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Easter 2015 Ad Clerum Notices

1 Family Fun Day Cancelled

I am sorry to tell you that, because of problems getting a suitable venue in time, the **Diocesan Family Fun Day for this year has been cancelled**. It was scheduled for 9th May.

However, the committee plans to start work early for 2016. Last year was a lot of fun and fellowship, and I was hoping that we would start to build some momentum with it.

2 Give for Growth

2.1 Special Collection

At the final DSC meeting last year, we agreed to have a Lent Collection to **raise more money to train future clergy**. All parishes received "Give for Growth" envelopes. That you to those who have begun to return them!

However, I am aware that some parishes have not distributed or promoted this collection. Please note that it is not limited to Lent. And **every parish and chapelry is expected to participate!** We have printed more envelopes that do not link it to Lent... but whether or not it says "Lent" we are asking you to encourage your people to make a donation to this appeal.

2.2 Tithe of "Harvest" Collection

We are also asking parishes and organisations to consider giving a tithe (10%) of money you collect at your patronal festivals and harvest celebrations to "Give for Growth".

Thank you to the Mothers' Union and AWF who have already done this for last year – setting a great example for us all.

3 RinJ and RinJ Junior

We have **two** Rooted in Jesus (RinJ) **Training Conferences** taking place from Thursday evening 30th April to Sunday afternoon 3rd May. The conferences will run in parallel at Mater Dei Centre near Mokopane.

So it will be ideal if parishes can identify and send one or two people to each of the conferences. We enclose the information leaflets and registration forms for both of them:

1) Rooted in Jesus (Adult)

This will equip you to start RinJ groups and run them with adults and young adults.

2) Rooted in Jesus Junior

This will equip you to start and run Rooted in Jesus among children – for example in the Sunday School.

Remember that Rooted in Jesus is an important part of our Diocesan strategy to make disciples.

4 Langham Preaching

Something else that has become a feature of our Diocesan life is **Langham Preaching** – and our training of Licensed Lay Preachers is based on this. For clergy and those who would like to study preaching in more depth, please attend the Langham Preaching course, also at Mater Dei, from Monday 18th to Friday 22nd May.

All three levels will be covered this year:

- 1) Introduction to Preaching
- 2) Preaching from the Old Testament
- 3) Preaching from the New Testament

You can get a registration form from Jacky at the Diocesan Centre.

Of course, if you have already attended all three there is no need for you to attend again! But **you should be part of a Preaching Club** – if not, start one with fellow preachers from your area!

5 Synod Summons and Invitation

Please also find enclosed a summons or invitation to Diocesan Synod – according to the different categories in the Canons of ACSA.

Yours in Christ,

Martin