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## ***INTRODUCTION***

The sixth volume of the *Proceedings of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society* now lies open before you. It has not been an easy 'birth'; sentiments with which mothers of six children will agree, I am sure.

There are always the deadlines and standards to be met if the new offspring is to take its rightful place alongside the other members of its family. So it is with this present volume.

I believe this present volume has achieved this goal. The pattern of solid research, adopted in previous volumes has been maintained and the range of papers presented here faithfully reflects the various topics addressed at the Society's meetings. Several of the papers represent ground-breaking research in their various areas.

Considerations of space have meant that all contributions received have not been able to be published on this occasion. I refer specially to the panel discussion recalling the Papal Visit to Brisbane in 1986 and to Mr Brian Smith's history of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the Brisbane Archdiocese. Copies of both these sessions of the Society have been made and may be consulted either by calling the Society or by visiting the Archdiocesan Archives.

Regrettably, the text of Mr Murphy's talk on the history of Xavier Home for Crippled Children was not available at the time of going to press. Should it become available, it will be published in a future volume.

The Society's Executive express their thanks to those who have prepared these papers for publication. Without your co-operation and assistance the following pages would never have seen the light of day. Our special thanks also go to Br Leo Ansell CFC, who under far from easy circumstances, has once again admirably succeeded in steering this volume through the press.

Well, that's about it from me. Again, thanks everyone. Now, sit back and prepare yourself for a most diverse and interesting set of articles.

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