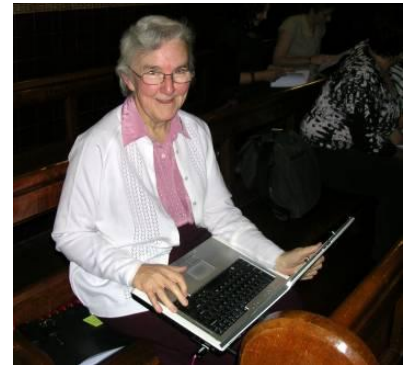




**RITUAL OF SOLIDARITY : DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE AND CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES HUNTER MANNING. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011**

This evening, there was a diocesan gathering in the Cathedral to recognize the services provided on our behalf to a great variety of needy people, by a dedicated band of people over the last fifty years. Sr Louise Gannon had organised a liturgy that recalled the history of Catholic Care and Social Services and Sr Patricia Egan had assembled a beautiful Power Point presentation to accompany the theme of the evening: *'We are*



*standing on the shoulders of the ones who went before us.'*



The former CEO's of Catholic Care carried candles taking light from the Paschal candle and from those candles, the present team led by Ms Sue Dark received the light to carry on the many tasks that were outlined on the large banners. The whole group of Catholic Care Social Services gathered on the Sanctuary to be commissioned and blessed by Bishop Michael Malone, our Apostolic Administrator. The assembled congregation raised their right hands in blessing with the Bishop and the choir led in the singing of the Marty Haugen hymn : *'Who will speak if we don't'*.



Following the liturgy, we were invited to a social gathering in the Davis courtyard and a song by Berias Masseque who works in Youth Services. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

