



Dear Friends,

Everyone loves Luke! Everyone loves reading, remembering and reflecting on The Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son and Zacchaeus up the Sycamore tree. The stories capture us in a truth which reverberates through the experiences and events of our lives. We fall in love with Luke because he understands how we think and feel and act.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Sr Elizabeth Dowling RSM will be the presenters at the next e-Conference which will focus on St Luke. We are all invited to **come to the table** and learn more about who Luke was, how he understood Jesus and what we're called to do as we leave 'the table' and live out our faith.

Father Chris Monaghan CP, President of Yarra Theological Union, was the key note presenter at the e-Conference Facilitator Training Day. He set the record straight for many of us. Luke wasn't a physician, he wasn't an apostle, and his gospel is now commonly referred to as Luke/Acts which accounts for 1/3 of The New Testament. Father Chris gave us a big picture view of Luke and then invited us to come close to The Word and notice the details. Notice carefully the way Luke differs from Mark, the events he includes, the words he chooses and the emphasis he places on Jesus' long road to Jerusalem. Father Chris' power point has been included in this edition of *Mission and Spirituality News*. It's a great resource to get you thinking about Luke.

On Father Chris' advice I decided to have a closer look at The Annunciation and was struck by that reassuring statement, "Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour, Listen!" When faced with difficult choices and decisions fear often clouds my vision and direction. I take real comfort in knowing that fear is a normal human reaction, but what I hadn't seen before was *Listen!* Or as St Benedict would say, *Listen with the ear of your heart.*

The St Luke e-Conference on November 4th will provide opportunities to listen, to ponder and to discuss the Gospel of St Luke. It will be a wonderful way to learn about our faith and discover why we love Luke.

Please contact me if you need any assistance with hosting an e-conference site or if wish to view the 73 sites already involved. Go to www.bbi.catholic.edu.au To participate on the day you can simply log onto www.luke.vividas.com

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