



# **CENTRE CARE**

**13TH ANNUAL REPORT**

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ACCOUNTANT: Mr Ken Hales.

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CO-ORDINATOR: Ms Trish O'Reilly,  
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Dip.Welf.Psych.  
WELFARE OFFICER: Mrs DI Levinson,  
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### MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL:

CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs Gerry Katz,  
B.Sc.(Psych), R.N.  
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST: Mr Dan Coughlin  
B.A., M.A.  
SECRETARY: Mrs Evelyn Newman,  
Mrs Mavis Eves.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION:

SECRETARY: Mrs Jeanne Pereira.  
CHAPLAIN: Fr Tony Pires.

### IMMIGRATION:

CO-ORDINATOR: Mr Guido Vogels,  
B.App.Sc.(Soc.Wk.).  
CALFRIC ADMIN: Mr Ray Hennessey.  
SECRETARY: Mrs Sylvia Pinto.

### HOST FAMILY SCHEME

CO-ORDINATOR: Mr John Zanden,  
B.A.Ac.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:

CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs Maureen Chamberlain,  
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### PREGNANCY HELP:

CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs Corry Schoonmakers,  
B.App.Sc.(Soc.Wk.).  
SOCIAL WORKER: Mrs Margaret MacPherson,  
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### C.Y.S.S.:

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### EMMANUEL CENTRE FOR

#### PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES:

CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs Barbara Harris,  
Dip.T.,Dip.Theo.,Grad.Dip.Spec.Ed.  
CHAPLAIN:  
Deaf and Hearing Impaired People  
Fr Paul Pitzon, O.S.M.,S.T.L.,Dip.Mar.,  
Cert.Theol.

### YOUTH CARE:

CO-ORDINATOR: Ms Sheryl Carmody,  
B.App.Sc.(Soc.Wk.).  
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B.Psych.,Dip.Ed.  
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## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The year 1982/83 has seen the expansion and continuation of our efforts to provide useful and efficient service to our clients in all sections of Centrecare. This has necessitated some changes and some hard decisions.

In the area of the family, the demand for family counselling is growing and although it is very time-consuming we are increasingly specialising in family therapy because it seems the best hope of improving family relations and communications.

This year saw more people than ever unable to manage on their incomes. Higher interest rates and State charges were largely responsible for the flood of referrals for Emergency Relief and it is hoped that in the coming year that we will be able to employ a trained worker in the Low Income area. There was a corresponding increase in homeless youth and we have attempted to meet that need by opening up more residences.

The change of Director necessitated an internal re-organisation during which the Co-Ordinator system was established. Each major service now has a Co-Ordinator responsible for the day-to-day service delivery. It was also seen to be necessary to define and formalise the structures of Centrecare for better decision-making

accountability and communication which in turn, makes for more effective delivery of service.

My warm thanks go to all staff who helped me so much in my first year as Director; also to those former staff and friends of Centrecare who have given invaluable time, advice and support. I do not forget the various members of Management Committees and other volunteers who have given so generously of their time and talents. I also wish to thank Monsignor Hickey for his tactful and unobtrusive advice and work on behalf of Centrecare.

To Archbishop Goody by whose authority Centrecare was set up in 1970, and who has retained a helpful and encouraging interest in it since, I give special thanks. The Church community under his guidance has increasingly realised its obligation to help all those with social and emotional problems, to the extent of considerable financial and other commitment.

To all those who gave donations generally, or for specific works, my grateful thanks.

1982/83 has been a year of challenge and considerable achievement. It has laid the foundation for expansion into new areas of need and for better service which I am sure will be realised in the coming year.

BEATRICE MACFARLANE

## CATHOLIC FAMILY WELFARE BUREAU

The Family Welfare Bureau is directed to the psychological and social needs of individuals and families with special attention given to children with emotional difficulties and family therapy.

Once again this year has been one of increasing pressure on staff to meet the ever increasing demands for counselling services and financial and material aid.

Mrs Beatrice MacFarlane was appointed Director of Centrecare in July 1982. This necessitated her having to relinquish a large percentage of her Family Welfare Bureau casework. Sr Naomi McClements R.G.S. left the agency in December 1982 after giving us twelve months of excellent work and dedication. In December 1982 Miss Patricia O'Reilly was appointed as Co-Ordinator of the Family Welfare Bureau and to date has placed much emphasis on working in conjunction with Mr Chris Hall (full-time Social Worker) in providing a child and family counselling service. Sr Loreto R.G.S. continues to provide for the ever increasing demands for family support and material relief. Mr Les Reid (Social Worker) and Mrs Di Levenson (Welfare Officer) joined us at the commencement of 1983 and each give two days per week voluntary service. Their time and service is greatly appreciated.

We have recommenced offering student placement and in August 1983 will be joined by a first practicum student from W.A.I.T. and a final practicum student from the University of W.A.

### EMERGENCY HOUSING

The West Australian Family Support Scheme has continued to fund the rental of four houses in the metropolitan area and also the employment of a part-time Housing Officer.

This year saw the introduction of the West Australian Emergency Accommodation Program for families experiencing accommodation difficulties. Centrecare was allocated \$42,000. This was used for the purchase of a house in Cloverdale and the lease of a house in Grosvenor Street. A further allocation of \$78,000 in April enabled us to purchase two more properties in Balga and Bentley. In all, 15 families were housed in 1982/83. This moderate figure was caused by the extreme difficulty in procuring State Housing accommodation for these people, the private market being too expensive for those on limited incomes.

Mr Michael Heath resigned as Housing Officer in January 1983. Our thanks to Michael for his commitment to the scheme. Mr Geoff Hall is now successfully looking after the maintenance of our eight houses.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This year the Federal Government granted us \$9,000 for Emergency Relief. This grant very rapidly diminished due to the number of requests for assistance with bond money. A large amount of the grant also assisted people confronted with excessive electricity charges.

Attempting not to perpetuate the "handout" welfare system, we have continued the service of financial counselling. This involves a small loan scheme and the administration of clients' monies.

We are still working towards our aim of becoming more active in the service to limited income families and financial counselling. Submissions to the Government for financial aid to help establish a more structured service have, so far, been unsuccessful. Recently a submission was made to the Church for the necessary funding to employ a full-time Financial Counsell-

or (Social Work trained) to establish the service which will be supported primarily by trained volunteer staff.

If this plan is realised, existing staff will be able to channel energies into developing a more comprehensive child and family counselling service. This will require the addition of initially a Psychologist and another Social Worker. Ideas for developing this service are included in our future planning, and a submission was made to the Beazley Enquiry into Education for funding for the extra staff.

## CATHOLIC MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

The year 1982/83 was characterised by major changes in organisation. Monsignor Barry Hickey resigned as Director of Marriage Guidance in October 1982, and with a view to appointing a Co-Ordinator, provision for such a position was made in the updated Constitution.

An application for extra funding for that position was made to the Attorney General, but was rejected. However, the Church agreed to supply this and Mrs Gerry Katz was appointed Co-Ordinator in February, 1983. Her appointment has brought a great increase in efficiency of organisation.

We lost two long serving staff members, both secretaries, Mrs Hazel Wigmore who had been with the Council for twenty years, and Mrs Pam Miller, her assistant, for some four years. To both these ladies our very warm thanks for all their hard work and dedication.

The focus of the Council is in Marriage Counselling and Pre-Marriage Preparation. Confidential counselling is offered to couples and individuals who may be experiencing difficulty in their marital relationships. Personal counselling is available for individuals on a one-to-one basis and in therapeutic groups. Family counselling is also available and may be cross-referred with Family Welfare staff.

We see Counselling as a learning and growth process in which clients are encouraged to examine alternative outcomes to their problems and to make decisions that best suit their needs. The Counsellor's role is to give support to people during their difficulties and to facilitate outcomes which are satisfactory to the clients. All counselling is based on genuine respect for the individual, for marriage and for family life.

The total number of new cases seen was 480 with an additional 68 former clients who re-contacted. Total counselling hours, excluding group work was 1,513.

The Council staff consists of two full-time counsellors/therapists, Mr Dan Coughlin and Mrs Gerry Katz and ten Volunteer Counsellors. Two of our Trainee Counsellors achieved the status of Junior Counsellors in June. Volunteer Counsellors work on a part-time basis, with four of them being available on Wednesday evenings. At different times throughout the year, the Council has had psychology students from West Australian Institute of Technology and the University of Western Australia in practicum placements.

Group counselling has been done mainly by Mr Dan Coughlin on three afternoons per week with a focus on personal growth and relaxation techniques.

Future plans include an expansion of group work to include such aspects as women's issues and assertiveness

techniques as well as Parish Outreach and an additional counselling evening.

## COUNSELLORS

Mrs Beth Burrow, B.A.(Hons) Dip.Ed.  
Mrs Maureen Chamberlain, A.A.F.C.  
Miss Margaret Collopy, Dip.Welf.Psych.  
Mr Ray Firth, B.App.Sc.(Psych), Grad.Dip.  
Psych(Couns.), Grad.Dip.Ed.  
Mrs Aileen Jack, B.Sc., Dip.Diet.  
Mrs Margaret Lynch,  
Mr Tom McKenna,  
Fr Reg Smith,  
Mrs Gem Mestichelli,  
Mrs Margaret Lewis,

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL

Chairman Mr Dan Coughlin  
Vice Chairman/ Miss Margaret Collopy  
Treasurer  
Secretary Mrs Aileen Jack  
Elected Members Mr Tom McKenna  
Fr Reg Smith

Ex-Officio  
Mrs Gerry Katz, Co-Ordinator of  
Counselling Services  
Mrs Beatrice MacFarlane, Director  
of Centrecare

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Marriage Preparation education is a service of the Catholic Marriage Guidance Council. A Marriage Preparation Committee facilitates the on-going service with the Council being responsible for the quality of the service offered.

Activities include Monthly Sunday Conferences, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday evening group sessions, both designed to help couples in preparation for marriage.

## COMMITTEES

Chairperson Mrs Maureen Chamberlain  
Secretary/ Mrs Jeanne Pereira  
Convenor  
Members Fr Pat Cunningham  
Fr Tony Pires  
Miss Margaret Collopy  
Mrs Geraldine Katz  
Mrs Beatrice MacFarlane

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Co-Ordinator Fr Tony Pires  
Secretary/ Mrs Jeanne Pereira  
Convenor  
Members Mrs Maureen Chamberlain

## PERSONNEL

### WORKING AT CONFERENCES

CO-ORDINATORS: Mrs Maureen Chamberlain  
Mrs Jeanne Pereira  
Fr Tony Pires  
Mr John Clift  
Mr Tony McAlinden  
Mrs Esme Manthorpe  
DOCTORS Dr Peter Barnes  
Dr Rex Joyner  
PRIESTS Fr Pat Cunningham  
Fr Jim Petry  
Fr Jim O'Brien  
HELPERS Mrs Norma Mills  
Mrs Bep Bouwman  
Mr Harry Bouwman  
Mrs Emma Micallef

## STATISTICS

Sunday Conferences have been the main working area. A breakdown of statistics for the year follows:-

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

The demand for Natural Family Planning continues to be steady, our clients ranging from pre-marriage to menopausal ages.

Instruction in Natural methods was given to 1521 clients, as well as lectures in schools, hospitals, pre-marriage, nursing mothers and parish groups to 2640 people.

Our work in schools with students we consider of prime importance to

### Couples Involved

June 1982 - 49	January 1983 - 49
July 1982 - 44	February 1983 - 62
August 1982 - 57	March 1983 - 59
September 1982 - 49	April 1983 - 33
October 1982 - 59	May 1983 - 38
November 1982 - 45	June 1983 - 34

Total 578 couples including 52 couples attending evening sessions.

The trend has been for couples to attend the course early in their preparation. However, many more couples are keen to enrol in our courses, and in 1984 we have extended the dates to include another Sunday Conference.

The feedback from the couples indicate that the majority gain from the talks, appreciate the speakers and feel that marriage preparation will give them a better meaning of a lifelong commitment in Christian marriage.

The evening sessions help couples to discuss subjects more in depth and hence about six to seven couples are enrolled in each session.

We wish to express our thanks to all our guest speakers and committee members for their dedicated work.

their full understanding of themselves as human beings.

Natural Family Planning is about teaching fertility awareness enabling people to achieve pregnancy as well as to space and make responsible decisions about having children.

This year we have also assisted the Bio-chemical Department of the University in some research work concerning salival glucose levels at ovulation.

## PREGNANCY HELP

The year past has again seen many changes in Pregnancy help, particularly in the areas of location, staffing and improved services to clients.

The two rooms on the ground floor of 7 Howard Street soon proved to be inadequate, not only for working with clients, but also for accommodating staff. In January 1983 we were able to lease the top floor of the building where we now have ample space to meet the needs of clients and staff. Staff training sessions and counsellors meetings, as well as group sessions for single pregnant girls and young mothers, are now all held at 7 Howard Street.

A twenty-week course for trainee counsellors was held during the year, bringing total number of counsellors to thirteen. The larger number of trained counsellors allowed us to offer a better and more comprehensive service to clients, which is reflected in our statistics. The time devoted to Pregnancy Help work by the volunteers exceeds 40 hours per week. However, with only one full-time worker and no clerical assistance, it became extremely urgent to employ another worker to assist the Co-Ordinator. Our application for funding to the previous State Government has been refused. Thanks to a grant from Catholic Charities, it was possible to employ another qualified social worker on a part-time basis, and Margaret MacPherson commenced employment on the 6th April, 1983.

Apart from the grants from the Archbishop and from Catholic Charities towards salaries, we depend entirely upon

donations from the general public to finance the service. We are grateful for the large number of donations we have received during the year, totalling \$14,579.65. The friends of Pregnancy Help Sub-Committee was established towards the end of last year, and the net profits from this fundraising scheme amounted to \$4,783.08.

A special area of concern was the increased requests for accommodation, which rose from 32 in the previous year to 44 this year. We approached the Government to assist us financially so that we could rent a house enabling us to accommodate young single girls during their pregnancy as well as after the birth of their babies. In May 1983 we were able to open Elizabeth House in Carlisle. With the help of an experienced housemother we are now able to offer accommodation to five girls at this house. At the end of June 1983 the house was fully occupied by two teenage mothers with babies and three pregnant teenagers. Plans to expand the accommodation programme are visualized for the coming year.

Although our services to clients have improved considerably during the year, the number of new clients approaching us for help remained almost the same as during the previous year. Yet it is a well known fact that the problem of unplanned pregnancies among teenage girls is on the increase. It is therefore essential that we embark upon a more extensive publicity campaign to bring the services of Pregnancy Help to the attention of the general public. We are looking

into the possibility of television and radio advertising.

A positive education programme in high schools is also urgently required to reinforce the value of human life from conception, and to raise standards of sexual morality. We have made a start with such a programme, albeit on a small scale, and we hope to expand in this area in the coming year.

Clients in country areas are catered for by separate foundations in Rockingham, Albany, and more recently in Geraldton. Although we have attempted to set up agencies in other parts of the State, this has so far been unsuccessful.

Finally, we wish to show our appreciation by thanking all those people and organizations who have assisted us in many different ways, be it in the form of donations or with practical support.

#### STATISTICS

Continuing clients from 1981/82	41
New clients	<u>1059</u>
Total	1100

#### AGES

15 years and under	91
16-19 years	359
20-25 years	277
26-30 years	109
31-35 years	43
36-40 years	18
41 years and over	151

#### MARITAL STATUS

Single	696
Married	234
De facto	15
Divorced/Separated	45
Widowed	1
Not stated	68

#### REASONS FOR CONTACT

Possible Pregnancy	253
Pregnancy Test Enquiry	217
Confirmed Pregnancy (related problems)	153
Adoption Enquiry	11
Abortion Enquiry	192
Request for Accommodation	44
Request for Material Assistance	72
Other (e.g. referral to other agency, medical or family planning query)	117

#### WORK WITH CLIENTS

Phone Interviews	2479
Office Interviews	511
Home Visits	205
Hospital Visits	44
Transport Provided	53
Adoptions Completed	5
Accommodation Arranged	9
Material Assistance Given	87
Financial Assistance Given	6
Group Sessions	11
Home Help/Child Minding Arranged	11

#### PREGNANCY TESTS

Positive	78
Negative	151

#### STAFFING

CO-ORDINATOR: Mrs Corry Schoenmakers, (Bach. of App.Sc.Soc.Wk.)  
 SOCIAL WORKER: Mrs Margaret MacPherson, (Bach. of App.Sc.Soc.Wk.)

#### VOLUNTEERS

Counsellors: Mrs M. Bogue, Mrs J. Bowen, Mrs J. Bowyer, Mrs A. Ferris, Mrs N. Keogh, Mrs B. Lawrence, Mrs R. Lorrimer, Mrs P. Meek, Mrs R. Perott, Mrs J. Prindiville, Mrs. K. O'Hara, Mrs H. Read, Mrs M. Rutter.

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Chairman: Mrs B McFarlane; Secretary  
 Treasurer: Mrs C. Schoenmakers; Members:

Mrs M. Chamberlain, Mrs M. Indermaur,  
Mrs P. Meek, Mrs A. O'Donnell.

### SUB COMMITTEE

Friends of Pregnancy Help under Chairmanship of Mr N. Curtis.

### ACCOMMODATION SCHEME

Elizabeth House, 32 Mercury Street,  
Carlisle. Housemother: Mrs Mollie West.

## CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION OFFICE

The role of the Catholic Immigration Office exists to facilitate migration to Australia and to assist migrants and refugees, regardless of their race, creed or colour with their settlement in Australia.

We recognize that the act of migration has an impact on the life of the migrant which goes beyond initial settlement. We are concerned with their struggle for spirituality, fairness, equality, justice, political rights and social acceptance both as an individual or as a member of a family of a minority group.

The case load of the Catholic Immigration Office is 450 from 54 different countries over the past year.

Problems encountered:

Unemployment leading to mental and psychiatric problems, family breakdown, loss of dignity and finance.

Resettlement problems, bonds, accommodation.

Loneliness and alienation.

Appropriate and clear advice on entry procedures.

Family and child problems first generation.

Marital and family and personal breakdowns.

Psychiatric illnesses.

Racial intolerance.

Accommodation for families and young people.

The feature of the year has been the introduction of Caltric loans for Eastern Europeans to help them in their resettlement from the Graylands Migrant Centre. Mr Ray Hennessey operates from the C.I.O. every Saturday morning.

Refugees processed totalled 233 applications (single, married couples and families, the majority being husband and wife with one to three children). Complete informative advice was given to all applicants regarding tenancy and bond matters. Other aid entailed referral to Legal Aid, St. Vincent de Paul Society and Pregnancy Help. Needy applicants were provided with blankets and children's clothing. Home visits were carried out at request of CACS Welfare Officer, Graylands, for various types of aid or assistance.

The Host Family Scheme is under "Review" at present and we will be presenting our findings to the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs. Basic problem, 'Guests' outnumber the 'Hosts' 7 to 1. We still have a core group of 300 families who are actively involved in the scheme.

### ETHNIC VOLUNTEERS

We have been generously served by volunteers from the Philippines, Italy, Rumania, Poland, Vietnam and

Netherlands. We sincerely thank them for their generosity.

Our involvement with the Filipino Community Resource Centre Group has been to support and be a resource to them. We are hoping for good results in 1984.

The Sisters of St. John need a special thanks for their generosity in loaning us a house which is used by Migrants and Refugees.

Mrs Kathy Wilson, our part-time research assistant also needs a special mention for her professionalism and expertise!!

The C.I.O. team and the Youthcare team have worked very closely together this year and we hope this partnership to blossom in 1983/84.

No service can survive without a good secretary. Sylvia Pinto has been the 'heart' that has kept us all together. Well done team!!

## EMMANUEL CENTRE

The development of Centrecare-Emmanuel over the past twelve months has been nothing short of phenomenal. On December 5th, 1982, almost to the day one year after the official opening of the Centre, a new wing consisting of offices, meeting room, kitchen and toilet facilities was officially opened by Archbishop Goody. The inside of the building was completely finished and painted by volunteers of Emmanuel, who also painted the outside of the building. Since then, a moveable sonic wall has been installed in the new wing.

### STATISTICS

Statistically over 3600 phone calls came into the Centre; some requests for accommodation (short and long term); over 50 requests for assistance with transport; 246 for uses of resources and aids; 110 for family and individual counselling; 35 requests for assistance in social work issues, e.g. applying for pensions and benefits. Nine school aged children are on individual learning programmes (a new initiative this year). Calls for guidance from parishes,

schools, etc. are also a high priority. But, statistics do not tell the whole story.

### SERVICES

The services of Emmanuel have expanded to keep pace with the demands. Counselling, information, and resources have all seen an increase in numbers of people. Machine knitting; film developing, processing and printing have been undertaken with some excellent results. As well as this, Emmanuel now has a 22 seater bus with wheel chair hoise and ramp to assist in transport of people to the Centre and to church functions. Emmanuel has a permanent loan of a computer which is already serving as a basis of instruction in computer programming and computer operation.

### FIRST STATE CONFERENCE

Our unique contribution this past year has been the First State Catholic Conference, "The Church and People with Disabilities", which was organized by Emmanuel. This Conference attracted about 250 people from W.A. as well as some from the Eastern States.

As an issue raising Conference there was ample opportunity for people with disabilities, as well as those working with them and their families, to voice their concerns to a listening Church. Emmanuel continues to carry forward the thrust of the Conference through its work with the formation of a group of concerned Catholic blind and visually impaired people. This group is well underway and a follow-up seminar on "Human Relationships and People with Disabilities" is being organised for late October. Emmanuel produced an "Access to Catholic Churches Guide" which has been a great service.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers at Emmanuel continue to work through individual and group programmes. Dan Coughlan, for example, presents a relaxation session once a month for the group. Various volunteers work with individuals in such areas as reading, maths, social skills, work skills, etc.

About 15 new people per week have been added to Emmanuel's list. People seeking assistance arrive from a variety of sources. Some are referred by their parish priest, others by various State and Church related organizations, and of course, individuals, family members, or friends hear of the Centre and pass on the word. Whereas once, one could find a room unoccupied, that is a rare occurrence today.

### ADVISORY BOARD

The Emmanuel Advisory Board continues to be a source of wisdom and support. Board members not only meet once a month, but are also called upon from time to time for specific jobs according to their expertise.

Emmanuel has yet to ask for recurrent Government funding and hopes not to have to under the present conditions of the Handicapped Persons Assistance Act. With the exception of \$7000 from Catholic Charities Appeal, operating costs come from projects such as printing, typing, combust-a-brick making, plants and hanging baskets, etc. The original budget for operating for a year was \$15,000. The first year's actual figures were over \$37,000. The first six months of 1983 saw a figure of \$29,000.

Through the efforts of the volunteers at the Centre and through generous donations both large and small, the Centre continues to function and to expand. There is a need for at least a part-time assistant to the Co-Ordinator because of the heavy demands. The Co-Ordinator of Emmanuel, Mrs Barbara Harris has been elected to the Board of Management of the Australian Council for the Rehabilitation of Disabled People (A.C.R.O.D.) and hence has opportunities for influencing government services to people with disabilities.

The future promises a continued demand on Emmanuel Services. The Australian Bureau of Statistics indicate that the number of people with disabilities is not on the decline. Emmanuel seeks to help those people who are not being served by other agencies or services. Every effort is made not to duplicate the services of other organisations, unless the person seeking assistance specifically requests it because of finance or other reasons. Emmanuel is constantly aware of the dangers associated with "empire-building". Each new initiative from Emmanuel is based on minimum cost and maximum quality service.

Hence a new project being undertaken is "shared house accommodation". Within two weeks of writing this, a pilot project for shared accommodation without funding by the Handicapped

Persons Assistance Act will be underway. This is an unique venture and has attracted the interest of many people including members from Mental Health.

## YOUTHCARE

The Youthcare service has continued to develop and now encompasses:

- (1) Accommodation
  - a) Community households with live-in workers.
  - b) Shared housing with live-out support workers.
  - c) Limited emergency accommodation.
- (2) After-care for young people leaving Youthcare houses.
- (3) Extended care which is individual and family counselling, emergency relief, bond-scheme to enter private rental market, information giving, linking up with community resources, support and friendship referrals to other services.
- (4) Social Activities
- (5) Limited Work - work experience, casual work, job search support, volunteer, community work.
- (6) Training in social, management and living skills.
- (7) Youth Policy Work
- (8) Community Education and encouraging others in involvement.
- (9) Participation in the Wider Youth

Affairs field, Church and Community Organisations.

### WORKERS

- a) Management Committee ..... 8
- b) Fundraising Committee..... 12
- c) Staff
  - Social Work (Full-time)..... 1
  - Youthworkers (residential)..... 3
  - Psychologist (part-time)..... 1
- d) Volunteers .....20

### CURRENT COMMUNITIES

Salvado Road, Subiaco:  
Household for 5 young women, under 18 years and full-time, live-in residential youthworker.

Zebina Street, East Perth :  
Household for 4 young men, and live-in residential youthworker.

Brisbane Street, Perth:  
Household for 4 young women over 18 years and live-in residential youthworker.

Richmond street, North Perth:  
Self-reliant house for 3-4 males.

Daglish Street, Wembley:  
Self-reliant house for 2 males and 2 females.

Connolly Street, Wembley:  
Self-reliant house for 3 young women. (operated in conjunction with Catholic Immigration Service.)

## WIDER YOUTH NETWORK

- \* Warm Winter Firewood, work-creation and experience project.
- \* Youth Accommodation Assistance Program - funds received from the Department of Social Security to assist young people under the age of 18 who are unable to live at home, to establish themselves in suitable long-term accommodation in the private rental market.
- \* Youthcare workers participated in a ten-week "Street Work Training Course" with other agency workers

to hopefully lay the foundation for a co-operative Street Program in Perth.

- \* Prayer and Scripture gathering for workers.

Executive member of the Youth Accommodation Coalition of Western Australia.  
 Chairperson of the National Youth Coalition for Housing.  
 Foundation member of the Co-operative Employment Development Agency.  
 Management member of Centrecare Community Youth Support Scheme.  
 Executive member of Perth Inner City Youth Service.

## C.Y.S.S.

The Centrecare Community Support Scheme has received a total of \$62,040.00 for the twelve months ending June 30th, 1983.

### TOTAL PARTICIPANTS

Male	Female	Total
422	222	644

Commenced Full-time employment	63	64	127
Commenced Full-time education	27	31	58
Moved from the district	102	35	137
Sick/Unknown destination	102	35	137
	99	25	124

### AGE RANGE OF PARTICIPANTS

	Male	Female	Total
Under 16 years.....	16	9	25
16-17.....	167	84	251
18-24.....	239	129	368
	422	122	644

### LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION

	Male	Female	total
0 - 16 weeks	357	178	535
17 - 52 weeks	58	40	98
53 weeks +	7	4	11

291 155 446

### PARTICIPANTS

The project has continued to attract the younger participants 16-20 years. Participants may be categorised into seven main groups;

**School Leavers (15-17 years old):**  
 Generally well motivated, lack many of the essential skills needed in seeking work and holding employment.

#### Migrant Unemployed:

Covers wide range of ethnic groups, however, mainly Vietnamese and European. These people face immense problems in seeking employment - problem of communication and having educational qualifications recognised. These participants are highly skilled and well qualified.

Short term unemployed (16-20 years old): Generally highly motivated and enthusiastic as they have usually just been laid off work. Keen to learn new skills, and willing to participate in activities which will better their employment chances - welding, woodwork, commercial skills, computer operating, sewing and job skills.

#### Transient unemployed:

Usually young and homeless, lacking family and social supports, with low educational levels. They also lack self-esteem and motivation towards work. Keen to participate in activities.

#### Unemployed Youth seeking Specific Information:

These people seek specific information regarding unemployment benefits, accommodation, cheap meals etc.

#### Long Term Unemployed (18-24 years old):

Many have problems associated with low self-esteem, poor motivation towards work and inadequate social supports. Usually respond well to a variety of experiences which present a new routine. Place great emphasis on reward for effort.

#### Tertiary unemployed (21-25 years old);

These people usually attend for specific activities. Highly skilled and motivated, but often in a depressed state of mind. Can often find a niche in program to offer their skills.

## SERVICE OFFERED

A very intense and comprehensive program of activities currently operated in the Project. In January of this year we began to offer short intensive courses in Commercial Skills (5 weeks); Electronics (5 week course); Photography (5 week course); Sewing (4 weeks); Computer Operating (2 week course). These work in conjunction with a program of ongoing activities. This concept has worked well. Elements of the program change every six weeks.

A noticeable trend has also developed, in that participants are attending the project for specific activities and then leaving when that activity finishes, thus allowing twice the number of people to pass through the Project.

A lot of interest has arisen among participants towards alternative employment enterprises, and this has seen the initial setting up of a market garden on land available to the Project at the Home of Good Shepherd. This is not a work co-operative, but is our first move into testing the various ideas as to how to set up and support alternative employment programs. Other areas where evaluations are taking place in respect of co-operative enterprises are with "Youthcare".

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The rest of 1983 and 1984 will see Centrecare C.Y.S.S move towards becoming more proficient in areas now being serviced, focusing on pre-technical training for participants. The general thrust now being adopted by the present Government is tending towards offering

alternative life-styles, and where we have been orientated largely towards work skills, life skills and training in alternative life-styles is now becoming a more needed area to be taught.

Our new level of funding for 1983/84

will be \$65,000.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

Once again our very sincere and special thanks to Mr Bill Mangini for his very generous personal assistance, and for the use of his Workshop and Educational facilities at Gidgegannup.

TOTAL CASELOAD

FAMILY & CHILD WELFARE

Child and family problems	249	
Personal	164	
Welfare	595	1008

IMMIGRATION

Migrant clients		450
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MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

Number of new cases	480	
Former clients who recontacted	68	548

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Sunday Conferences		1052
Evening groups		104

PREGNANCY HELP

No. of clients		1100
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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

No. of clients		1521
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CYSS

Participants		644
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HOST FAMILY SCHEME

Guest Family Waiting List		1236
Host Families		135

EMMANUEL

No. of clients		1150
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YOUTHCARE

No. of youths housed		150
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CENTREKANE SOURCES OF FUNDING 1982/83

	DIOCESAN DONATIONS	CATHOLIC CHARITIES	DONATIONS FEES ETC.	STATE GOVT.	CIVILIAN GOVT.	TOTALS
CONCREKANE FAM. WELFARE	67,355	7,000	2,996	10,000	-	107,351
IMMIGRATION		7,500	400		28,500 24,000	60,400
HOST FAMILY					24,000	24,000
EMERGENCY HOUSING				100,230 FED. MONEY		100,230
MARRIAGE GUIDANCE	16,500	-	1,580		35,000	50,080
MARRIAGE PREPARATION			118		2,500	2,618
NAT. FAMILY PLANNING		5,000	3,501		0,258	16,539
PREGNANCY HELP	ABORIGINAL'S 10,000	10,000	4,783 14,579		29,591* 15,000+	59,362 50,591
YOUTH CARE		4,000	10,000			50,591
EMMANUEL		7,000	50,169			57,169
CYSS					62,040	62,040
						\$559,170

\* Joint Com & State (YSS)  
+ Dep. of S.S.

