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As this book went to print, Reverend Dr Thomas Patrick Boland, founder of the Society, died at 10pm on Tuesday 7 December at St Vincent's Hospital Brisbane.

Father Tom was born in 1929 and ordained in 1953.

His vision was always to help Australian Catholics to understand their past and their place in the present historical perspective. In this endeavour he always was wise in his assessment and optimistic for our future.

He was buried at Nudgee Cemetery following the funeral Mass in St Stephens's Cathedral on Tuesday, 14 December at 10am.

May Father Tom Boland rest in peace.

INTRODUCTION

The canonization of Mary MacKillop as St. Mary of the Cross, on 17 October 2010, was truly a memorable event, not only for the Sisters of St. Joseph and for Queenslanders, but also for all Australians. As our first saint, the story of her heroic life of virtue and journey to official veneration by the Universal Church has been inscribed for ever in the history of our People.

I mean no disrespect to Mother Mary; but it is well we remember that her story is one of many which have contributed to making the Australian Church what she is today. It is the aim of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society to preserve some of these stories in the memory of today and for future generations.

One group of papers looks at the lives of some of our priests from various perspectives. Sister Margaret McKenna examines the work of Fr Julian Tenison Woods – co-founder of the Sisters of St Joseph – in the Brisbane Diocese between 1872 and 1887. Ken Ryan, on the other hand, treats the construction and history of the Warwick presbytery by another significant priest, Fr James Horan. Jennifer Harrison provides insight into the personality of Fr Patrick Dunne; that influential figure behind Bishop Quinn's Queensland Immigration Society. Finally, Richard Connor recounts the work of Fr Constantine Rossolini and others in the establishment of the Catholic Church in Bundaberg.

Mens sana in corpore sano (a healthy mind in a healthy body) is an old Latin proverb that the Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club seeks to put into practice. Their motto, *solvitur ambulando* (it's solved by walking) has a more spiritual emphasis, however; drawn as it is from the writings of that great Father of the Western Church, St Augustine. Maxine Brophy relates the club's history in the Archdiocese of Brisbane over the last 50 years. In other ways, too, the legacy of past tradition continues to have an impact on the present.

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With this in mind, Dr Paul Bartley's contribution outlines the history of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (founded in the aftermath of the First Crusade), in the context of the establishment of the Order's Queensland Lieutenancy, since 1997. In a different sense, Damien Brennan's review presentation of the recent 150 years celebrations of the Catholic Church in Queensland draws on the past as a springboard for a 'Spirited Future'.

Histories relating to both Catholic Education and Parish Life form an on-going element in the work of our Catholic Historical Society. In this edition the school histories featured are St. Ursula's, Yeppoon, by Maree Ganley, and Loreto College, Coorparoo, by Sister Helen Carter and Mrs Moya Hickey. In addition to Richard Connor's paper (referred to above), Joan McGrath has supplied some reflections on Moorooka Parish, which celebrated its 90th anniversary recently.

It goes without saying that literary activity lies at the heart of the historical recording process. This edition of the Society's Proceedings illustrates this in a few ways. There is Anne Monsour's paper on *Lebanese Catholics in Queensland*, a preparatory essay for her book *Not Quite White: Lebanese and the White Australia Policy (1880-1947)* – launched on 16th October last. Patricia Kelly presents the first part of her research into the career of Brian Doyle, a key figure in the Australian Catholic Press. For his part, Warren Oxnam's work addresses a more open-ended project: the creation of an Australian Book of Memories.

May I conclude my remarks by once again thanking the various members of the Society's editorial committee who have prepared the various papers for publication. You know what you have done, and, equally, you know that the appearance of this periodical is the result of your efforts. I, for one, am in your debt. To you, our readers, I wish you many hours of enjoyable reading.

Rev. Dr. Chris Hanlon PRESIDENT - BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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