



Newsletter from the Dove National Team September 2011

Founding scripture

My beloved lifts up His voice, He says to me, 'Come then, my lovely one, come. For see the winter has past, the rains are over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth. The season of glad songs has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.'
Song of Songs 2:10-12

Dove vision as prayed in 27 years ago

For women from all walks of life, to bond together in the power of the Holy Spirit, and to become instrumental in building up parish and family life, providing effective support for each other.

The primary focus of Dove is to lead women to a personal and ongoing relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour; to become fully immersed in the life of His church and to become effective evangelisers.

Retreats 2011



Days of Refreshment

Come to the Father's Heart

God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life. John 3:16
See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

God is so good! Seven of the ten Days of Refreshment have come and gone, and many, many blessings have been received. Although the basic format has been the same for each day, the days have all taken on a very different flavour with the Holy Spirit's presence and healing power being felt profoundly at each day. We felt humbled and awestruck as we watched God's goodness and mercy and love being revealed at each of these days. Many testimonies of lives changed have been emailed through to us.

We thank and praise our wonderful God for all the blessings received and expectantly look forward to the South Island Days of Refreshment.

**Many lives touched and changed by the Holy Spirit at our Days of Refreshment.
To read more go to www.dove.org.nz**

COME to the FATHER'S HEART

Be Blessed, Be Loved, Be Healed at a South Island Day of Refreshment

**5 November Nelson
12 November Christchurch
19 November Dunedin**

For more info or to register go to www.dove.org.nz

A Review from our Wellington Day of Refreshment

The Dove Day of Refreshment was truly that! For me it was a much needed tonic, spiritually, mentally and physically. When I arrived preparations were already well underway, the atmosphere was humming with activity and the National team and helpers warmly welcomed each person as they came in the door.

The newly refurbished Mercy Centre conference room was an excellent venue, made all the more inviting by the visual display that had been set up. The colour red was predominant and the massive heart symbol and arrangement of roses left me in no doubt that the Lord's love would be felt in a powerful way.

The early fellowship chatter and laughter raised my spirits and helped me let go of my day-to-day cares. As the morning session progressed I felt a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to be there. The scripture-inspired video, the awesome music and tender reflection Helen presented were amazing, I felt like they were prepared just for me.

I felt a strong desire to ask the Lord that all present would really feel His love, my thoughts turning the words of one of the songs from a statement to a question: "How great is your love?", my prayer being that the Father would show each and everyone how great, how high, how wide, how deep is His love no matter what we have done or what our background was.

The lunch break was a further opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Food was shared and so were the dishes.

The afternoon session was a special time for personal prayer ministry and Frs. Ron and Kevin ministered reconciliation. A gentle and peaceful atmosphere enveloped us and I felt privileged to pray with and for other women, the Holy Spirit never ceasing to amaze me by revealing words and scriptures that are in tune with the needs of the person seeking prayer.

Dinner came and went, with more chatter and this was followed by Father Ron celebrating the Eucharist with us. For me this was the perfect conclusion for the day; the Father bestowing on us His favour, the precious gifts of the body and blood of Jesus.

So what is my biggest 'take-away' from the day? Quite simply, it is a deeper revelation of the Father's love for me; grace that cannot be earned because it is freely given through loving Jesus.



Some Changes to our National Team



Margaret Rabone Jackie Boyhan and Leslie Hancock, have all been discerned off our National Team. Thank you lovely ladies for your faithful service, dedication, hard work and your love. It has been an honour and a privilege to work with each of you and we very much

look forward to seeing you at the various fellowship meetings and future retreats. Bless you all!

Would you like to bless the Days of Refreshment and help support the ongoing vision of Dove?

We have been committed to keeping the Registration Fee down to allow as many women as possible to attend our Days of Refreshment; however we have travel costs and accommodation costs to meet.

A one off donation or regular direct internet payments to Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women may be made to Westpac Bank, Account No. 03 0123 0158553 00 or a cheque may be made out to Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women and posted to 23 Mason Road RD 9 Hamilton 3289. Every little bit helps and is very gratefully received.

May you be richly blessed for your generosity.