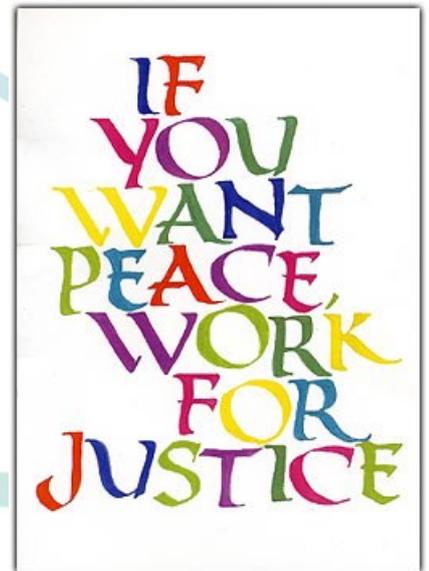


We welcome your inclusion and participation in our 'call to action'. With **Catholic Social Teaching** as our guide, let us walk together as one to make a difference in our communities – to **think globally but act locally** – within our families, Parishes, school, work, civic and leisure communities and beyond... we welcome you on our shared journey: [www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au](http://www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au)

**The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO)**, that replaced the Catholic Social Justice Council (CSJC) at the beginning of last year, is continuing to establish a new voice for social justice issues within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia. We are based at the Newman Siena Centre in Doubleview after moving from the Catholic Pastoral Centre in March 2014.

**The JEDO vision** is for a peaceful and just world that remembers that we belong to each other as global citizens; who willingly and co-operatively work for the benefit of all humankind and creation; now (in the present) and for future generations; to think globally but act locally; with all people of good will.

**The JEDO Mission** is to serve God in justice and peace by defending individual human dignity, promoting solidarity and fostering the common good; by working to cultivate personal and social responsibility and to stand with the marginalised to actively safeguard the integrity of all of creation.



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*"...None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and social justice: 'Spiritual conversion, the intensity of the love of God and neighbour, zeal for justice and peace, the Gospel meaning of the poor and of poverty, are required for everyone'...I trust in the openness and readiness of all Christians, and I ask you to seek, as a community, creative ways of accepting this renewed call" - Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium # 201);*

*"Small yet strong in the love of God, like Saint Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples"*

*Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium # 216)*



**The JEDO values, beliefs and traditions** are in accordance with Catholic Social Teaching: They are inclusive of but not restricted to: Recognition of the *dignity* of the human person; Working towards the *common good*; Supportive of *subsidiarity* and *solidarity* principles; inclusive of *empowerment*; With an *option for the poor*, marginalised and vulnerable; Acknowledging a sense of *community, co-operation* and *interdependence*; Through *peace* promotion; Supportive of *change, development* and *transformation* processes; Valuing *human rights* and *distributive justice* principles with the promotion of *political participation*, also through recognition of the *dignity of work*; *Valuing the culture of others* and *care for creation* as ecological stewards; As well as the recognition and promotion of the benefits of a simple lifestyle to “*live simply so that all may simply live*”.

**The JEDO purpose** at a national level is to work closely with the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference (ACBC) through the Justice, Ecology and Development Commission and through the associated organisations: the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC); Catholic Earthcare Australia (CEA) and Caritas Australia. At a State and local level, our work purpose is inclusive of (but not restricted to) linking with parishioners within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth; also ecumenical and other faith communities; as well as civic and professional groups concerned with the broad realms of justice and peace.

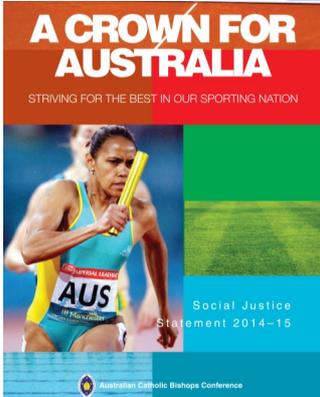
**Through the JEDO principles and ways of working** we aim to work collaboratively and co-operatively; with compassion, integrity, mercy and respect; through inclusive practices that value diversity and are justice-focused; To work as enablers and facilitators to build the capacity of others working for the common good.

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- Human Dignity
  - Common good
  - Solidarity
  - Subsidiarity
  - Participation
  - Stewardship
  - Preferential Option for the poor



## Perth launch of the Social Justice Statement 2014-15:

### A Crown for Australia - Striving for the best in our sporting nation



The **Perth Launch** of the 2014/15 **Social Justice Statement** (from the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference) was held at the Clune Lecture Theatre at the Newman Siena Centre on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of September**. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2014–2015 challenges us to look at the place of sport in our lives. Where are its strengths and how can we ensure that sport can thrive and in return can nourish our society? Equally, what are the influences that are undermining and distorting sport's ideals? Most importantly, how can we work to realise sport's potential to unite communities, overcome differences and be a force for social justice and reconciliation? At the launch, the heart-felt Welcome to Country was given by Aunty Karl Mourach, Noongar Elder; followed with thoughtful and inspiring speeches by Mr James Parker, Communications and Media Manager, Archdiocese of Perth; Sr Lucy van Kessel, Presentation Sister, who spoke about her work with ACRATH: Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans; as well as Dr Noel Patterson (OAM) who has extensive experience with national & international sports teams, sporting bodies & federations (as a Chiropractor). The launch was then followed by afternoon tea. Thanks to all involved, but especially our guest speakers (more in our next JEDO Newsletter).



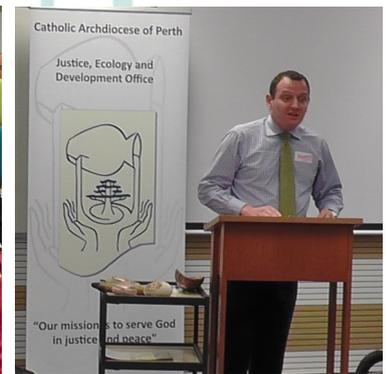
Sr Lucy Van Kessel



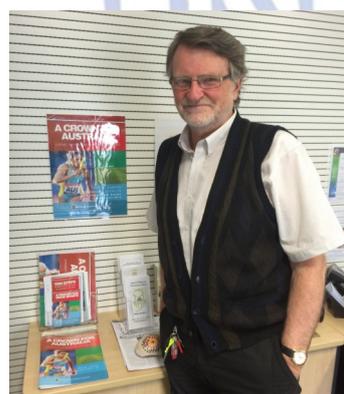
Carol Mitchell & Noel Patterson



Carol Mitchell & Aunty Karl Mourach



James Parker, Communications and Media Manager



Social Justice Advocate  
Terry Quinn

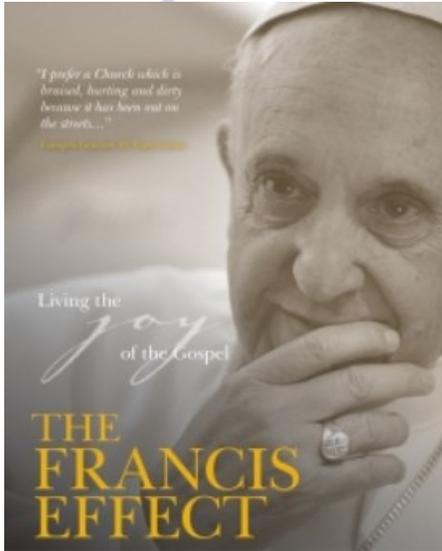
Previous Executive Officer for the former Catholic Social Justice Council (CSJC), Terry Quinn, is one of many parishioners who accepted the broad invitation to promote the 2014-15 Social Justice Statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC): *'A Crown for Australia – Striving for the best in our sporting nation'*. Some elements of the social justice statement (booklet) and A Prayer for Good Sports were highlighted in his Parish Newsletter Notices and within the Parish Masses over the Social Justice Sunday weekend in late September 2014. This included the statement: "Today it is very clear that every single Catholic has a serious obligation to help build a more co-operative, just and peaceful world. Part of this task is to demonstrate joy and happiness in our physical lives through sport. Sport is an essential part of giving glory to God".

It was also great to see such broader promotion of the Social Justice Statement via the Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC) of Western Australia website promotion: 'Bishops put Sport at the forefront of Social Justice Statement'. The ACC stated: "As a Christian sports association with a strong Catholic heritage, the statement sits perfectly alongside our maxim of 'sport in the right spirit'. I encourage all ACC schools, both Catholic and non-Catholic to consider conducting a school mass or service based around the theme of sport as a way of promoting and supporting the new statement". As we begin another year, all parishioners, school, sport and other communities are encouraged to **continue promoting the ACBC message and resources** in relation to the **Social Justice Statement for 2014-15**: [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)



## JEDO networking

### The Francis Effect Colloquium—Living the Joy of the Gospel



The Francis Effect Colloquium – Living the Joy of the Gospel was held at the University of Notre Dame (Drill Hall, Fremantle Campus) on **Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2014**. This collaboration between Catholic Mission, Catholic Religious Australia, The University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA) and the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia (CEOWA), was well supported and appreciated by all in attendance. This full day Colloquium explored Pope Francis' vision for a mission-oriented Church as laid out in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG).

The day began with a wonderful Welcome to Country by Ms Marie Taylor, acknowledging and paying respect to the Whadjuk peoples of the Noongar nation; followed by an opening prayer and song by Redemptorist Mater seminarians and then the welcome address by our hosts; with the key note address being presented by Fr Noel Connolly SSC on Pope Francis' model of leadership and Theology of Mission from EG. After morning tea, local practitioners presented on their experiences regarding Living the Joy of the Gospel. This session was facilitated by Mr Peter Gates, Deputy National Director for Catholic Mission; with Ms Sue Bursey, Principal of St Clare's School, Lathlain; Mr Derek Boylen, Director for Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services; as well as Mrs Barbara Harris, Coordinator of Emmanuel Centre; and Fr Paul Pitzen, Chaplain with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Following Mass at the Holy Spirit Chapel and lunch, the afternoon sessions included a Panel Discussion facilitated by James Parker, Communications and Media Manager for the Archdiocese of Perth; with the 'I have a dream' panellists including Prof. Celia Hammond, Vice Rector, UNDA; Mr Tim McDonald, Director CEOWA; and Carol Mitchell, JEDO Director. It was a wonderful opportunity sharing my professional dreams in relation to the Joy of the Gospel in this forum. The last session was an implementation workshop, "Going Forth Boldy" that was facilitated by Mr Tom Gannon and Mr Tom Goulay. This facilitated small group discussion enabled participants to share their own thoughts and reflections on the wise words of Pope Francis within his Apostolic Exhortation, as well as the discussions during the Colloquium; to explore new ways to work collaboratively within our missionary work for the Church. The day was respectfully closed with comments, prayers and commissioning with stones by Bishop Don Sproxton; and closing song with the Redemptorist Mater seminarians. It was a joyous gift to be a part of this day. Thank you Francis Leong and Sarah Laundry from Catholic Mission for all of the work you did on the day (and the planning before-hand) to allow such sharing and networking.



## JEDO networking

### Greening our Faith—Staff PD



On **Monday the 13th of October 2014**, I got the opportunity to co-facilitate the staff professional development day at St Jude's Catholic Primary School in Langford, with Francis Leong from Catholic Mission. The focus for the staff PD was on Greening Our Faith in the context of ecological conversion as espoused by Pope John Paul 11. My role on the day was to discuss Catholic Social Teaching through more of an eco-lens. Thank you to the staff of St Jude's for their participation on the day and to Francis Leong for inviting me to share this workshop experience with him. I'm looking forward to our next staff PD collaboration in September 2015.

Note: On the 17th of January 2001, during a General Audience at the Vatican, Pope John Paul 11 commented on the environmental health of earth; calling the world's Catholics to a commitment to avoid ecological "catastrophe", emphasising that "we must therefore stimulate and sustain the ecological conversion". <http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au/>

### St Thomas More College (STMC) Sundowner

On **Friday the 28th of November 2014**, a Sundowner was held at St Thomas More College (the Catholic residential college for the University of WA in Crawley). More than 150 STMC alumni accepted the invitation to hear about (and see for themselves) the changes that are currently taking place with the major building program. The STMC Council Chair, Professor Bill Reed was the MC on this occasion; with one of the foundation students, Mr Kevin Hammond AO, (who commenced in 1955), providing an interesting and humorous College history lesson. The STMC Head of College, Mr Tom Mitchell, then spoke passionately about the current construction work that will see an increase of accommodation facilities from 155 student residents to 400 at the program completion.



Nigel Hayward (NEEN), John Kobelke JP and Tom Mitchell (Head of College for STMC)

Present at the STMC Alumni Sundowner were Nigel Hayward (WA Regional Leader for NEEN: National Energy Efficiency Network); and John Kobelke JP, with the Head of College, Tom Mitchell. (Note: As an aside, Tom Mitchell is the husband of JEDO Director, Carol Mitchell, who was also in attendance – and the photographer on this occasion!).



## JEDO networking

### Maranatha End of Year Liturgy

It is with much humility that I briefly spoke at the Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation End of Year Liturgy and Presentation of Certificates. This was held on **Tuesday the 2nd of December 2014** at St Catherine's Dominican Convent in Doubleview. I briefly spoke about my experiences having completed three courses toward the Maranatha Certificate in Adult Faith Formation; and acknowledged the expertise and grace of the Maranatha presenters, thanking them for sharing their faith, wisdom and insights; and for allowing course participants to share our own thoughts, experiences and understandings in a safe and sacred space. Such faith formation is also enabled and facilitated through the great leadership of Dr Michelle Jones, Director of Maranatha, with support from Tracy Stevens (and Bill Bellair before he moved to Queensland). This end of year celebration also brought together three different Directors/ Executive Officers for social justice for the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth: Jim Smith; Carol Mitchell and Terry Quinn (Left to Right in the photo). That is, from the former Catholic Social Justice Council, but now known as JEDO: the Justice, Ecology and Development Office.



Jim Smith, Carol Mitchell & Terry Quinn—3 faces for The Catholic Archdiocesan Social Justice

### Invitation to the US consulate—Interfaith Reception



U.S. Consul General for Perth, Cynthia Griffin

U.S. Consul General Cynthia Griffin hosted an Interfaith Reception to celebrate the 2014 Holiday Season in her home on **Tuesday the 9th of December**. Over 70 representatives from a range of religious and culturally and linguistically diverse organisations attended and discussed current events and possibilities for project collaboration. Guests included representatives from the Muslim, Jewish, Catholic, Hindu, Christian, Baha'i communities as well as academics and politicians. The JEDO Committee of Management Chair and Director were privileged to attend this gathering.



JEDO Chair Joanna Sadowska & Director Carol Mitchell



## JEDO Advocacy

### Walk Together - WA event



The Walk Together Family Fun Day was held in Perth (John McMillan Park, Kent St) on **Saturday the 25th of October 2014** and was hosted by 'Welcome to Australia' and the Town of Victoria Park; with support from many other agencies (faith-based and secular). The Perth event included the signing of the Refugee Welcome Zone declaration by the Town of Victoria Park in a fun, family-friendly celebration that included

multicultural food, games, sports and music, including a walk together around the park, (after the release of white doves). This event was shared with other community members wishing to welcome those from many different nations and to celebrate the rich cultural, linguistic and religious diversity that it brings.

According to Brad Chilcott, the National Director for 'Welcome to Australia', the organisation encourages people to welcome asylum seekers, refugees and other new Australians to this country in practical and meaningful ways. He stated: "Welcome to Australia started in 2011 with a few volunteers and big dreams. Since then, I have been amazed by the thousands of Australians who've welcomed asylum-seekers and refugees into their communities – people who celebrate diversity and who recognise the vast contribution everyone can make to our culture and prosperity. This year, we'll be celebrating in more than 20 cities and towns across Australia".



JEDO Director with Loreto Sisters  
at the Walk Together Event

Also at the Walk Together WA event, (pictured with Carol Mitchell, from Left to Right) were Loreto Sisters: Marg Finlay, Margie O'Sullivan and Janet Palafox – the new Perth Diocesan Coordinator for Caritas Australia.



## **JEDO Committee of Management (CoM) —News, updates and changes**

### **Meet a JEDO CoM Member— Damian Walsh**

#### **Background**

Married to Pollyanna ... our number one fan is our Siberian Husky by name of Mocca who is now almost 10 years old! I hold a Dip Teach; BEd; Cert Addiction Counselling; MSocSc (counselling); Professional Memberships include Australian Counselling Association, Marriage & Relationship Educators Association of Australia, WA Churchill Fellows Association, and served 16 years as a school teacher before moving to the social services sector in 1992. I was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2000 to investigate the 'Emotional, psychological and spiritual support for carers of people living with HIV/AIDS.'

Counselling and pastoral care experiences include: HIV/AIDS individual and family support; hospital pastoral care; senior counsellor and program coordinator in the alcohol and drug field; coordination of anger management and domestic violence programs. Spent the last decade working in a part time capacity in provision of pre-marriage education and couple counselling with Catholic Marriage & Fertility Services.

#### **Why did you join JEDO?**

The importance of a just society and the fair treatment of individuals has been the major driver of all of my personal and career decisions as long as I can remember. After being a member of the Archdiocese Catholic Social Justice Council (forerunner of JEDO) I wanted to continue to offer continuity, support, advice and professional knowledge for the good of the Catholic people and structures of Perth.

#### **What are you passionate about?**

Couple relationships and their impact on families and the wider society.

#### **If your friends and Family could describe you in THREE words, what would they be?**

Quiet, respectful, non-judgmental

#### **Changes to the JEDO CoM**

**After assisting with the initial transition from The CSJC to the JEDO Committee of Management, it is time to say thanks and best wishes to 3 of our former members:**

- ◆ **Father Greg Donovan;**
- ◆ **Sr Lilian Bong, SJA;**
- ◆ **Our representative for Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Julie Williams.**

**This means that we will soon welcome some new members to the JEDO family. We will have more to share with you about our previous and new members in subsequent JEDO newsletters—Watch this space.**

#### **A Farewell reflection—my CSJC and JEDO experience**

I joined the office of the Catholic Social Justice Council (CSJC) in March 2013, working with Jim Smith (as the Executive Officer). We were later joined by Nigel Hayward, who is now with NEEN: National Energy Efficiency Network. The team worked closely together to raise awareness of the Council and highlight information on social justice, whilst also reaching out to parishes to try to build relationships with those who have a passion for social justice. This was done mostly through phone contact with the parishes, writing news items on our website and by publishing newsletters; focusing on areas which were of particular interest or concern to the Council. When the CSJC began changing into the agency now known as JEDO: Justice, Ecology and Development Office, it was an exciting time, with lots of changes and challenges, including a total rebranding, relocating to the Newman Siena Centre, welcoming the new Director Carol, and saying a fond farewell to Jim and Nigel. JEDO has continued to raise awareness of social justice issues and services, ecological issues, working closely with Caritas, Catholic Earthcare Australia and Catholic Missions, building relationships within the Archdiocese, whilst developing and updating the JEDO website to make it a hub of information and current news items to increase community engagement.

What started out as spending a few weeks "helping out with the admin" turned into an opportunity to meet and work with some truly wonderful, inspiring and supportive people.

Alexa Williams (nee Ransome)





*“The dignity of the human person and the common good rank higher than the comfort of those who refuse to renounce their privileges. When these values are threatened, a prophetic voice must be raised” - Pope Francis (EG # 218);*

*“We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others. Let us listen to what God’s word teaches us about mercy, and allow that word to resound in the life of the Church” - Pope Francis (EG # 193).*

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- ACRATH re Human Trafficking and Slavery
- Reconciliation WA & Constitutional Recognition
- JEDO Networking; JEDO Advocacy...& More

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