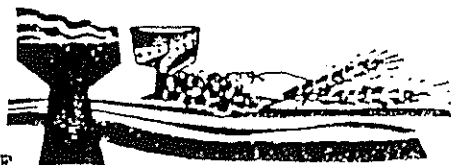


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REFLECTIONS - FROM LA SALLE HOUSE.

The De La Salle Brothers purchased La Salle House in 1967. At approximately the same time the new parish of St. Anthony's was established. In twenty years, La Salle House has become very much part of St. Anthony's and St. Anthony's very much part of La Salle House.

In their various ways and according to the interests of people living at the House, the community over the years has involved itself in many parish activities. Brothers Conrad and Augustine (now Br. Pat) worked closely with parishioners in establishing CCD in the parish. While classes focused on Mangere Central School, a number of activities for youth took place at La Salle House. Br. Stephen Leatherland continued with religious education in the parish when he arrived in the early seventies. A number of Brothers served on the parish council and its committees.

During my own years at La Salle House I have been encouraged by young people of St. Anthony's who have made themselves at home here. Prior to the parish hall being opened, most youth meetings were held at La Salle House. The youth have always struck me as an alive and open group who are prepared to be involved. It is with a little sadness that I observe a decline in the depth and growth of youth involvement in the parish. The youth of yesterday are now the young adults of St. Anthony's. These are the people with the skills and leadership to continue youth activities. I encourage our young adults to continue that tradition of youth involvement that St. Anthony's is noted for.

In recent years the Brothers' involvement in St. Anthony's was spearheaded by the late Brother Matthew Eatus. Brother Matthew's dedication to the parish was an inspiration for all. He gave his best in all things particularly in liturgy to ensure that our celebrations were the best. Liturgy at St. Anthony's is something we must all be very proud of. Over the past couple of years the growth of the prayer group and its weekly meetings at La Salle House provided a source of many blessings to the Brothers Community. As with the youth, the brothers were involved however there is excellent lay leadership which hopefully will encourage the growth of prayer in St. Anthony's.

St. Anthony's, under the leadership of Fr. Joe Shepherd is an alive group of Catholic people. I have always felt very much at home in the parish. The people are warm and hospitable. You celebrate well and have a bright future ahead. My life, and I am sure the lives of various Brothers and young people who have lived at La Salle House has been all the richer due to the parish of St. Anthony.

BR. DAVID HAWKE,



The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE, ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH,
Mangere Bridge Branch was formed on 1st July 1981.

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Kathleen Wannell was the League's First President, Janet Presland, Secretary, Maureen Williams, Treasurer, plus committee. These ladies were responsible for the smooth running of the League today to which we are grateful and this they did for three years - Our MOTTO "FAITH & SERVICE". With another three years ahead of us a new President, Margaret Moesbergen, Vice President Maureen Williams, Secretary, Ann Betham, Treasurer, Margaret Paddy, plus committee.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, at the Parish House, preceded by Mass. Every alternate month we have very interesting guest speakers, and on the "in between" evenings we spend chatting, having games, and auctions. This sharing is so important in getting to know each other.

We also serve our parish and wider church community by church cleaning, wall papering, fund raising for our Mission in Western Samoa, donations to the Assumption Sisters, helping send 3 Youth to Rome for "Youth Year", we also help with the First Communion and bake for the Civilian Maimed and lots more.

We welcome ladies in our parish to join us for fellowship in "Faith and Service". Please always feel free to bring along a friend.



Margaret Moesbergen
President.