



## “Rome, Then and Now”

On April 15, 2016 the Italian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (Queensland) Inc. (ICCI Qld) hosted a lunch with the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane at Gambaro’s Hotel, Brisbane.

As 150 guests broke bread and eat with Archbishop Mark, I was fascinated with his presentation of “Rome, Then and Now”. With guests from various sections of the Italian-Australian businesses, Italian Catholic Federation of Australia and other communities, I gained a greater appreciation of his achievements and calling with the Catholic Church.

Archbishop Mark spoke about his time in Rome, after he was ordained a priest in St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne in May 1974 and serving as Administrator of the diocese. Archbishop Mark worked as an assistant priest in various Melbourne parishes for a few years before studying Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute. After four years in Rome and Jerusalem he returned to Melbourne to teach Scripture.

Three years later he was again back in Rome for doctoral studies, after which he returned to teach in Melbourne and was eventually made the Master of Catholic Theological College.



Missal Editorial Committee of the International Committee for English in the Liturgy. He was subsequently named Chair of the International Commission for the Preparation of an English-language Lectionary.

Archbishop Mark’s lunch presentation followed by humour and his light hearted life living in Rome, the life, the culture and the food, as he spoke in English and Italian.

The two-course lunch prepared by Gambaro’s Hotel was amazing, delicious and sumptuous with sweets provided by Gerbino’s Pasticceria was worth the wait.

President Santo Santoro from the ICCI Qld expressed his satisfaction with the number of businesses and other Italian-Australian associations attending this event.

In late 1997 he was invited to work in the Vatican Secretariat of State. Archbishop Mark stated that working in this section he was dealing various Heads of States and challenges with protocols and meetings with Pope John Paul II.

In 2004, he was appointed a member of the pontifical Council for Culture and Chair of the Roman

The ICCI Qld has developed a close relationship with many Italian associations and has especially thanked the Italian Catholic Federation of Australia to support this event.



*Ian Humphreys, Wendy Hanson, Italian Consul Ludovico Carlo Camussi, and Chief Magistrate Judge Orazio “Ray” Rinaudo*



*On the left - Dino Varricchio (National President, Italian Catholic Federation and Director/Editor of Rintocchi); in the middle Joanne Smith (White Lady Funerals); on the right Gaylene Adams (Family Service Manager, Allambe Memorial Park, Gold Coast); and Massimo Nodari (K.M. Smith Funeral Directors)*