



Fay Macnish
Diocese of Bunbury

Born in Bunbury WA, the eldest of Mollie (nee Beston) and Colin Clifton's six children, Fay grew up in a loving extended family on a dairy farm in Brunswick Junction. Her mother's strong faith was passed on to Fay, enhanced by bible stories at her one-teacher primary school. Two years of high school were by correspondence, and then she boarded at the Convent of Mercy, Bunbury for year 10, followed by a commercial course. At eighteen she went to Perth for nursing training.

In 1953 Fay married Ian Macnish. Together they have six wonderful children and fourteen lovely grandchildren. From 1972-94 she nursed in aged care, attending frequent lectures and developing pastoral care skills.

Each year Bunbury Diocese provides many Adult Faith Formation opportunities, which she enjoys attending whenever possible. In 1989 Fay was commissioned as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, and she continues in that ministry. In 1997 the diocese offered "The Mustard Seed", a Pastoral Formation Programme attended by 130 lay men and women. It was a very enriching two years of immense value to Fay.

In the absence of a resident priest, Sr. Michael Hamersley was the parish assistant in Fay's local parish. On her transfer in 1998, Fay was asked to take the role of Co-ordinator/Administrator. After encouragement and prayer she accepted.

When a Diaconate Formation Programme began, Fay was invited to join the programme to further her skills for parish work. Fay retired in November 2007 from a very rewarding chapter in her life, but continues parish involvement in small ways.

