



**MONTHLY MEMO**  
April 2022

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRESENTATION SISTERS, TASMANIA**

This week Sr Gabrielle Morgan pbvm received from CICALSAL the Decree with which the Dicastery has appointed Sr. Maria Lazzaro pbvm Pontifical Commissary (Canonical Delegate) and Anna Fewer pbvm and Nola Vanderfeen pbvm the two Councillors (Consultors) of the Presentation Sisters, Tasmania.

The Secretary to Archbishop Aviz wrote:

“Having carefully considered the reasons presented and having examined the documents submitted, this measure is intended to meet the needs of the Institute, now reduced in number, with most members of an advanced age.

As indicated in the Decree, Sr. Maria Lazzaro pbvm has been entrusted with the governance of the Institute, in accordance with the Constitutions. She, in close dialogue with her Councillors and with the other members of the Institute, will seek to provide for the needs of the personal and communal life of the Sisters.

Confident that there will be a full and trusting collaboration with the Commissary, I welcome the opportunity to ask the Lord for the help you need to live in this particular moment in the life of the Institute in peace and to express to all the Sisters, a fraternal greeting of peace and goodwill.”

We are delighted that the petition sent to Rome met with success. EFCL and the Presentation Sisters began to work together in early 2020, building on the understanding and decisions already reached by the members of the congregation. Over the next eighteen months we developed the Spiritual Patrimony (our story, charism values and mission); the Living Will (the living of our religious community life and charism into the future); the Distribution Plan (the legacy we hope will continue into the future) and the Temporal Patrimony -all of which are woven into the Petition which goes to the ecclesial authority. Simultaneously we developed and implemented a Governance and Service Model and Transition Plan: enabling the formal process to let go of the leader and leadership team model and adopt a different form of canonical governance and the movement of responsibility for shared service provision to EFCL.

The leader of a congregation which is one of the Members of EFCL wrote: *a step forward for all [women] religious in Australia. We are grateful for the Tasmanian Presentation Sisters for leading the way with such trust and hope (in their truest meaning). A lesson for all of us.*

The granting of the first petition sent to CICALSAL is truly encouraging for all concerned with Emerging Futures: the company Members, the Board Directors, the team at EFCL, all the current service partner congregations and all congregations considering their future. And we are grateful for Gabrielle Morgan pbvm, Majella Kelly pbvm, Marilyn Fryett pbvm and all the Presentation Sisters Tasmania who have led the way with courage and determination, with faith and humility.

### **ZOOM EVENT**

Now that one congregation has had a canonical delegate and two consultants appointed, it seems timely to offer an opportunity for interested religious to learn more about these two important roles and the role of community coordinator. On **THURSDAY MAY 26 from 1.30pm-3.00pm**, to accommodate the different time zones across Australia, we will offer a Zoom event at which the EFCL team will provide input about the roles of the canonical delegate, consultant and community coordinator. We will hopefully offer the opportunity to ask questions and make comments in real time. If we get too many intending participants for us to manage the screens, I will let you know and seek any questions in advance. **To participate, just email me at [sharon.price@efcl.org.au](mailto:sharon.price@efcl.org.au) and put **May 26** in the subject line of the email. On the Monday prior, **May 23**, I will email you a link to the Zoom event.** We will **record** the Zoom event and after editing, it will be up on our website [www.emergingfuturescollaborative.org.au](http://www.emergingfuturescollaborative.org.au)

Many of you would have had an opportunity to hear **Laurie Brink op** speak when she visited every state in Australia bar Tasmania with CLRI(NSW) in 2017. Laurie has recently written a new book: *The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God. An Emerging Chapter for Religious Life; Science, Theology, and Mission*. Related to that book, Laurie will be teaching a course at Catholic Theological Union Chicago in June entitled *Considering Jesus Anew: The Biblical Roots of the Cosmic Christ*. The dates are **JUNE 13-17 | 9am-12 pm** and for Laurie's Aussie and Kiwi friends, she is offering the course via Zoom, or online asynchronously -which means you can watch at your leisure, no need to be online during the night.

I'm appending the flyer to this *Memo*, but you can go to [www.ctu.edu/summeratctu](http://www.ctu.edu/summeratctu) and get any information you require and find the registration details. Laurie's book is available from Pauline Books and Media in Australia.

At the recent Emerging Futures Board meeting the directors discussed lay ecclesial leadership, based on a paper prepared by Linda Ferrington rsc, EFCL's Mission Integration Manager; approved the budget for 2022-2023; reviewed plans for our first in-person meeting on July 29 and the AGM scheduled for September 21 and held an *in camera* session about the search for a CEO. Anne Lane reported that the Board Directors are very happy with the response to the search received to date and plan to begin short-listing and interviewing in the very near future.

I have been invited to speak about Emerging Futures Collaborative Limited at the Carroll & O'Dea Not For Profit Charity Law Day 2022 on May 19: an opportunity to spread the word about the initiative beyond religious institutes.

I hope to see you at the Zoom event re new governance roles on **THURSDAY MAY 26 from 1.30pm-3.00pm**.

Sharon Price rsm  
Transition Manager  
April 30, 2022

# Considering Jesus Anew: The Biblical Roots of the Cosmic Christ

with LAURIE BRINK, OP

JUNE 13-17 | 9am-12 pm

Attend in-person, via Zoom, or online asynchronously



The Letter to the Colossians acknowledges that Jesus “is the first-born of all creation; for him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible...He is before all things, and in him all things hold together” (Co 1:16-17). Through an evolutionary lens, Teilhard de Chardin argues that this Jesus is the Cosmic Christ, the dynamic presence of Christ in the universe. Come explore how Scripture, science, and theology can serve as a foundation for a contemporary integrative spirituality.

All are welcome! Additional course offerings available at [ctu.edu/summeratctu](http://ctu.edu/summeratctu).



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