

Funding the Faith

"APPROVED PRIVATE ENTERPRISE"

BISHOP ANTHONY FISHER has issued us with a Declaration dated 14th September, 2010, written just before the Beatification of our Heavenly Patron on 19th September and arriving just after:-

The Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc, which services the Merrylands Parish Faith Resource Centre, is an approved private enterprise in the Diocese of Parramatta.

His words mirror those of Cardinal Freeman 36 long years ago, on 11th December, 1974:-

The Cardinal Newman Catechist Centre is an approved private enterprise in the Archdiocese of Sydney.

See p. 4 of *Vera Doctrina — True Doctrine*, in *Book News* 2010/2.

EXPERT ADVICE

Accountants are akin to spiritual directors. They help ensure that an apostolate like ours is conducted in a business-like fashion. Accountants see and hear all that other perceptive people see and hear, but *they* do much more: they understand the implications.

Recently, an apostolically motivated accountant has advised us how to survive when we showed him our finance figures. We were "going out backwards"!

The stark facts are that we have to **sell a lot more** books and other resources to our clients who are lay apostles of Our Lord; and also to seek more benefactors for His Gospel Mission of spreading True Teaching.

FUNDING THE FAITH

FROM NOW ON, the former membership of our Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc will be described as members of **Funding the Faith**. Donors will continue to attract a 10% discount on purchases of our resources and also to achieve the blessed status of a benefactor whose rewards are out of this world:-

That they cannot repay you means you are blessed, because recompense will be made to you when the dead rise again.

Luke 14:14

Your current membership has already borne much fruit in keeping us alive and active.

Moreover, our quarterly, *Book News*, is much more than the advertising of available resources or an invitation (to those who can afford to) to become a benefactor for faith and morals and the Sense of the Sacred at Holy Mass. "The times are evil, and no one speaks against them," said John Henry Newman in 1833, though we hasten to add, "Well, hardly any one, or at least, nowhere near enough." Just consider this:

The largest number of "hits" on our website are by folk in far of USA avidly reading the *Handouts*. This internet work is well worth keeping going, but *Handouts* also need posting as "snail mail".

Indeed, the accountant friend has pointed out that, "If everyone who gets *Book News* joined a fighting fund, your present financial worries would be over." Yes, true — but please be re-assured! *Book News* is an **apostolic work like the Gospel itself, so it is given freely and gladly to all whom it helps.**

THE LAY APOSTOLATE

Our apostolate is to help others in theirs.

In other words, please do not be embarrassed at receiving *Book News* even if you are unable to donate to Funding the Faith. Please, let no one feel guilty. We understand. Just donate us some prayers and "spread the word" that we have resources that help.

ADVERTISING — PAID OR PERSONAL

Paid advertising in weekly and monthly publications is expensive. Yet it is essential, so we need more members for Funding the Faith to finance it.

The sad fact is that we are scarcely known to parishioners in Merrylands, let alone the parishes or Catholic schools and catechist groups of the Diocese of Parramatta — let alone the rest of NSW and Australia.

We also need your **WORD OF MOUTH** advertising for the many hungry Catholics starved of the Faith who can be helped by yours and our apostolic energy.

DO YOUR OWN SURVEY: ask young disciples in Catholic schools if they can explain to outsiders the Apostles' Creed, the Seven Sacraments and the Ten Commandments. Be diplomatic: do not ask if *they* know them! That might sound insulting, and thereby off-putting. Weigh your words.

What is more, and with the utmost delicacy of a diplomat, try helping priests and teachers to realize that we can help them. Many of these priests and teachers bear the scars of the seminars, colloquies, conferences and conviviums, hence a massive background problem of 40 years of **brainwashing against Catholic orthodoxy**. But be diplomatic: do not say this, just realize that we are up against the Devil and infatuations with trendy theological fads and a general surrender to the political correctness of an aggressive army of secular humanists.

Indeed, our efforts for orthodoxy have been scoffed at, resented, dismissed out of hand. "Can any good come out of Nazareth?" The response is, "Come and see." Just invite the doubters and the dissidents to "come and see". "I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons." Use the *Catholic Family Catechism Disciples' Edition* to show them how to spread the faith. Its pictures can instruct even pre-schoolers; its Q&As are "clear, brief and easily assimilated by all"; its Bible texts deepen understanding right up to the tertiary level; its notes suit adult minds and are suitable for instruction of non-Catholics and lapsed Catholics. Do show them!

CARDINAL PELL

Recently, Cardinal Pell referred to "**the great post-Conciliar crisis which almost destroyed the Church in some countries and which threatened to do so in Australia.**" See *AD2000* for October, 2010.

That is precisely the reason for all the strivings of the Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc. to **guard and teach more efficaciously** the faith once delivered to the saints. Please join in this great work.

Father James Tierney
Priest-Director and Founder