



## **NCCD E CONFERENCE: 17 JUNE 2016**

### **Prayer and Reflection**

The econference opened with a prayer and reflection on the theme: *Encountering Mercy*.

### **Filling Vacant Positions**

Carole Danby accepted the position of secretary through the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rickie Withers. The position of Vice Chair remains unfilled at present since the resignation Sharon Freeman from the position. Sincere thanks to both Rickie and Sharon for their great work and support of NCCD over many years.

### **NCCD Website**

Members have been invited to submit items for the uploading on the new website. Suggestions include: the new WA Catechist Program/Teaching Resource which is to be launched soon, a report on the 2015 NCCD Conference, the Brisbane catechetical resources for families on their *Fan the Flame* website and the Bathurst four-week program called *Conversations about Catholics* (including a tour of the Church for beginning Catholics).

### **2017 Face-to-Face Conference**

Next year, the 25th anniversary of the establishment of NCCD will be celebrated. Possible venues for the conference include: Perth, Wollongong or Canberra: Term 2, 2017.

### **National Catholic Education Commission (NCCD) Conference**

Pina will speak with the NCEC RE committee which meets in Perth. She will inform the committee of the work of NCCD members in dioceses around Australia, of their needs and challenges as well as of the achievements and challenges of the NCCD itself. It will provide an opportunity to consider areas of relationship and mutual support.

Possible topics of conversation include: the NSW Secondary Catholic High School program involving senior students as SREs.