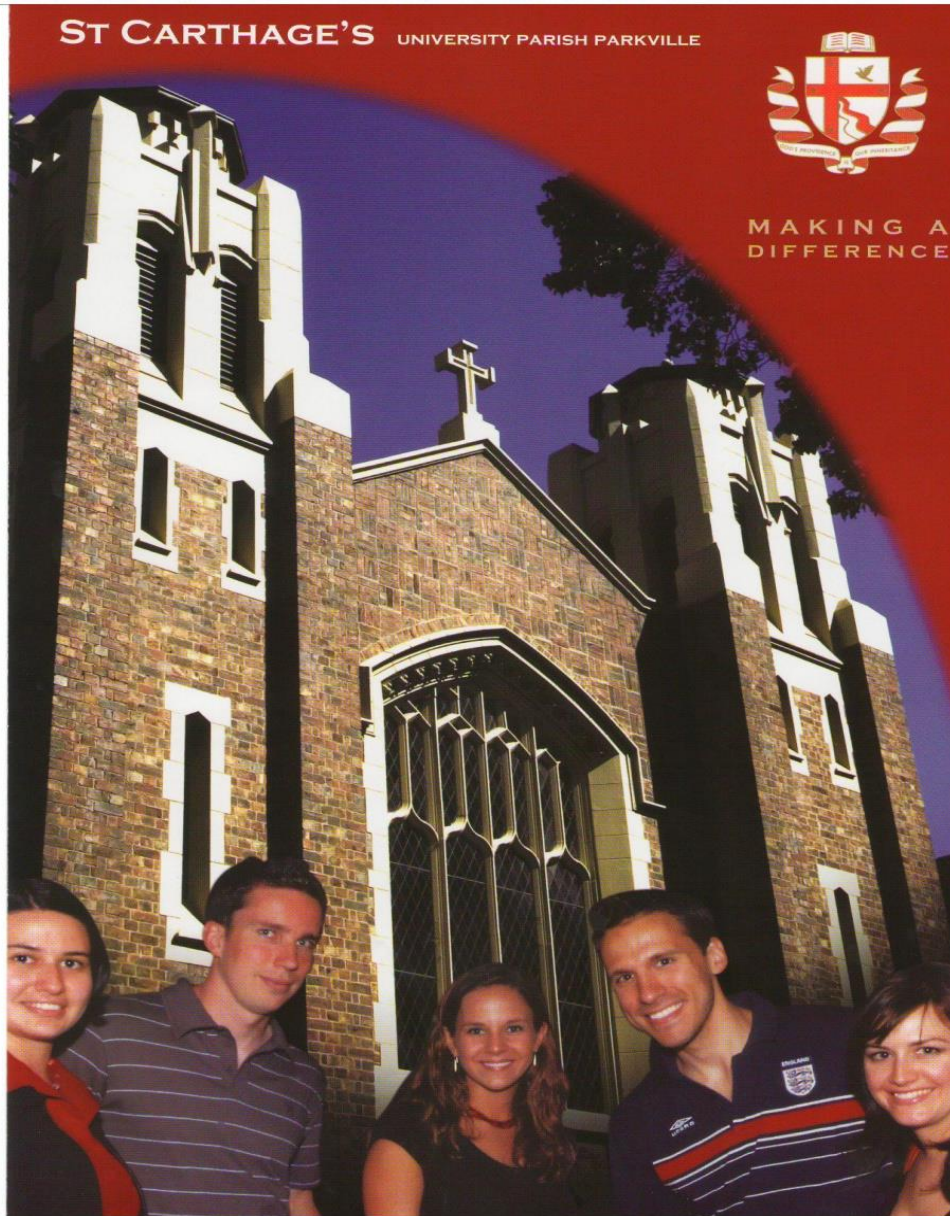




MASS TIMES
Saturday, Vigil Mass 6:00 pm
Sunday, Family Mass 10:00 am
Student's Mass 5:00 pm
19th August 2018

ST CARTHAGE'S NEWSLETTER



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Music at St Carthage's

This Saturday Evening 18th August:

** Patrick Lawrence will play
our heritage pipe organ at
the 6pm Vigil Mass.*



This Sunday Evening 19th August:

** The St Carthage's Music Group
will lead the singing at
the 5pm Student Mass.*



Next Sunday Evening 26th August:

** The Thirty voice choir Excelsis
will sing at the 5pm Student Mass.*





Confirmation at St Carthage's 2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday 21st October.

The Celebrant of the Mass will be
The Very Rev. Joseph Caddy Episcopal Vicar
for Social Services

The Enrolement Mass and
the formation Session will be on
Sunday 7th October at 2:30pm

The Preparation Mass and
practical arrangements will be on
Sunday 14th October at 2:30pm

Confirmation Day
Sunday 21st October
Mass at 2:15pm

**All those wishing to be confirmed must
attend the two previous preparation
sessions.**

SPC Forum

Bernie Geary OAM

Former Victorian Commissioner for
Children & Young People

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*Is Victoria still a 'dreadful parent'
for the hundreds of children
in state care or confinement?*

Thursday 30 August 7:30-9pm

Yarra Theological Union Study Centre
via 34 Bedford Street Box Hill

Donations welcome. Nibbles and drinks served after the talk.

Bernie Geary OAM has been involved with children and young people for most of his life. He was Victoria's first Child Safety Commissioner from 2005, and was then appointed Victorian Commissioner for Children & Young People from 2013 until late 2015. He returned to the Youth Parole Board, and also sits on the Mental Health Tribunal.



The first youth outreach worker in Victoria, Mr Geary worked for many years with young families and disadvantaged youth in West Heidelberg. He spent 17 years at Jesuit Social Services, managed the Brosnan Centre. He was CEO of JSS from 2001-2005, and was a member of the Premier's Drug Advisory Councils in 1999 and 2001, the Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council, and the Victorian Children's Council. On finishing his term as Commissioner in 2015, Mr Geary said Victoria is "a dreadful parent" who doesn't pay enough attention to how it treats the hundreds of vulnerable children in state care.

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In the zone

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

Office for Evangelisation

6.30pm - 8.30pm @ Deakin Edge Auditorium, Federation Square

A CONVERSATION ON THE ROLE OF SPORT IN BUILDING COMMUNITY, CELEBRATING THE HUMAN SPIRIT AND IMPARTING WORTH—AND NOT JUST THE MONETARY KIND. FEATURING VOICES FROM MELBOURNE'S 'OTHER' RELIGION: FOOTY!

Guest speakers:

Mervyn Keane

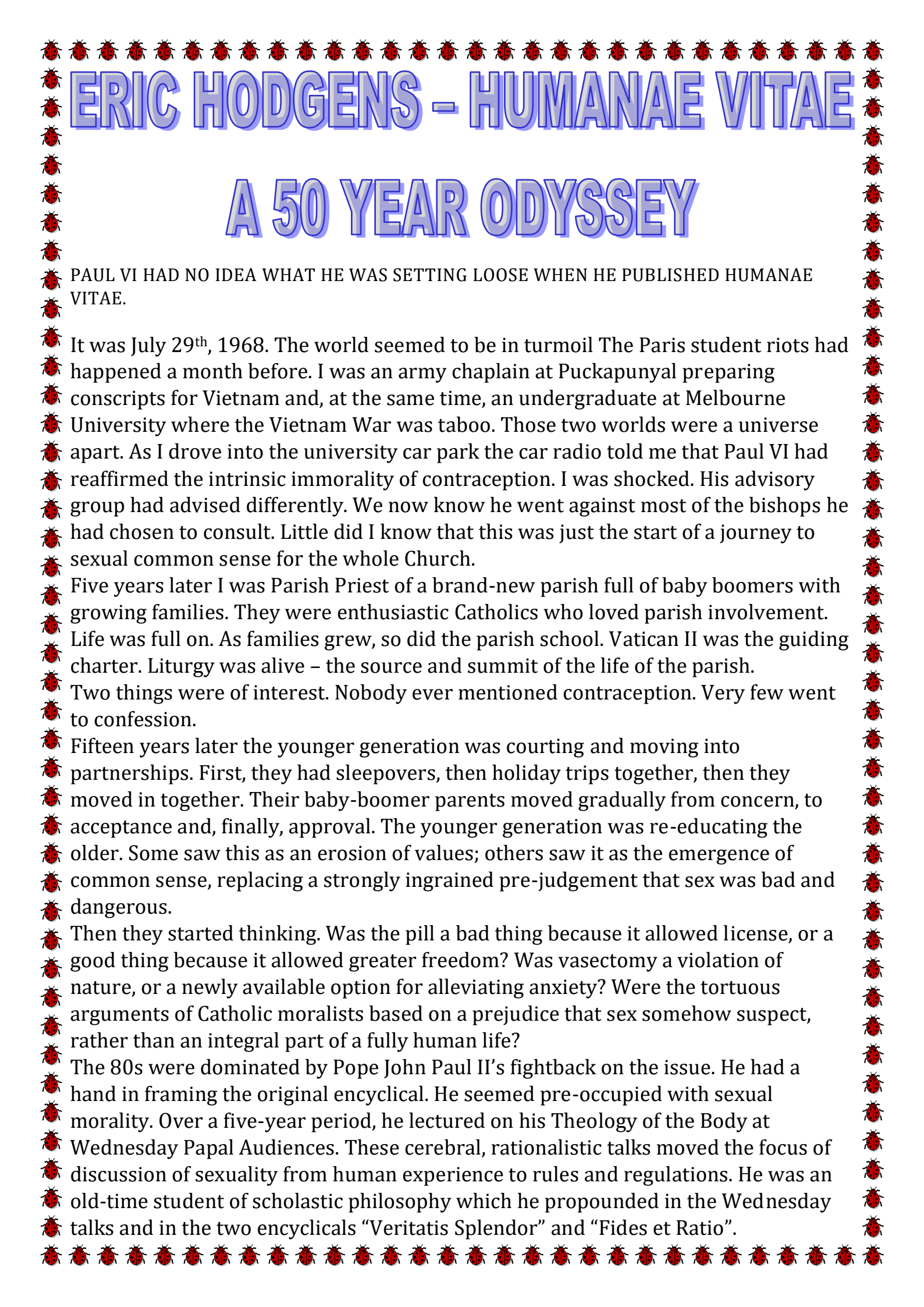
Three-time Premiership Player and Team of the Century for the Richmond "Tigers" Football Club, Mervyn is recognised as one of the game's greats. Following his playing career he moved into coaching and recruitment, most recently for the Essendon Football Club. Mervyn's passion is mentoring players from all walks of life, supporting their holistic development on and off the field.

Emma Kearney

In only her second season for the AFLW, Emma has won back-to-back Best & Fairest Awards, twice been named in the All Australian Team and was a key member of the 2018 Western Bulldogs' Premiership Team. She also won the AFLW Best & Fairest in 2018. As well as playing footy, Emma works full-time and plays cricket for the Victorian Spirit and Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash. Ms Emma Kearney appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau.

**Cost: \$30 per adult / \$15 under 18s / \$100 for a group of five
(cost includes refreshments)**

Bookings & RSVP by: Monday 28 August to www.trybooking.com/XBTH



ERIC HODGENS - HUMANAE VITAE

A 50 YEAR ODYSSEY

PAUL VI HAD NO IDEA WHAT HE WAS SETTING LOOSE WHEN HE PUBLISHED HUMANAE VITAE.

It was July 29th, 1968. The world seemed to be in turmoil. The Paris student riots had happened a month before. I was an army chaplain at Puckapunyal preparing conscripts for Vietnam and, at the same time, an undergraduate at Melbourne University where the Vietnam War was taboo. Those two worlds were a universe apart. As I drove into the university car park the car radio told me that Paul VI had reaffirmed the intrinsic immorality of contraception. I was shocked. His advisory group had advised differently. We now know he went against most of the bishops he had chosen to consult. Little did I know that this was just the start of a journey to sexual common sense for the whole Church.

Five years later I was Parish Priest of a brand-new parish full of baby boomers with growing families. They were enthusiastic Catholics who loved parish involvement. Life was full on. As families grew, so did the parish school. Vatican II was the guiding charter. Liturgy was alive – the source and summit of the life of the parish.

Two things were of interest. Nobody ever mentioned contraception. Very few went to confession.

Fifteen years later the younger generation was courting and moving into partnerships. First, they had sleepovers, then holiday trips together, then they moved in together. Their baby-boomer parents moved gradually from concern, to acceptance and, finally, approval. The younger generation was re-educating the older. Some saw this as an erosion of values; others saw it as the emergence of common sense, replacing a strongly ingrained pre-judgement that sex was bad and dangerous.

Then they started thinking. Was the pill a bad thing because it allowed license, or a good thing because it allowed greater freedom? Was vasectomy a violation of nature, or a newly available option for alleviating anxiety? Were the tortuous arguments of Catholic moralists based on a prejudice that sex somehow suspect, rather than an integral part of a fully human life?

The 80s were dominated by Pope John Paul II's fightback on the issue. He had a hand in framing the original encyclical. He seemed pre-occupied with sexual morality. Over a five-year period, he lectured on his Theology of the Body at Wednesday Papal Audiences. These cerebral, rationalistic talks moved the focus of discussion of sexuality from human experience to rules and regulations. He was an old-time student of scholastic philosophy which he propounded in the Wednesday talks and in the two encyclicals "Veritatis Splendor" and "Fides et Ratio".

Human sexuality, as a wholistic human experience, got lost in this arid universe. Was he fighting his own inner demons?

John Paul II's intense pre-occupation with sexual ethics emboldened the law and order wing of the Catholic Church and created a new industry. In 1981 he established the Pontifical Council for the Family. Its chief focus was sexual morality, especially opposition to contraception. Under the 18 years of the controversial Cardinal Trujillo's presidency, it was renowned for opposition to family planning, use of condoms, even as aids prevention, gay marriage and embryological research. Another spinoff was the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and the Family. it has developed a heavily ideological course program using the JP II Theology of the Body as its ideological bedrock. Allied to established theology schools, it grants degrees under a moral theology or bioethics rubric. George Pell promoted this institute in Australia first under the leadership of Anthony Fisher and then Peter Elliott. Moral theologians like Charles Curran, who argued a more nuanced view of *Humanae Vitae*, were blackballed by the pope. During the 37 years of John Paul II and Benedict XVI a chasm grew between an ever more entrenched, Roman, anti-sex mentality and a Catholic faithful who had adapted to a more wholistic vision of sexuality in human life and love. The Church at large was getting freer while Church officialdom dug in and ossified.

The doubters were not just pleasure seekers. They sensed that integral humanity was at the core of their conviction. A narrow, cerebral path of study had led officialdom away from God's reality.

Margaret Farley, a leading American moral theologian, backed up this intuitive sense with her book "Just Love". Justice is the top criterion for loving – including sexual love.

At the same time, something new was crystalizing in this cauldron of ideas. The mind of the church is formulated by the teachers ("magisterium" in Latin), but it needed to be received by the Church at large to receive its final endorsement. Reception theology now had its day. Ask Father Ormond Rush, an Australian theologian in the forefront of this study. The common sense of the faithful was solidly founded after all.

Paul VI was shocked by the response of the Church at large to his encyclical. It caused turmoil for many and departure from the Church for some, including priests. But it prompted others to formulate their conscience for themselves. No longer is the pope's or bishop's word law. Make the case or lose the argument.

So, *Humanae Vitae* turned out to be a watershed moment. Paul VI meant to settle the matter but, instead, began a movement that put conscience, reception and sexual taboo under the microscope. JP II laboured for 27 years to bag the cat again – but lost. What a roller coaster ride it has been! But the church is, consequently, better informed and wiser.

ERIC HODGENS IS A RETIRED PARISH PRIEST OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

An initiative of Catalyst for Renewal

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Encouraging our voices: We have something to say

Cathy Jenkins

Wednesday, 22nd August, 2018 at 7.30pm

Cathy has been Director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (Melbourne) since October 2016. She holds degrees in arts, theology, education and leadership and has had many years of experience, both as a teacher and Deputy Principal, as well as being a curriculum adviser on religious education with Catholic Education Office, Melbourne, and as a publisher with a number of major publishing houses.



She is a member of the Australian Catholic Council for Pastoral Leadership, the Council for Australian Catholic Women and is the Catholic Church representative on the Australian Hymn Book company.

**VENUE: SANDRINGHAM HOTEL,
CNR BEACH ROAD & MELROSE STREET (MELWAY 76 G9)**
Separate adjacent room for SIP meeting

BOOKING FOR MEAL - PHONE HOTEL: 9598 7255

SPECIFY THAT BOOKING IS FOR SIP, SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB GROUP

Meals can be ordered individually from a large menu with a range of prices.

All are welcome to gather for a meal from 6.00pm

OR join the group from 7.30 – 9.00pm for the presentation & conversation.

For further details contact VIN 9530 6004, FRANCES 9579 3920