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This year celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the promulgation of *Sacrosanctum Concilium* (SC). This cannot go by without some examination of where we have been and where we go from here. Some polarisation is evident in the Catholic world between those who work towards the further understanding and inclusion of this document in our Catholic liturgical practice, and those who would prefer to use practices that are from the pre-Second Vatican Council era. Pope Francis continues to work towards a church that is inclusive and cohesive.

This issue includes an article by our founding editor, Russell Hardiman. His particular gift was being able to view history in a positive and constructive way that enlightens the present responses to change. He speaks of *communio*/communion in a way that brings to light the difficulties of language and translation and then the results in the pastoral liturgical area. It is a very good introduction to the article that follows by Joe Grayland.

Fr Joe Grayland from New Zealand has provided us with a very thorough and readable article about cultural change and the implementation of pastoral-liturgical practice since SC was launched. The influences of social and cultural change over the past 60 years have been dramatic to say the least and Grayland follows the development from a New Zealand perspective but one that is also relevant to other countries who have been working towards the implementation. Grayland first gives a snap shot of the 1960's ritual modification in Aotearoa, New Zealand, following Vatican II. Section Two focuses on the implementation of pastoral-liturgical practice throughout the 70s and 80s and Section Three addresses the growing polarisation of liturgical and ecclesial life from the perspective of papal responses beginning in the 1980s. Grayland offers a valuable and succinct summary of the papal documents that have engaged with the liturgical debate and activity surrounding the Latin Mass and Vatican II reforms. Section Four considers if Catholics can engage with liturgical symbols in the context of a modern, technological and global world. As Grayland points out, the ritual modification and pastoral-liturgical practice shows the qualitative difference between the initial phase of the changes wrought by SC and their implementation during the 70s and 80s. This is an excellent article with lots of connections through the copious footnotes, a resource that you can dip into many times.

The times are changing for Pastoral Liturgy as well. This is the last issue that will come from the Notre Dame University website. We hope to be moving to the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth with the support of the Centre for Liturgy. The details have yet to be finalised but we will let you know the outcome.

May the Lenten and Easter season bring you great joy!

Dr Angela McCarthy

