



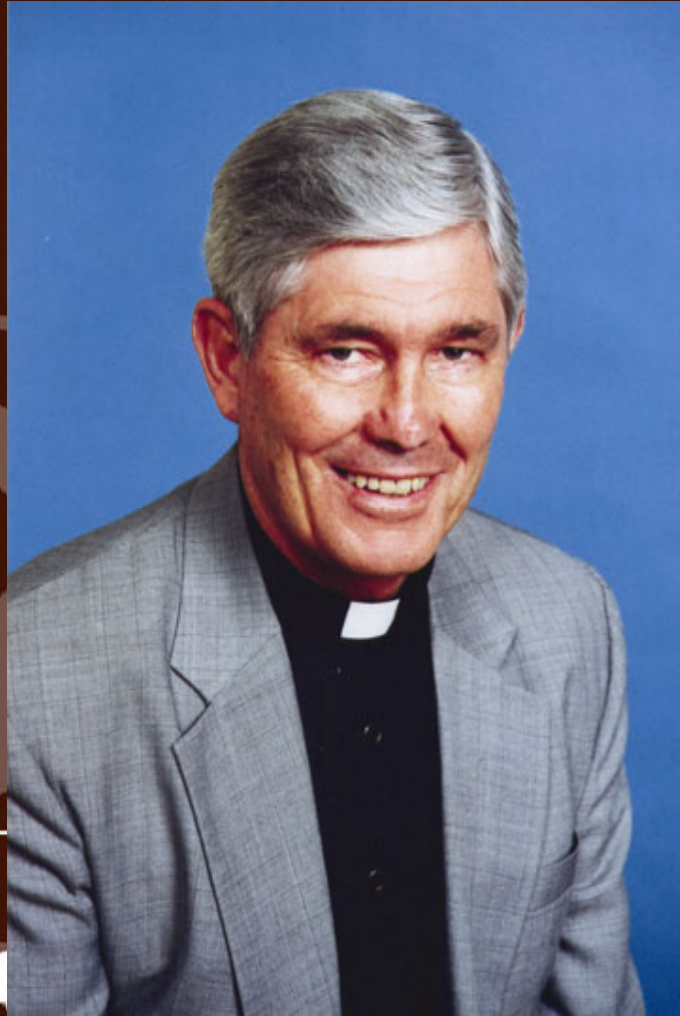
walking with love

alternatives & responses to abortion

The Story Behind
Walking with Love



It started with.....



In 2006, Bishop Eugene Hurley, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life, responded to the recommendations of the Taskforce on Abortion to conduct an educational initiative across Australia.

Appointment....



In 2007, Angela Lecomber, a senior project manager and student at John Paul II Institute was appointed.

Her brief: "To educate Catholics and the wider community on sexuality, pregnancy and abortion".

Stakeholder consultation...

- Consultations were conducted widely by Angela Lecomber with decisions being made by the project owner Bruce Ryan and key contributors, Marcia Riordan and Dr Brigid McKenna.
- Further consultation and advice were provided by Anne Neville, Mary D'Elia and Julie Kelly on counselling, practical assistance and post abortion healing.
- Debbie Garratt and Dr Lisa Bridle provided key input in the production of the Practical Guide.

The words "Walking with Love" and its branding concept and approach came from conducting consultations with the following (from left to right): Anne Neville, Anna Krohn, Mary Raudino, Angela Lecomber and Ramesh Weereratne.



The Production.....



Don Parham was appointed to produce the DVD Documentary "*Walking with Love*". He assumed the role of Director with Angela Lecomber as Executive Producer.

He had previously produced "The Choice" for SBS television, on the stories of women and their abortions.

Launch of the Walking with Love DVD 31st Oct 2008

From left to right: Anne Neville, Nicolette, Bishop Peter Elliott, Nicolette, Don Parham and Angela Lecomber.



So was the effort worthwhile?

Categorically Yes!

- 8 symposia were successfully conducted: Melbourne (2 Dec 07), Sydney (2 Feb 08), Perth (16 Feb 08), Hobart (5 Apr 08), Brisbane (19 Apr 08), Darwin (17 May 08), Adelaide (6 Sep 08) and Canberra (2 Dec 08).

IN ALL CITIES, (based on Evaluation Forms) 52% OF ATTENDEES SAID THAT THE EVENT HAD CHANGED THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON THE ISSUES OF PREGNANCY AND ABORTION.

The Future

The following has happened so far:

- Catholic Education Victoria have undertaken to use the DVD Resource Pack in their primary (for teachers only) and secondary schools (for Years 11 & 12, teachers). Spearheaded by Maria Kirkwood, Assistant Director Religious Education and Pastoral Care.
- Ray Campbell, Director, *Queensland Bioethics Centre and John Paul II Centre for Family and Life* has established a *Walking with Love* parish initiative across parishes in Brisbane with Centacare.

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It is up to you!

The End