



22nd January, 2020.

Dear Members and Friends,

As I write this to you I am very conscious of the fact that the Diocese of Bathurst is being prayed for around the World during our Wave of Prayer, along with our partner Dioceses in Egypt, Rwanda, Nigeria and India. At this time I have no up to date information about the Dioceses we are upholding in prayer, but I am emailing our Trustee Libby Crossman to see if she can give me an email address for each of the 3 Trustees responsible for Dioceses. Perhaps we could set aside a special time in our Programme for 2020 to learn more about them, using the information in *Families Worldwide* as a starting point.

As you plan for this year don't forget to use *Mia Mia* (especially the article by Robin Ray) but also others and don't forget *families worldwide* which gives so much information about the Zones. Let us live out the 2020 Theme –

Building Hope and Confidence

In our Homes, Parishes and Diocese

What ideas do you have to show people around us that we are living out this theme.

Below are some snippets from

January's eNews from Mary Sumner House. I hope you may be able to include them in your programme for this year. I will research more information closer to the time and send it on.

A quick reminder that our themed resources for 2020 aim to help us live out our faith to build hope and confidence in ourselves as well as those we support, and to nurture our faith as we continue to walk forward in step with God.

*Sheran Harper, our World Wide President asks us to **Make a Mother's Day**, that is, to make Mother's Day special for someone who may be disadvantaged, struggling or alone. Something for us to think about during the next few months.*

*Also Sheran asks us to join in the **"Thy Kingdom Come Movement"** – a prayer movement inviting Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day and Pentecost for their community, town, country. This challenges us to be creative in what we do, courageous in our planning and steadfast in prayer.*

So please pick up your copy of *families worldwide* and read the prayer on the back page. Praying from scripture is what Christine Brain has suggested in her article in *Mia Mia*. Here is a challenge to put together your "favourite" prayers in the bible.

May you be strengthened by the Spirit, encouraged by your faith and walk confidently in hope in all you do for Christ and His church. Be assured of my prayers and love.

Blessings *Lorraine*