



Anne McLean

Diocese of Bathurst

Anne is very special not just for the love, care and support she lavishes on her immediate and extended family, her domestic Church, but for the extraordinary passion she has for parenting. She is an exemplary parent and if degrees were handed out for parenting, hers would be a PhD. Her commitment to parenting shines through her inspirational participation in parenting in the Church.

When her eldest daughter started school at St Matthew's Central in Mudgee in 1981, Anne became involved in the Parents & Friends. As her family grew, so did her involvement in the P&F. In 1989, Fr Greg Kennedy encouraged Anne to become a member of a working party to form a Diocesan Parent Organisation. For twenty years she has been working with the Catholic School Parents Association of Bathurst. In 1997 she was elected to represent parents at the State level, four years later immersing herself in the role of CCSP Chair. For 8 years Anne modeled service-centered leadership based on the authentic leadership of Christ.

Anne's collaborative and inclusive nature has helped build great inroads for the increasing participation of parents in Catholic education and providing frameworks for faith development opportunities for parents. She continues to share her wisdom as a Commissioner of the CEC NSW and member of the NCEC Religious Education committee. At a local community level she continues to lead the Liturgy Committee, be part of the Sacramental Team, and facilitate "Conversations about Catholics" and "Harnessing Wisdom" Programs in the Mudgee Parish.

Anne is a woman who shares her knowledge, challenges and parenting experience on a grand scale. She has been instrumental in empowering others, especially women, to take up their own baptismal call and be a leaven in our midst.