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*Contemplate the Gospel of Humanity
then preach the Humanity of the Gospel*

A Newsletter for the Dominican Family in Australia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea

*As followers of Dominic and Catherine,
We believe in God*

*who raised Christ from the death of the grave to glorious new life.
and who raises our lives from sin and despair to newness and hope again.*

We believe in God

*who met the grief-stricken Mary in the garden and called her into hope
by the uttering of her name.
and who meets us in our grief and gives us courage to hope again by
tenderly calling our name.*

We believe in God

*who sent Mary out from the garden to be witness and
apostle of the resurrection
and who commissions us, like Mary,
to be bearers of hope and good news in our world.*

We believe in God

*Maker, Redeemer and Sustainer of Life.
without beginning or end,
whose life-giving love was let loose
on the first Easter Sunday
and whose life-giving love we share
and proclaim to all women and men,
wherever and whoever they are,
loved, blessed and called by God,
without beginning or end. Amen.*



Death of two great truth seekers and compassion bearers, teachers, administrators and mentors.

Sr M. Carmel (Mary Dominica) Slattery OP

died in Adelaide on 28 February 2018, at the age of 100 years and seven months!

M. Carmel was born on 6th August 1917 in Manoora, mid-north of rural South Australia. She was named Mary Dominica. Throughout life she was affectionately known as Dom and Aunty Dom.

Carmel was professed as a Dominican Sister on the 15th September 1937 in the Cabra Chapel of St Dominic, from which she was buried. "For each of us, her Dominican Sisters, Carmel was the most beautiful role model of religious life one could ever imagine. Carmel led our Religious Community through those challenging years following the Second Vatican Council in 1963 and beyond. Carmel was our Community Leader for over 9 years between 1967 -1975, as together we traversed years of great change for Religious Communities throughout the world."

Her ministries within the Adelaide Archdiocese and the wider Church, included her years in Education in Dominican Schools, in both South Australia and Ringwood, Victoria; Parish Ministry in both Stirling and Aldgate for over 12 years; from St Catherine's Community, Hill Avenue, Cumberland Park, where Carmel shared community with her dear friend Sr Monica Redden. Carmel was involved in Goodwood Parish Home Visitation; Hospital Chaplaincy and Parish Ministry. In 1987, Carmel took time for some Renewal, at Teschemakers, in New Zealand. When she returned to Adelaide she developed the life-giving TABOR Program for older Religious - a Program which continues to enrich many Religious women and men to the present day. What an amazing and generous outpouring of one beautiful woman's life - totally lived for others, while seriously nurturing her own spiritual life and deep, personal relationship with Jesus, her God, her inspiration and guiding force.

In the words of her Dominican Sisters, in the *Advertiser* this week, Carmel was "gracious and welcoming; respectful and kind ... the much loved, gifted and courageous leader of our Dominican Community in times of great change ..."

We have witnessed the passing of an extraordinary era with the passing of Carmel Slattery. How fortunate and blessed have we been to have known and loved Carmel, Mary Dominica Slattery; Aunty Dom; Sr Mary Carmel Slattery OP.

"Sleep, beloved, in the God of Life." Dear Carmel, you will be greatly missed.

Maureen O'Connell OP

Fr Joseph (Louis) Wilson OP

Dominican Father, Joseph Wilson, who gave sixty-five years of his priestly life to the Church, died on Friday 16 March at Nazareth House in Brisbane. He followed St Dominic in the characteristic apostolic life of the Order by passing on to others his contemplative insights. With his many abilities, he was truly a renaissance man, a Latin scholar, an itinerant preacher Australia wide and overseas, a much loved teacher, a scripture guide, a novice master, chaplain to the Dominican Laity, organizer of discussion groups, Legion of Mary chaplain and a religious superior.

Foremost among his qualities was his priestly care for the people in his responsibility; he transferred that gift with constant good humour and engaging cheerfulness. You could differ from him and argue but he never got angry. He was person-centred and always had time for anyone.

Dominican communities always elect their priors and they have a sensitivity to what makes a good superior. Joseph was so often their choice. He was frequently elected to lead a happy community life.

He brought his personal gifts to his colleagues with endless series of stories and Shakespearian quotations and a friendship that was enduring. Not only was his friendship important to his colleagues but also to the parishioners in our community. While he was living in the Carina community he was often invited to luncheons and morning teas with various people. It was a running joke among the priests and office staff that he had a large family willing to care for him.

Fr Joe will be missed by many and is now with God. Rest in peace.

Parish Bulletin, Carina Queensland.

Fr Joe was born 3 January, 1929; Professed 26 February 1948 – 70 years ago! and ordained on 19 December, 1953. He entered Eternal Life on 16 March 2018.

May he now experience the fullness of Easter Joy!

Lands off Dominic Pilgrimage

We offer our prayers and good wishes to those taking part in the Dominican pilgrimage which leaves from Adelaide on Wednesday 4 April, for 24 days. If we can contain our holy jealousy, we will be with you in spirit as you visit our heartland – Madrid, Segovia, Salamanca, Caleruega, Aza, Osma, Toulouse, Fanjeaux, Prouilhe, Carcassonne, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Orvieto, Rome. Please remember us all as we pray for your safe travel and open hearts! May we revive our own memories of these holy places if we have been blessed to visit them!

O Christ the Risen Word

raise us with you in this glorious Easter season.

Nurture the Resurrection Life in us.

Send your Spirit where the new season dances

and brings us into the full promise of Spring. Amen.

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