



Patricia Sheridan
Diocese of Wagga Wagga

Educated by Josephite Sisters at Culcairn and the Presentation Sisters at Mt Erin Wagga Wagga, Pat continued to be an active participant of the St Thomas More Club during her student days at Wagga Teachers' College in the era of Billy Graham. Following marriage, Pat's life included overseas postings which provided a different type of Catholic community gathered round the Chaplain.

Pat has taught in Catholic Schools in the western suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne and trained as a Religious Education Coordinator; returning to Wagga with five children attending Catholic Schools. She then began a long association with Catholic Education, serving at Holy Trinity West Wagga for twenty six years. This period included executive positions on staff. The mentoring of young women, staff members and parents ran simultaneously with Pat's facilitation of parish based sacramental programs as introduced by Monsignor Burgess.

Pat was a presenter at the public hearing of the Research Project undertaken for the Australian Bishops on the Participation of Women in the Catholic Church. She advocated on behalf of parents whose background had little or no association with Church since childhood. Pat promoted the need to adapt practices in schools and parishes to be inclusive of all families.

For three years, Pat was an inaugural member of the CACW in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga and continues to be a generous volunteer by supporting the education and spirituality of Catechists, in addition to working with a project team writing educational programs at 'Erin Earth', an ecological initiative of the Presentation Sisters and tutoring in Adult Literacy at TAFE.