

Where there's **A WILL...**



Another Will Information Evening was held recently at St Luke's Parish Centre in Woodvale, and once again, almost 100 people accepted the Archbishop's invitation to attend.

The seminars are provided as a free service to parishioners in the Perth Archdiocese. Guests are provided with information on why a Will is important, how to go about preparing a Will, and are provided useful tools such as Will Inventory Sheets.

Mr John Kenny, from Blakiston & Crabb Solicitors presents the seminars on behalf of the Archdiocese. Following a brief formal presentation, John spends time answering many of the general questions in a group question format.

For people who have personal queries or wish more private discussions, everyone has the opportunity of gaining access to this professional service, additional legal representatives are on-hand to provide professional guidance and advice.

Editor's Note: Thanks John and Marie from Blakiston & Crabb, we are grateful for your continuing professional support and assistance.

The next seminar is to be held for the Eastern Zone of Parishes:

On: Wednesday 3 August 2004
Time: 7.30pm start – sharp!
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Centre
 22 Hamilton Street, Bassendean.

If you would like to attend or find out more about this service, please contact:

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Places are limited - demand is high - so bookings are essential.



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Q: How does Archbishop Hickey speak to thousands of students attending some 80 schools and colleges at the one time and never leave his chair?

A: By going "on-line" over the World Wide Web!



On Wednesday 9 June, His Grace, Archbishop Barry Hickey, officially launched his annual LifeLink Day initiative to Catholic schools in the Archdiocese via a "live and interactive" webcast.

For the 5th consecutive year, Archbishop Hickey personally reached out to, and spoke directly with, students attending both primary and secondary schools using the Internet.

Some 60 primary and 18 secondary schools and colleges joined His Grace for the webcast, and a record 1300 emailed questions were received during the two 45-minute webcasts. (Editor's Note: Primary & Secondary schools had separate webcast's given the wide age variances of students.)

The Internet provides the Archbishop with the opportunity of explaining to the students what

he hopes to achieve through his LifeLink Day Initiative. The added benefit is that His Grace has the chance to hear from young people what they are thinking, concerned about, understanding of, and committed to.

LifeLink Day, an initiative His Grace established in 1998, has two main goals:

- To educate Catholic youth on how the Church does respond to need within our community, though its support for agencies funded through the LifeLink organisation.

And

- To ask every school and every student to demonstrate their support for people less fortunate in our community, by undertaking some form of fundraising for LifeLink. The goal is to raise a minimum of just \$1 from every student – a total of \$50,000.

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"Using this form of technology to launch my LifeLink Day initiative each year provides so many benefits. I can deliver my message to all the schools in just one and a half hours, and to be able to interact directly with the children by receiving and answering their many emailed questions on-line – it's just wonderful" said Archbishop Hickey.

" I am so impressed with the questions that our young people ask. They ask me all sorts of things, from what my favourite food or footy team is, to deep spiritual or personal Faith issues.

It is also evident that our young people are concerned by so many of the "big issues" that our society as a whole faces – war, the environment, escalating violence, family breakdown and social justice for all. This webcast provides me a unique opportunity and I am encouraged that an ever-increasing number of schools and students are participating each year.

I would like to thank all the Principals, RE Coordinators and teaching staff at our many schools who help make not only the webcast, but LifeLink Day, possible each year" he said.

Of course, the Archbishop's webcast would not be possible without the

generous assistance of two key organisations – the CEO and WestNet Internet Services.

In particular, we wish to thank and acknowledge the CEO's Director, Ron Dullard, Asst. Dir. Special Events, Michael King and Catholic Education Network Consultant, Sam Oriti. Thank you for the fantastic support provided through the Catholic Education Office.

Thank you to the Directors, Management and Staff of WestNet Internet Services, who provide all the technical facilities, expertise, and equipment to make this webcast a reality each year. And all this provided at absolutely no cost to LifeLink – marvellous work WestNet!

A special thank you to Sales Manager-Ryan Bunter, William Coleman, Network Operations Team Member and Database Development Team Member, Jarrad Sargent for being so supportive and accommodating – it is appreciated and valued by everyone here at LifeLink.

Editor's Note: Whilst the official launch of LifeLink Day was 9 June, schools have all year to participate (whenever your school decides it is best) and undertake some form of fundraising such as free dress days, sports carnivals, fete's etc....so good luck and we hope you have a great LifeLink Day at your school in 2004.



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Archbishop Barry Hickey presents a gift of appreciation to WestNet's Bernard Brown, Chairman; Alan Ariti, Network Operations Manager; Chris Thomas, Technology and Product Development Manager

Archbishop Barry Hickey made a special presentation to WestNet Internet Services recently.

He presented an original pastel painting by respected Western Australian Artist Simon Collins. In presenting the gift to company Chairman, Bernard Brown, His Grace thanked and congratulated WestNet "on the company's significant and ongoing contribution to, and support for, my LifeLink Day initiative" he said.

In response, Mr Brown said: "WestNet believes in good corporate citizenship - that our

company and our people seek to enhance the community in which we conduct our business. WestNet is therefore delighted to support such a worthwhile organisation as LifeLink, and by doing so, help to support Western Australian families in need within our community.

I accept this special acknowledgment on behalf of all WestNet employees, with our collective and sincere thanks", he said.

Editor's Note: I understand that WestNet were thrilled with the Archbishop's gift, and the painting will be on display in their Boardroom.

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Students from Year 12 at Iona Presentation College gathered in the school library to participate in the Lifelink webcast



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