

## **INTRODUCING OUR NEW DIOCESAN LAY DIRECTOR - GRAEME YOUNG**

My Christian journey started in earnest in my early 40's when I was confirmed at Holy Name Anglican Church in Vermont South.

The next major milestone came when I did my Cursillo in 2005, Men's 28.

This strengthened my commitment to devote as much of my time as practicable to fulfilling God's plans for me.

This began with a call to explore my latent feelings of a need to support other people at times of life stress, doubt and fear. I applied to the Austin hospital in 2006 to do a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. To my somewhat surprise (and trepidation) I was accepted and was promptly given the challenge of acting as Intern Chaplain to the Spinal and Paediatrics wards for the six months at the hospital.

These days, I am putting that training into effect in providing pastoral assistance at my church, which is St Alfred's, Blackburn North.

At St Alfred's I am also a Vestry/Board Member, Communion Assistant and Growth Group Co-leader.

Since my Cursillo, I have been on team for Men's 33 and Men's 37 weekends and am on team for the upcoming Men's 40.

I retired from paid employment in July 2012 after a career in Human Resources; the last 20 years in the not-for-profit area. My most recent position was a job-sharing role as Senior Human Resources and Employee Relations Advisor with Baptcare in the Aged Care field.

My wife, Janet, who is also a Cursillista, and I have three adult children and are blessed with two grandsons, aged 6 and 4.

My personal interests include golf, family activities, travel and photography. Also, I am a Life Member of The Basin Theatre Group where I acted in many productions over a 40-year period, including a stint as the Group's President.

My fervent prayer is for the expansion of the Cursillo movement both currently and into the future.

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