



## Catholic Diocese of Bathurst

### Media Release

### Shalom House of Prayer celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April will be a day of celebrations at Shalom House of Prayer in Carcoar, marking the significant milestone of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since its foundation.

Since opening in 1975, Shalom has operated continuously as a non-profit establishment run by a lay community under the authority of the Catholic Bishop of Bathurst and welcomes all who wish to renew or deepen their relationship with God.

Current member of the community, Nick Hansen said, “Thousands of people have taken the opportunity to attend retreats, courses or participate in individual spiritual companionship since Shalom’s inception and we very much look forward to celebrating the 40 years of the House.”

To coincide with Shalom’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Helen Bowers, one of the founding members of the community, has written an historical account of Shalom. “Let The Bells Ring Out – The Story of Shalom House of Prayer” tells of the difficulties, the personal challenges and the rewards experienced by the community, determined to stay faithful to the original vision. The book is an inspiring work, meticulously researched and told with Helen’s own brand of humour and is an important historical record.

Bishop Michael McKenna will launch “Let The Bells Ring Out” at the celebrations on Saturday, commencing with an Ecumenical Service at 12noon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Carcoar.

The book will be available for purchase on Saturday at Shaolom and if you would like to join in the celebrations or for more information, please call Shalom on 6367 3058.

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