



A quiet chat on the verandah of Brigidine Convent, Randwick c. 1930

NSW Community Launches its History, *Providence Provides*

Letters, school ledgers from the early 1900's, affable communication from a local bishop, annals recording the ordinary and special about day to day life in the convent, heritage photography... these are just some of the archival materials which have contributed to the history of the NSW Province to be launched on 1 May 2013. The history spans the life and ministry of the first six Sisters from their arrival in Coonamble, Western NSW in 1883 to the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Congregation in 2007. The book, ***Providence Provides. Brigidine Sisters in the New South Wales Province*** is the work of the author, Dr Janice Garaty. Janice was educated by the Sisters of Mercy at OLMC, Parramatta and completed special studies in public history which have enriched the Brigidine history, as Janice has a comprehensive knowledge of many prominent Catholic political and church personalities who were part of Australian history across the decades.

The official launch celebrating the history will take place at Synan Hall, Brigidine College Randwick on 1 May 2013, 7.30pm. The guest of honour for the evening is the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO. Her Excellency and the author will address those present at the launch. While the history outlines the struggles and successes of the Brigidine Sisters as they responded to different calls to ministry and service with unwavering faith and deep trust in God's Providence, it also examines the difficult decisions and new and life-giving directions which were often dictated by forces beyond the confines of the convent or community. The foreword reflects: "It is a story of struggle, hardship, quandaries, conflict and great change but also of success, lasting friendships, enduring hope and new horizons. It is our family face..."



Morning roll call at Bradfield Park NSW, 1960