

# Passionist Family Group Movement - SOUTHERN REGION Victoria/Tasmania

*A Ministry of the Passionists*



## NEWSLETTER July, 2019

Greetings to all our Family Group Parish Coordinators and friends across Victoria and Tasmania. It is that time of year for keeping warm and a time when many Family Groups gather in friendship over warming meals indoors with some, perhaps, including "Christmas in July" cheer. For those of you who are travelling at this time or have plans to do so, may you keep safe and enjoy the experience to the full.

### Annual Report Forms (a necessary evil)

A copy of the Annual Report Form 2019 is included and we urge you to complete and return your Report as soon as possible, please. We know that completing this form annually may seem to be a tedious task, especially if the information has not changed much. However, the 2019 form is vital for us as it gathers the most recent information to help keep our records current, e.g. changes of Parish Priests, numbers of groups, etc.

You may notice that the title *Group Leader* has been changed slightly to *Group Coordinator* to better reflect the notion that everyone in a Family Group can lead one or more of the group's activities but that the Coordinators ensure overall management of the group. We are encouraging the idea of **Teams**: working together and the sharing of roles, as Fr Brian Traynor outlined at our March Weekend this year. (Fr Brian's 'TEAMS' notes can be found on the Southern Region's website at: <https://pfgmovement.org.au/resources-formation-weekend/teams/> )

Your completed Annual Report Form can be returned in the stamped, addressed envelope provided or scanned and emailed to the PFGM Southern Team email address:

**pfgm,victas@gmail.com** If necessary, the form can be downloaded and printed from our Southern Team's website: <http://www.pfgmovement.org.au>

### Southern Team Mid-Year Meeting

The Southern Team members met at Holy Cross, Templestowe recently, on Sunday July 14. Gathering in this way, a few times each year, gives us the opportunity to report back on Cluster meetings or other contact that we have made with Parish Coordinators when distance makes face-to-face meetings difficult. These Team meetings help us all to better understand the joys and challenges you, the Parish Coordinators, experience in reaching out to others to create a sense of belonging in your Parish. As you do so, we urge you to involve your Parish Priest as much as possible, understanding that PPs are very busy and stretched, but offer the invitations anyway.

In our sharing, the Team was pleased to learn that many Family Groups and Parish Group Leaders/Coordinators continue to gather for an annual camp/weekend away. The accommodation sought has become more 'comfortable' over the years, but the benefits of gathering and sharing together over two or three days are greatly valued.

The Southern Region Team meetings also give us the opportunity to catch up on the news from the National Coordinating Team which coordinates the Movement across Australia and maintains a liaison with the New Zealand arm of the Passionist Family Group Movement.

With blessings and thanks for all your good work in your parish,

**PFGM Southern Team:** Frances & Michael Sullivan - Montmorency (Melbourne Metro)  
Alison & Tony Woolley- Warrnambool (South West)  
Trish & Roger Gurney- Donvale (Melbourne Metro)  
Gail & Hank Fiddelaers - Trafalgar (Gippsland)