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Good News From Catena!

Peter Rand, the Managing Director of Catenian Publications Ltd writes: "Just 16 months after increasing the size of Catena to 44 pages, Team Catena have agreed to an increase from this month to 48 pages. "These additional pages are offered to Brothers and their families at no additional cost, in line with our intention of, once again, maintaining the cover price of £1.50 per copy for the three years until April 2012. Now that does seem a long way away! We hope that you and your families continue to enjoy your magazine."

The pressure on space in Catena during the last few months has necessitated many articles each month being carried over to the next issue. This has proved very challenging when the quality of these and much other material continues to improve. It seems that our magazine is becoming a victim of its own success.

Catena is privileged to be the principal Catenian communication among the worldwide membership of Brothers and their families. The Board of Directors and the Operations Team of Catenian Publications Ltd take this responsibility very seriously and wish to continue developing Catena and taking it forward for the benefit of the whole Association.

In addition to the existing sections, such as Membership, Helping Others, Around the Circles and the like, there are lots of new initiatives in the pipeline to ensure that Catena stays fresh with an appeal to the many different interests among the membership. Catenian Publications Ltd want to engage with as many Catenians as possible, in order to grow our readership and encourage Brothers, their wives and families to read a little more each month!

Grand President's Tour of Southern Africa 2010

Grand President Vernon and Evelyn DeCruz will be travelling on 19th August 2010, returning on 4th September, to visit all the circles in Southern Africa. The tour will include a visit to Victoria Falls and a day safari in Botswana. The Brothers and their families in Africa appreciate the support the visit brings and they are eagerly preparing their usual warm welcome.

For further details, please contact John Fry on 01582 507388 or e-mail mojofry1@aol.com

New Goa Riviera Circle

Best wishes to Grand President Joe McNally, the Brothers and their wives, and visitors, of the new Goa Riviera Circle which will be inaugurated on 20th February 2010, the second of the new Circles in India. A full report will appear in the April edition of Catena.

This Is My Body

This edition includes a leaflet insert, "This Is My Body", and a short article on page 32, describing a new programme for Catholic Primary Schools which was developed in conjunction with the Diocese of Lancaster but which has been publicised throughout England & Wales. It includes the following statement:

"For many Catenian teachers and school governors, the diet of semi-pornographic materials which children in so many primary schools are subjected to as part of sex education is a great worry. At last there is some good news.

"This Is My Body" is a new programme aimed at Year Six children (10-11 years old) in Catholic schools. This scheme of work has been developed in light of the forthcoming legal requirement for all primary schools to offer Sex and Relationships Education (SRE). If Catholic schools are going to be legally required to deliver SRE, here is a programme that they can offer which respects the ethos of the school."

Congratulations Michael

Congratulations are extended to Michael Orbell of South West London Circle who was appointed MBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to Scouting.