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## INTRODUCTION

Volume 11 of the *Proceedings of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society* appears at a time of great historical significance, both for Queensland in general, and for the Archdiocese of Brisbane in particular. This is because the year 2009 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the time when Queensland became a distinct element within the Australian Church.

Bishop James Quinn was consecrated Bishop of Brisbane in the church of the Catholic University, Dublin, on 29 June 1859. Over the 150 years that have followed, the life of the Queensland church has continued to develop. Brisbane has become an Archdiocese; and the Dioceses of Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Toowoomba have been created as suffragan sees, within the territory originally entrusted to Bishop Quinn. It is also fitting that our present archbishop, Archbishop John Bathersby, has made a significant contribution to our pages.

It is the task of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society to share in the present and to preserve for posterity stories of the development that has occurred in our church over these past 150 years. The scope of the present volume of collected papers truly fits such an anniversary year.

The various papers cover the length and breadth of the State of Queensland. Parliamentary circles are represented by contributions by Timothy Moroney – on Parliamentary Librarian Denis O’Donovan – and by Rod Manning – on the former leader of the A.L.P. in State Parliament, Ed Casey.

Mark Cryle and myself have sought to pay tribute to that great, if eccentric, Toowoomba priest, Archdeacon Edward Leo Hayes, on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his extensive collection of material finding a home in the University of Queensland Library. (These papers have been reprinted with the University’s permission.)

John Browning has examined the development of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton during the episcopate of Bishop Francis Rush.

The Brisbane Parish of Enoggera celebrated its centenary in 2008, and one of its parishioners, Sue Walsh, has provided us with a glimpse into the past and the circumstances which led to the building of the first parish church of St John the Baptist.

Women's religious institutes are represented by two papers: Pauline Shaw's (Sister Francine) contribution on Elizabeth Hayes and the ministry of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters; and Sister Margaret McKenna's look at the development in the Nundah Catholic community.

Matters relating to Catholic health and aged care were addressed in two papers: that by Helen Gregory on 'The Mater, The Government, The Church and Society' and that by Delene Cuddihy recounting the story of Mt. Olivet since the 1950s.

Even the dead have not been forgotten in this issue. In the shadow of the Church's Feast of All Souls (2 November), David Molloy's contribution on Nudgee Cemetery appears especially timely.

A final word: In March of this year one of our foundation members, Frank Hills, died. May he rest in peace. Our pages contain a tribute to him from one who knew him well, Dr. Tom Boland.

I thank the various members of the Society's editorial committee for their work in preparing the papers for publication. It gives me much pleasure in providing you, our readers, with the 'fruit of their labours'. May you have many hours of enjoyable reading, as we face the next 150 years of our story.

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