

# Parish & Intercultural Mission

## Challenges and Opportunities

St Therese Parish  
Mascot, NSW



# Dominance vs. Vulnerability

- Reality in the world (economy, politics, knowledge, sports, religion...) “**competition, power, dominance...**”
- 2 Co 4: 7 “We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God...”
- Lk 6: 20-26; Mt 5: 1-13 Beatitudes: “Blessed are the [... **vulnerable**]”

ROMPE EL  
CONCEPTO QUE  
TIENES DE  
TI MISMO



Break your  
self-concept

You might  
find yourself  
in the  
process



PUEDE QUE TE  
ENCUENTRES  
EN EL  
PROCESO.

GUADA

# Autonomy & Self-critique

- Awareness that all what I have is “inherited” (C. Castoriadis 1922-1997).

***Yes/No... how, where, when, why, what.***

- In a logic of competition: the only hope to turn around (conversion) is **self-critique**.
- **Rejection** would be also to myself.
- **Self-critique** gives room for others to acknowledge their failures/vulnerabilities.

# Our pastoral experience...





What does FUN means for us?

CON**F**LICTS

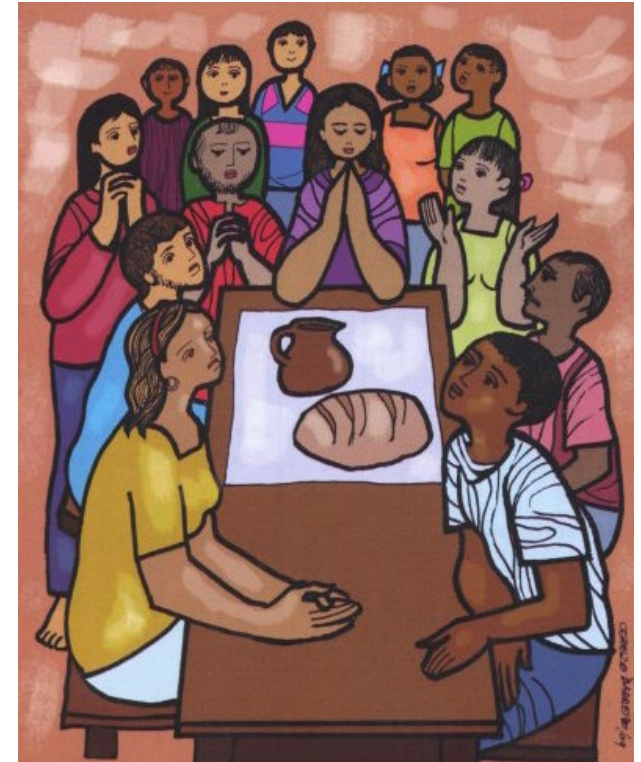
DIALOG**U**E

Don't take yourself  
too seriously,  
nobody else does

COMMU**N**ICATION

# Role of Lay People in Pastoral

- **Helen Del Marmol**
- **Monica Del Castillo**
- **Our Experience of Jesus & Involvement in Pastoral Care.**



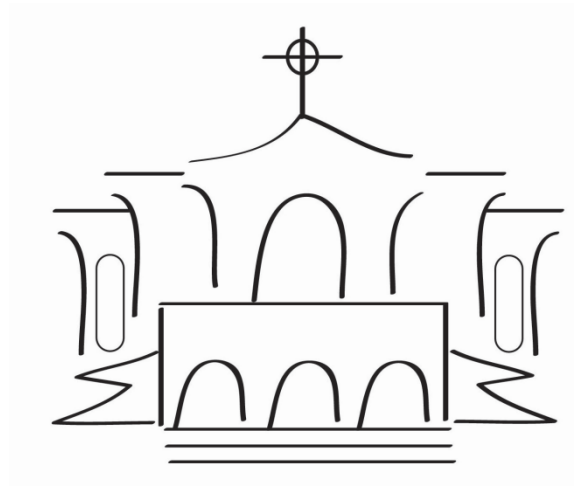
“Everyone is celebrant and minister”

*by Maximino Cerezo Barredo*



# St Therese Parish: Opportunities

Intercultural Community



***Building on a tradition of talented and committed care.***



# Parish Pastoral Plan Overview

AREAS	TRANSITIONS
a) Where are we coming from?	Nationalities to <b>identities</b>
a) Who we are.	Leaders to <b>pastoral agents (promoters)</b>
a) How do I care?	Religious services to <b>pastoral care</b>
a) Where are we going to?	Religiosity to <b>spirituality</b>

# Challenges

## Living and acting on the margins

- No short cuts for Sacraments.
- No events and celebrations to attract large crowds.
- Smart use of social media.

## Slow processes

- Formation of disciples of Jesus.

