

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2020



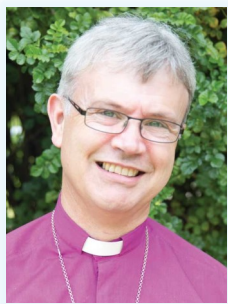
Despite the Covid 19 restrictions, the change of venue for 2020 and some last minute "mix-ups", our very first zoomed Grand Ultreya in the Diocese was held.

The theme "God gives us a Future", certainly came to fruition with a great celebration.

Brian Taylor, led the Ultreya and along with your Secretariat, their wives and husbands, provided the 'in house' participation, whilst Cursillistas from around the Dioceses and afar watched from home. The length of the Ultreya



was time constrained, due to the risk of losing connection with our telecommunication, however all the important elements of the Ultreya, prayer, praise, witness speaker, group reunion and of course song were had.



Bishop Peter's attended via zoom, and once again we are so grateful for his continued encouragement and support of the Cursillo movement in the Newcastle Diocese.

Bishop Peter decommissioned Secretariat members, Steve and Lyne Parsons, who completed their three years on Secretariat, and commissioned Liz O'Sullivan (Applications), Geoff Wooden (Diocesan Proctor) and Reverend Gary Atherton (Spiritual Advisor).



Bishop Peter's encouraging and challenging message to us, was based on our Cursillo motto of *"make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend gently to Christ"*. Our call to be Christ bearers to our environments through invitation which is gentle, yet daring, calling us to use those many opportunities we come across in our daily lives, of asking those we befriend to "come and see".



Elizabeth Cooper, W47, was our Witness Speaker. For her witness talk, Elizabeth chose as her first song MP 567 'Prayer is the Souls Sincere Desire' Elizabeth then went on to share with us how as we continue our life's journey the ever importance the of our daily prayer life. The response (page 3) to Elizabeth's talk was given by Fr Steve Niland, our Diocesan Spiritual Adviser, and Rector of St John's Church.

We then broke in groups both in the room, and virtually, via the zoom, for sharing our theme:

- ✝ Identifying the Vision.
- ✝ Exploring the Vision.
- ✝ Living the Vision.



Brian then brought us all back together for our closing prayers, to end a memorable and enthusiastic Diocesan Ultreya!

A special thanks to Brian for his leadership, our gifted musician Rosemary Allen, the hastily assembled vocal ensemble, Kim and Peter for photos and Power Point, Elizabeth for her wonderful witness of encouragement to us, Fr Steve and Marea for their hospitality and behind scenes organisation, and to all who attended, be in person, or via zoom, that make us a Christian Community in Action for Christ in our own environments.



Decolores and Ultreya!

Noelene and Bill



Fr Steve Niland Zooming in



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Bill Nicolle, Fr Chris Bullock
and Jim Warland



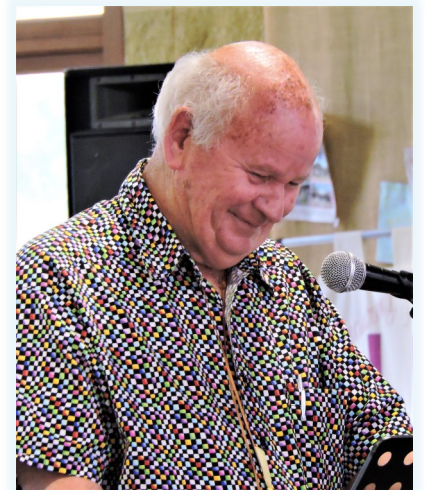
Marea Niland,
Ken and Elizabeth Cooper



Brian Taylor
and Barbara Warland



Noelene Lentfer



Bill Nicolle

Fr Steve Niland
Responding to
Elizabeth's witness



Zooming
in



Noelene Lentfer
and Liz O'Sullivan

