



HEARTBEAT

QUICK UPDATE FROM THE LAITY OF THE CHEVALIER FAMILY AUSTRALIA

18 December 2022

Introduction

It is my great pleasure to introduce the Christmas 2022 edition of *Heartbeat*. The *International Council of Laity of the Chevalier Family* report and letter bring news from the *International Laity of the Chevalier Family*. We are very thankful for their wisdom and guidance and for the hard work they put into all they do, especially the enormous amount of preparation they are putting into the *International Assembly of the Laity of the Chevalier Family* in the Philippines 2024.

We also have available, through the generous support of Lee Toll, a fabulous [Chevalier Family Calendar](#) for 2023. Lee has produced a beautiful outline of the special events in the life of the Chevalier Family - a bargain at \$25!! Details on how to order one follow. It is something every one of our schools, parishes, and families should have (and every member of our lay family, too!!). We are very grateful for Lee's dedication to the cause and OLSH *College Bentleigh's* generous support. Profits from the sale of calendars will go toward the *Australian Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family* (ACLCF) fundraising appeal. Thanks to those who have been able to contribute to the ACLCF fundraising appeal so far. The goal is to raise sufficient funds to assist people from Pacific countries and Australia to attend the *International Assembly*.

Kerrie Wehbe has been busy preparing the next edition of [Hearts for Others: What's Happening with the Uluru Statement](#). It can be found on the OLSH website under [Justice Matters](#).

Last but far from least, I'm sure those who have access to [Facebook](#) (and [Instagram](#), whatever that is!!) and the Laity of the Chevalier Family Australia [website](#) are enjoying Aidan Johnson's daily 'Follow the Star' *Advent Calendar* reflections.

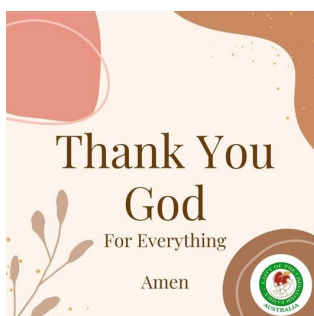
Best wishes for a peaceful, prayer-filled Christmas,

Fred Stubenrauch

(Chair, ACLCF)

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Chevalier Family 2023 Calendar

The Laity of the Chevalier Family Australia (LCFA) calendars, produced by Lee Toll, are being sold to assist the Australian Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family (ACLCF) with raising funds to support its vision, mission, and goals.

The focus of the 2023 Calendar fundraising campaign is to sponsor people from Pacific countries and Australia to attend the upcoming International Assembly of the Laity of the Chevalier Family and ensure their voice is heard in the Chevalier Family.

To purchase a calendar, complete the [Order Form](#).

To see what the funds will support, [Learn More](#).



Latest Edition: OLSH Hearts for Others

Issue 6 of the OLSH Hearts for Others newsletter has been published.

This edition focuses on *What's Happening with the Uluru Statement From the Heart: Both Sides of the Current 'Argument'*.

Access it on the [OLSH Australia website](#).

For background on the Uluru Statement From The Heart, visit the [LCFA Australia website](#) or read previous editions of the OLSH Hearts for Others newsletter on the [Justice Matters](#) page of the OLSH Australia website.



2022 Advent Calendar and Reflections

The 'Follow the Star...' Advent reflection series has been posted daily on the Laity of the Chevalier Family Australia [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [website](#) (Resources – Liturgical Resources). In this countdown to Christmas, catch up on what you might have missed and take advantage of the upcoming opportunities to journey together to the Heart of Christmas.

If you haven't already, consider reading the '[A Heart for Creation at Christmas](#)' reflection and the '[Sustainable Christmas Inspirations](#)' document.



International Council News

Greetings to you all!

It is with great pleasure that the *International Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family* (ICLCF) is sending you the Christmas mail. We include a [Letter](#) from Peter Cheong in Korea, a [Report](#) on the work of the International Council and a *Christmas Greeting* (below).

We wish you and your families a safe and blessed Christmas season.

Alison McKenzie (for the *International Council*)

Christmas Greeting



In the darkness, a light shines.
An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard:
'To you is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.'
That is the sign: a child, a baby lying in the dire poverty of a manger. No more bright lights or choirs of angels.
Only a child. Nothing else, even as Isaiah had foretold:
unto us a child is born'.

Pope Francis, St Peter's Basilica, 24th December 2021

Christmas greetings to all members of the Chevalier Family
from the International Council.

Australian Reflection on the Report and Letter

By living *Spirituality of the Heart*, we choose to love everyone. One part of loving is knowing, and another part is acting. This Christmas update from the *International Council* with the letter from Peter Cheong in Korea, the December report, and the [International Chevalier Family news](#) (e.g., the struggles of the Chevalier Family in Peru) is an invitation to know others. How will we choose to act?

- How can we empty our hearts to leave room for God's heart in us? What do we need to let go of?
- Where does God's heart call us this Christmas? What is God trying to fill us with?
- How can we show solidarity with the International Laity of the Chevalier Family (LCF) or those struggling at Christmas?



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With deep respect and love, we acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (the traditional custodians of this land) and their Elders - past, present, and emerging.

We support the *Uluru Statement From The Heart* and recognise the importance of ensuring First Nations people have a voice in Australia.



We commit to a "greater love for our Creator, each other, and the home we share". (Laudato Si 14).

We live in the *Spirituality of the Heart* and are called to love and care for Creation.

