

From the Archives

"Every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old."

Matt. 13.52

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Editorial: This edition of "From the Archives" is a tribute to Brother Ronald Fogarty who died on 13th December 2009, aged 96 years. His Funeral Requiem at Marcellin College, Bulleen on 17th December was attended by many Marist Brothers, Religious Sisters of various Congregations and Lay People who had come under the benign influence of this remarkable man. In the aftermath of Vatican II when renewal was uppermost in the mind of the Church, Brother Ronald was a prominent figure, assisting apostolic and contemplative communities in Australia and in the United States to adapt to the needs of the Church in the Modern World. On 9th October 1970, Brother Ronald gave MSCs the first of a series of seminars on Community Life in the light of the Renewal of the Religious Life. 40 years ago! Many took to Brother Ronald's lectures with enthusiasm, others were more reluctant. We have all aged and matured in the intervening 40 years and from this distance in time we are more capable of evaluating the influence of Brother Ronald on our lives. The photo below is how Brother Ronald looked in 1970 when he gave his seminars in Mary's Mount. Other photos and pieces of information are taken from the Memorial Booklet distributed at the Funeral. When you read the two quotations from "Gaudium et Spes", the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World, you will remember how often Brother Ronald repeated them, at the beginning of each session and frequently in between. Remember and be glad that such a man, "fully alive", was and is a part of our lives.

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Br. Ronald Fogarty



For the beginning, the subject and the goal of all social institutions is and must be the human person, which for its part and by its very nature stands completely in need of social life..

"Gaudium et Spes" 25

"Christ is now at work in the hearts of men through the energy of His Spirit. He arouses not only a desire for the age to come, but, by that very fact, He animates, purifies and strengthens those noble longings too by which the human family strives to make life more human and to render the whole earth submissive to this goal.

"Gaudium et Spes" 36