

Living Stones Conference 2006

Diocese of Bathurst



Introduction

I am the Good Shepherd. I know my
own and my own know me, just as the
Father knows me and I know the
Father

John 10:14



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Diocese of Bathurst

- From Oberon to Bourke
- From West Wyalong to Coonabarabran
- Almost 2/3rds of NSW
- Vast distances
- Cities of Dubbo, Bathurst, Orange.
- Towns of Mudgee, Forbes, Parkes, Wellington, Gilgandra, Narromine.

Diocese of Bathurst

- 55 Clergy engaged in ministry
- 6 Priests ordained for Local Ministry
- 25 Full time paid clergy
- 19 Part time Priests
- 5 Part time Deacons
- 150 Licensed Lay Ministers
- 75 (approx) Worship Centres

Ministering Communities in Mission

- An Option?
- An Imperative?
- Out of desperation?
- Out of Conviction?
- A “New” Trend?
- A Return to Being Church?

Company of the Good Shepherd

- Child of the BGS
- Started 2002
- Lay and Ordained
- Men and Women
- Married and single
- Paid and unpaid

Cobar



Bourke



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Nyngan



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Coonamble



Brewarrina



Warren





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Ministering Communities in Mission

- Team Ministry of the CGS
- Enabled Team Ministry in Forbes

CGS Team Ministry

- A different way of being Church & Meeting a particular need.
- Discerning the needs & gifts of the Local Community.
- BGS funding makes it possible

CGS

- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- Why?

Forbes

- A “successful” parish
- Paying it’s way
- Rector moved after 15 years
- Seeking a new way forward
- Charismatic
- Good attendances
- Involved in the wider community

Forbes

- Enabled Team.
- Motivation for establishing this team.
- Discerning the Team
- Structure & Function

Future

- Other parishes
- Clergy
- Involving ALL members of the Community
- Freeing up the whole community for the mission of the people of God in God's Church