



Brigidine Generalate  
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The Brigidine Sisters held their Congregational Forum (General Chapter) recently at St Joseph's Centre, Baulkham Hills. Delegates came from Ireland, England and the USA as well as from Australia. The theme of the Forum was ***Choose Life: now and into the future.*** Several guests provided stimulating and reflective input and amongst other issues, the sisters committed to an intentional implementation of the Laudato Si platform in response to the cry of Earth and those rendered poor.

A new Congregational Leadership Team was elected with Louise Cleary csb as Leader and Chanel Sugden csb and Cathy O'Connor csb as Team members.

The sisters of New Zealand and Australia are also in the process of forming one Brigidine Southern Cross Community to come into effect in July. All sisters were invited to be active in the process that led to this decision by participating through our Brigidine Online Portal. The Portal was also used to enable the sisters to join in live streaming and recorded events during the Congregational Forum. The Brigidine Southern Cross Community will be led by Anne Boyd csb as Leader and Maree March csb, Celie Nihill csb and Claire Griffin csb as Team members.

Celebrating 215 years of Brigidine Life we look to the future in the words of our Forum prayer:

*As Brigidine women on mission  
we confidently place ourselves before the God of Love  
opening our thoughts, words, plans and actions  
to the unfolding vision of God for our congregation  
now and into the future.*

Louise Cleary csb  
Congregational Leader

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