



Colleen Andrew
Diocese of Port Pirie

Colleen is the backbone, foundation stone and heartbeat of so much of the life and vitality of St. Thomas More's Parish, serving Waikerie, Morgan, Ramco, Cadell, Blanchetown and Swan Reach for forty years. Immersed in the richness of Catholic faith and life from birth, Colleen came to Waikerie as a teacher, where she met and married Leon Andrew.

Renown for her multi-tasking ability, Colleen is chairperson of St Thomas More's Parish Pastoral Council, Secretary of the Council, an active CWL member (having held most offices), Commentator and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion plus Reader of the Word.

A supporter of regional ecumenical activities, Colleen has managed previous Jubilee celebrations, and is currently co-planning their fiftieth year local church celebrations. Gifted in delegating and involving others, she values their gifts and participation with affirmation. Colleen presents the Weekly Parish Bulletin, visits the sick and lonely, tackles church cleaning, catering, has worked on the liturgy committee, taught religious education in state schools and organises fun and games for fundraisers. Colleen is a good public speaker. She enjoys people, loves driving and is active in the general community.

As CEO of Riversgate Housing Project, Colleen is guiding the supportive residential aged care development in her community. She shares quality time with her much-loved family, including her five grandchildren. Her community is richly blessed to have Colleen as mentor, confidant, leader and role model. In living her faith prayerfully with passion energy and generosity for the greater glory of God and the building of God's kingdom on earth, she has influenced and inspired our community.