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Memorandum

To: Priests, Pastoral Associates and Principals
From: Bishop Christopher Saunders
Date: 5 October 2007
Re: Mirrilingki Spirituality Centre

You may be aware that the Sisters of St Joseph have made it known that they do not have any Sisters available to manage Mirrilingki in 2008.

In order to facilitate Mirrilingki providing services to the Kimberley in 2008 it is necessary to put some changes in place. I prefix any further remarks by saying I am most grateful to the Sisters for their work thus far at Mirrilingki. I stand in admiration of their dedication and generous endeavours over the years. I look forward to the Sisters' on-going association with the Centre according to whatever capacity they envisage in conjunction with the needs of the Centre.

After discussions with the Leadership Team of the Josephite Sisters I am now in a position to make available some details regarding the future of the Centre.

1. As of the 10th December the Sisters of St Joseph will hand over responsibility for the administration of the Centre to the Diocese i.e. the Roman Catholic Bishop of Broome.
2. The Sisters of St Joseph are invited to consider the possibility of their resuming the administration of the Centre at a time after their General Chapter has been completed.
3. The Sisters of St Joseph will be invited to contribute to the conduct of certain courses and retreats during 2008 on a needs basis.
4. The Diocese now has to secure the services of a manager for the Centre to be in place by February 2008.
5. Between 10th December 2007 and February 2008 there will be caretakers in place at Mirrilingki who will be responsible to the Diocese.
6. The Mirrilingki Board will need to be reorganized and reconstituted in order to be an effective support to the new management structure.
7. The Centre will trade as 'The Mirrilingki Centre'.

8. The Centre will try to provide family healing services to the communities of the Kimberley as some response to the matters of sexual abuse that have arisen in certain places recently.
9. The Centre will attempt to organize retreats during 2008 and beyond. Catholic Schools and Parishes and parish groups will, as far as possible, be assisted to have their needs at the Centre met during the forthcoming year.
10. For the time being any booking needs for 2008 for the Centre are to be directed to Ms Janice Grimson, Bishop's Secretary, PO Box 76, Broome 6725 08 9192 1060.

Other matters will become clear with the passage of time and I will endeavour to keep you informed.

Yours sincerely in Christ

+Christopher Saunders
Bishop of Broome