



Dear friends,

I trust that you are well and continue to live productively and joyfully amid the COVID-19 fears and restrictions. A number of you have mentioned that, apart from not being able to meet with your Christian brothers and sisters as church and MU, and no hugs from any grandchildren who may live nearby, this has been an opportunity to do things at home which we don't always have time to do. And the end is in sight, with the gradual easing of

restrictions meaning that most of us will soon be able to meet others again.

My main reason for writing is to let you know that the production of the Winter issue of Mia Mia is on track. The magazines have been printed, and the printer expects to do the packing early next week, and then set the distribution wheels rolling. I hope the various hold-ups and border restrictions don't cause too much disruption and that you receive your Mia Mia and Families Worldwide magazines in a timely manner. In any event, you will be able to see them on the AMUA website soon.

I hope you enjoy reading the contributions from members of Executive, AMUA members from around the country and a few new contributors from (just) outside the MU fold. I was thrilled with the response of dioceses in W.A. and S.A. to my request for information about their activities. You'll see that I was right about MU members being very busy fulfilling the Aim and Objects of AMUA in their part of the world.

I still plan to showcase different dioceses in each issue, but given the shut-down of the past few months, I have decided to push that back a bit. So, Victoria and Tasmania- you don't need to worry about giving me something about what you normally do for the Spring issue as I had originally planned. I will be in touch about that when we know how things open up in the days ahead. However, as usual, **if any of you have something to share, please do so.** And, never fear, I have a few other ideas for articles which might be of interest, so we will still have a magazine. The theme for the Spring issue is "Building hope and confidence in times of trouble."

I hope you like the photo of "Trees in fog" which I have used on the front cover. It was sent to me from a source in Bendigo diocese. If you or anyone you know is a keen photographer who has images you would like to send me to form my own "stock pile" for future issues, please feel free to do so. Just remember, high resolution (300dpi if possible), get permission from any people pictured and give me any information you consider relevant re photographer's name, location etc.

May you find peace and strength in the knowledge that there is nothing outside God's control and love, as exemplified (as Lesley points out in her Mia Mia article) in the great events of Easter-Jesus' death on the cross for us, and his triumphant resurrection.

Yours in his wonderful name,

Christine