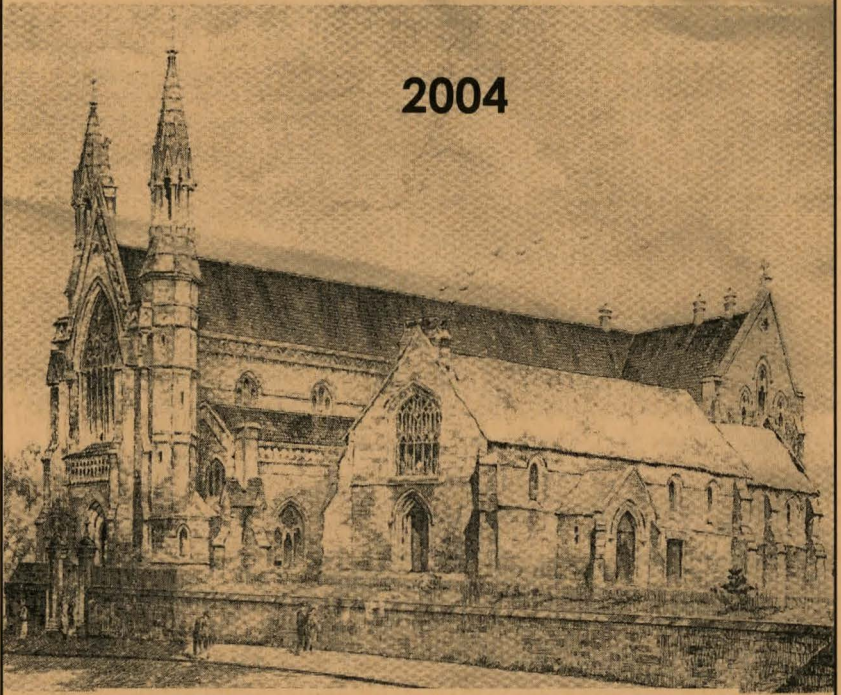


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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Volume 9 of the *Proceedings of Brisbane Catholic Historical Society*. As usual, contributions reflect the diverse nature of the interests and research of various members of the Society.

In the first place, we were fortunate to obtain the reflections of Mr Vince O'Rourke, retired Director of Catholic Education, Brisbane, on significant issues for Catholic Education in Brisbane Archdiocese during the 1980s and 1990s. Vince was in a position which was at the centre of both policy formulation and its implementation, and so these reflections will be of special significance for future generations of researchers studying the education question.

Specific schools also came under investigation: Sister Rita Carroll spoke about The History of Stuartholme School, while Mr Percy Hanlon addressed the topic of the Centenary of the Toowong Catholic School.

Parish life was also represented: Augustinian priest, Fr Michael Endicott spoke on St James Parish, Coorparoo, from 1913 to 2003; Mr Patrick O'Shea treated the History of St Flannan's Parish, Zillmere, and Mr John Kane, in the context of centenary celebrations, addressed the history of St Mary's, Ipswich, in terms of the legacy of Fr Andrew Horan.

Dr Tom Boland, in an entertaining address, dispelled some of the myths concerning the Holy Name Cathedral building project, demonstrating in the process that truth can be stranger than fiction.

I provided a contribution on Queensland's First Seminary, Fr Walter Cain's ill-fated project of the Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist. Traces of "Filipinas" may still be seen at Marist Brothers Ashgrove, Australian Catholic University Banyo, and in St John's Wood and The Gap. The paper is hoped to be the first of several.

Other personalities were also the focus of attention. Dr John Mackenzie-Smith chose as his subject, W. A. Duncan, Catholic Patriot and Champion of Human Rights; Fr Pat Tynan related his search for Count Rossolini; Mr Rod Manning looked briefly at Fr Greene and Fr Denis Martin provided a series of interesting anecdotes which he has collected during his time as Archivist of the Brisbane Archdiocese.

To all the authors, my sincere thanks and those of the Society as well. I would also like to thank the Society's Committee Members for their assistance in the production of this work. To printers, proof readers, compositors and our typist, Anne Seto, the Society owes a debt of gratitude.

I wish you happy reading.

DR CHRIS HANLON  
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