

Site Insight : The Catholic Library of Western Australia

The Catholic Library of Western Australia is an ecclesiastical organisation supervised by the Catholic Institute of Perth.

Membership

Library membership is available to parishioners, school staff members, participants in programmes of Catholic education and pastoral care, adults studying Catholicism, registered students of religious education at Perth College of Divinity, Edith Cowan University and Curtin University and participants in programmes offered by the Catholic Institute, Notre Dame University and the Catholic Education Office in the areas of Christian and Catholic faith. Membership is also available to mainline local Christian churches, schools and pastoral agencies. Fees apply.

Collection

Approx. 85 journals, 10,000 volumes and 3,800 videos plus slides, music tapes and compact discs. The Library has *Religion Index One* (to 1996) and *Catholic Periodical Index* and *Literature Index* on CD-ROM.

Issues of interest

The Library has recently undergone some refurbishment with the installation of new shelving, computer cabling, computer hardware and modifications to existing work areas. These changes in part were recommendations made as a result of a Time and Motion Study carried out toward the end of 1997. The Study highlighted particular work practices and areas that might be improved to assist staff in their work. The Library is working on a number of computer projects that will allow greater access to members who are not able to visit the Library. The first is the introduction of an Inquiry module so members in remote areas can access the collection and request resources for their needs. The Library also aims to create a WEB site. Developments in both these areas will continue into 1999. With luck we will have something to show for all our hard work before the next ANZTLA Conference in Adelaide next year.

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