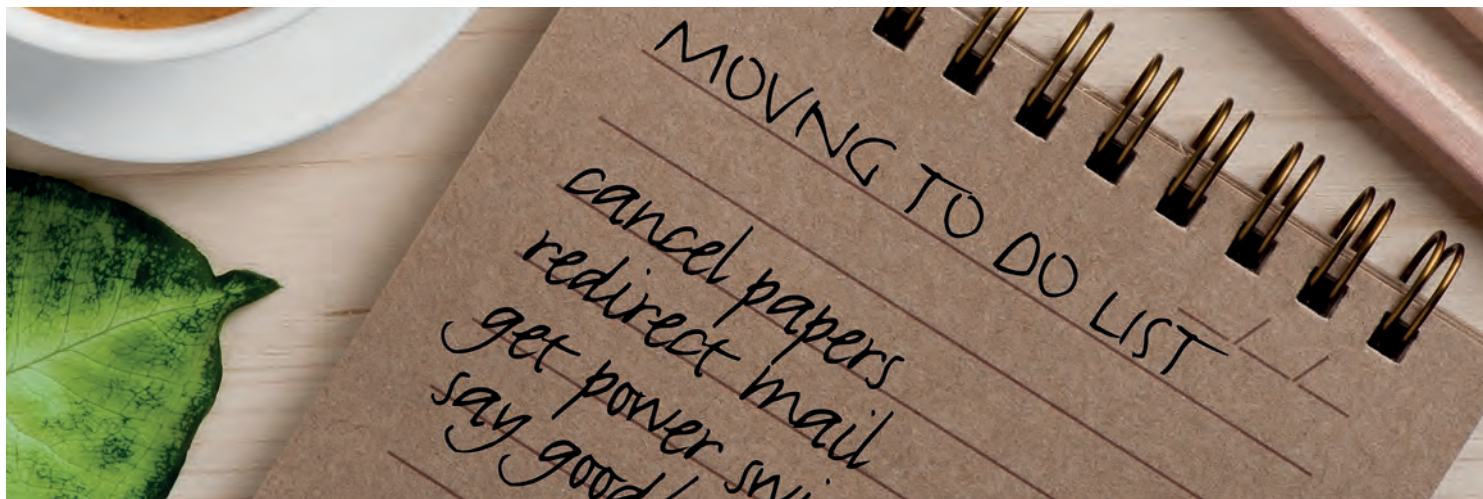
Towards the end of September 2012 the FCJ Community in Fairfield will be moving into a new residence in an adjoining street. We are pleased to remain in the same parish of St Anthony's and appreciate the fact that we will be living in a single-storey house instead of a two-storey dwelling. During the past months the Sisters have experienced all the trauma of down-sizing, sorting out books, papers, and memorabilia of past ministries, and wondering why we ever thought of hoarding them. Desks, filing cabinets and library shelves have had to be put in storage in order to make our bedrooms look more spacious and attractive to prospective buyers on days of Inspection and at the auction.

The estate agent has come to photograph the rooms and surroundings and we smile at the board which has been erected at the front of our present house, which includes a giant picture of one of the rooms with the words: An Edwardian beauty with five bedrooms and is close to local schools, buses and trains.

In the meantime we have watched the building of our new house with all its modern conveniences and spaciousness at ground-floor level. We are indeed grateful to our Society Leaders for their concern and effort to give us a home where we can continue our ministries and share our time and home with those to whom we are sent.

Mary Kennedy fcJ, Margaret Mary Kennedy fcJ,
Margaret Olsen fcJ and Aileen Ryan fcJ

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