



CLC in Victoria



Give me only Your love and
Your grace,
That is enough for me.



Growth Stages of CLC Victoria

1976-1985 Infancy

1986-1989 Child

1990-1996 Adolescent

1997-2002 Emerging Adult

2003-2008 Adulthood

CLC Victoria 1976-1985

1976 CLC began in Victoria after the World CLC Assembly in Manila

1982 1st CLC Course in Australia

1984/85 CLC courses held in Melbourne – more Vic CLCs formed

Noel Bradford based at Riverview – ‘father’ and co-ordinator of CLC in Australia



CLC Victoria 1986 - 1989

1986 Vic - Mary Nolan, Margaret Scanlon and Jim Slattery invited by Noel Bradford sj to form 'Guiding Community' coordinating group for CLC Victoria.

Kevin Penry sj and Patrick O'Sullivan sj were asked to join and the Guiding Community of five began to meet.

1987 First National CLC President elected from Victoria

Meanwhile, CLC Victoria growing with groups in - Melbourne, Ballarat, Charlton, Geelong, Shepparton, Bairnsdale

About 30 groups many guided by religious.

CLC Victoria 1990 - 1996

Several Vic CLCs took part in national reflection - deepening of CLC identity and mission on General Principles

1990 Mary Nolan from Vic elected to World CLC EXCO
Vic - generational change in State EXCO

1994 Tertian 3 week Retreats in Daily Life first trialled in Victoria.
Initiated as a significant collaborative experience between SJ & CLC.



CLC Victoria 1997 - 2002

1997 Two new groups of young people formed in Victoria.
The issues for younger people at this time included suitable formation and problems with CLC language.

Increasing number of CLCers completing full Spiritual Exercises and Arrupe program, which began in Victoria.

Struggle to understand Mission & Ministry in CLC at grass roots level.

CLC Victoria 1997 - 2002

- 1997*** Some Vic groups disbanded – now fewer religious guides – lay guides emerging and being formed.
- 1999*** Australian Common Mission was vital to articulating who we are as CLC in the world
- 2001*** Young leaders emerging and being represented on ExCo
- 2002*** ExCo initiated newsletter to keep community connected.



CLC Victoria 2003 - 2004

- 2003*** Vic CLC Crisis, unable to elect state EXCO at State Assembly. Decision to mandate CLC group to act as *interim* EXCO for 6 months, and community to consider how to move forward responsibly.
- 2004*** March Vic CLC Assembly – state community elected new EXCO, commissioned a Formation team and members agreed to share responsibility.

CLC Victoria 2004 - 2007

Growing co-responsibility and energy in Vic CLC animated by two EXCOS implementing 3 national priorities:

- Establishment of Formation team
- CLC groups taking more responsibility for tasks
- EXCO initiated effective two way communication email network
- Greater transparency and rigour in Vic community meetings where community help set directions not just EXCO.

This involves honest listening, exchange, accountability and discerning, sending, supporting and evaluating.

CLC Victoria 2004 - 2007

- Formation team and EXCO working together to listen to community and plan response to becoming more mature apostolic CLC community.
- Growing participation by members of groups in attending the wider CLC events
- Younger members involved at every level of decision making and structures – Vic community intergenerational
- Sequential formation developed and the communal experience of the Spiritual Exercises taken up by 14 Vic groups

CLC Victoria 2007- 2008

2007 Theme of World CLC Day 'Living the CLC dream' taken as Vic theme throughout the year in formation events.

Aim to grow and deepen CLC Victoria – 19 new members in 2007 very pleasing result!

Every CLC group represented at least one CLC event

65% of members attending events

Currently 16 groups – aim to have a new group forming each year

2008 Preparing for three **MAGIS 08** experiments in Vic and CLC looking to engage with young people in ongoing MAGIS program





Amen.

St Ignatius of Loyola, 15th Century