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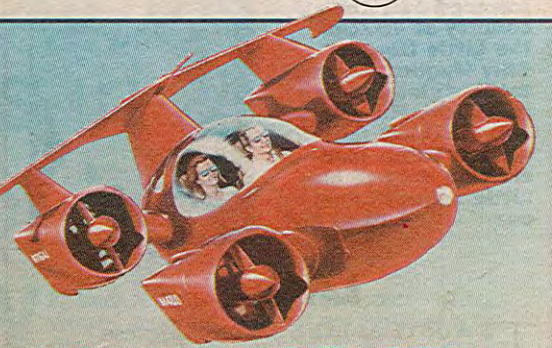
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## NRMA \$500 share shock

By ROSY MOBBS

THE original \$500 offered to NRMA members in its controversial share float will be cut by as much as \$100 because of the stock market slump and a deluge of legal costs.

NRMA chief executive Ray Willing yesterday said the 1.8 million members could no longer look forward to a windfall \$500.

Instead, that figure would be reduced at least by the amount the stock market had fallen.

Since last June when the \$2.2 billion share issue was announced, the local stock market has plunged more than 10 per cent.

This could mean members receive just \$450. But when the legal fees and the cost of issuing a supplementary prospectus are taken into account, the figure could fall to \$400.

People who held insurance policies with the road service giant would have received an extra \$500 worth of shares.

Mr Willing said that rather than reduce the number of shares offered to members, the \$2 value would be "lowered in line with the market fall".

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Bishop David Cremin: concerned Picture: Tracey Haslam

# CHURCH OUT OF TOUCH

## Catholics launch national inquiry

By JULIE NANCE

THE Catholic Church is to launch a national investigation into the needs and opinions of young Australians in a bid to bring them back to the fold.

Concerned they are out of touch with the hopes and values of teens and young adults, the nation's bishops have commissioned a committee to find out why numbers are dwindling.

The eight-month consultation with young people - beginning in April and open to anyone from jail inmates to devoted churchgoers - aims to help the clergy create a more "switched-on" approach to religion.

As second-in-charge of the Catholic

Church in Sydney, Bishop David Cremin is one of the many church leaders eager to find out how they can better serve the younger generation.

"They are the intelligent Australian leaders of the future and we must understand their thinking," he said.

Despite the warm fervour surrounding Pope John Paul II's recent Sydney visit, the Church hierarchy faces the hard fact that only 30 per cent of Catholics attend Mass weekly.

Researchers believe women in the workforce, de facto couples and the frantic pace of the '90s is causing a shift away from the traditional Sunday service.

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# National inquiry into Catholic church

6 Young people viewed the church as staid and stick-in-the-mud, especially when it came to the issue of sexuality

**M**ANY young people feel alienated by the Catholic Church and are seeking a more "switched-on approach", the man second in charge of the Catholic Church in Sydney believes.

Concerned by dwindling attendances at weekly Mass, Bishop David Cremin wants to find why "staying at home with the Sunday paper or playing an early round of golf" has become more appealing than church.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Sunday Telegraph, the forward-thinking Bishop announced a national consultation with Australia's youth would begin in April.

Young people often viewed the church as "staid and stick-in-the-mud" — especially when it came to the issue of sexuality, he said.

"Fun-loving" Australia offered them a wealth of opportunities but unfortunately church life did not always fit into their entertainment expectations.

"It is a well-known fact young people who go to Catholic schools — often the very best of schools — drop out of church attendance after they leave," Bishop Cremin said.

In an attempt to understand the views and needs of youngsters, a national investigation — Young People And The Future — has been commissioned by the Catholic Bishops of Australia

and will be officially launched in Melbourne.

The church's Committee for Justice, Development and Peace is hoping to ditch some of its old-fashioned policies by listening to young people "at every possible level" in the 29 Catholic dioceses in Australia.

Employed and jobless youngsters, Aborigines, jail inmates, city and country youngsters, people who attend mass — and those who do not — will all have their say, both at the informal level and at special national forums.

Despite the growth of youth church movements and the greater use of "up-tempo" liturgies by many priests, the views and concerns of teenagers and those in their 20s were not being fully heard, Bishop Cremin said.

"We want youth to tell us really straight whether they feel they are being heard, not being heard and whether they feel the Church is interested in them," he said.

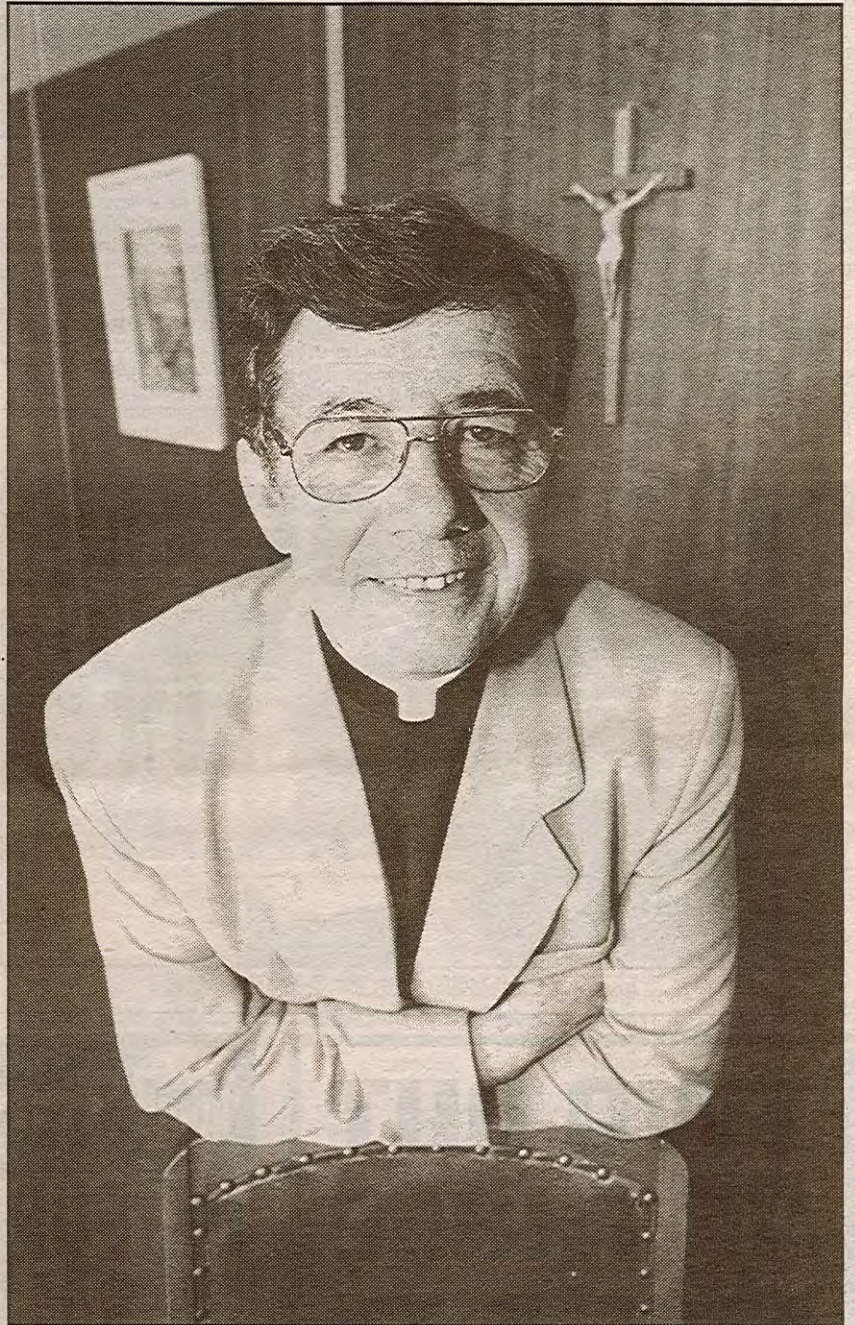
Bishop Cremin said an additional 12-month investigation at universities and TAFE colleges hoped to shed some light on why student involvement in church activities was so low.

Groups of up to seven students from all walks of life and of varying religious commitment will be discussing the pressures and expectations of life — from the home, to relationships, study, work, sex and drugs.

"Bishops and priests will work together for a more switched-on church," Bishop Cremin said.

Hectic '90s lifestyle and a disillusionment which followed marriage breakdown were contributing to the fall in attendance, he said.

The International Federation of Married Catholic Priests also estimates 100,000 men



Bishop Cremin: 'We want youth to tell us straight' Picture: Tracey Haslam

## SPECIAL REPORT



By JULIE NANCE

have left the church to marry during the past 20 years.

Bishop Cremin said the controversial issue of celibacy needed to be closely looked at but was certainly not the only reason for the low numbers of priests, brothers and nuns.

"People who are able to lead a celibate life are very committed and give everything they have to Jesus and to people but it certainly isn't for everybody," he said.

"Most of us — being normal human beings — would say not to have your own wife and fam-

ily is very difficult and it can be a very lonely life. "Groups within the church say if the law on celibacy was lifted many people would come back into the ministry."

Certainly, the church's image was not helped by a number of leaders who faced trials for alleged sexual abuse last year.

Three priests were jailed on sexual abuse charges towards the end of last year and six brothers and priests are on trial for alleged offences around Australia.

The Christian Brothers are facing an application in NSW by six orphans — part of a group of 240 — who allege widespread abuse in three West Australian orphanages.

Bishop Cremin acknowledged not enough professional training

was given in the past to the clergy in emotional and sexual areas but these days candidates for the priesthood and religious life were closely examined.

"With all the training in the world things can go wrong and things which have happened in recent years have sent shocks and aftershocks to all of us to an enormous degree," he said.

"Sadly, in highlighting the members who have done wrong, very often the work of the really dedicated, good old-fashioned priest, brother or religious who has spent their whole life working without any recognition — is overlooked."

"We are certainly dealing with the issue and hoping for a brighter future."

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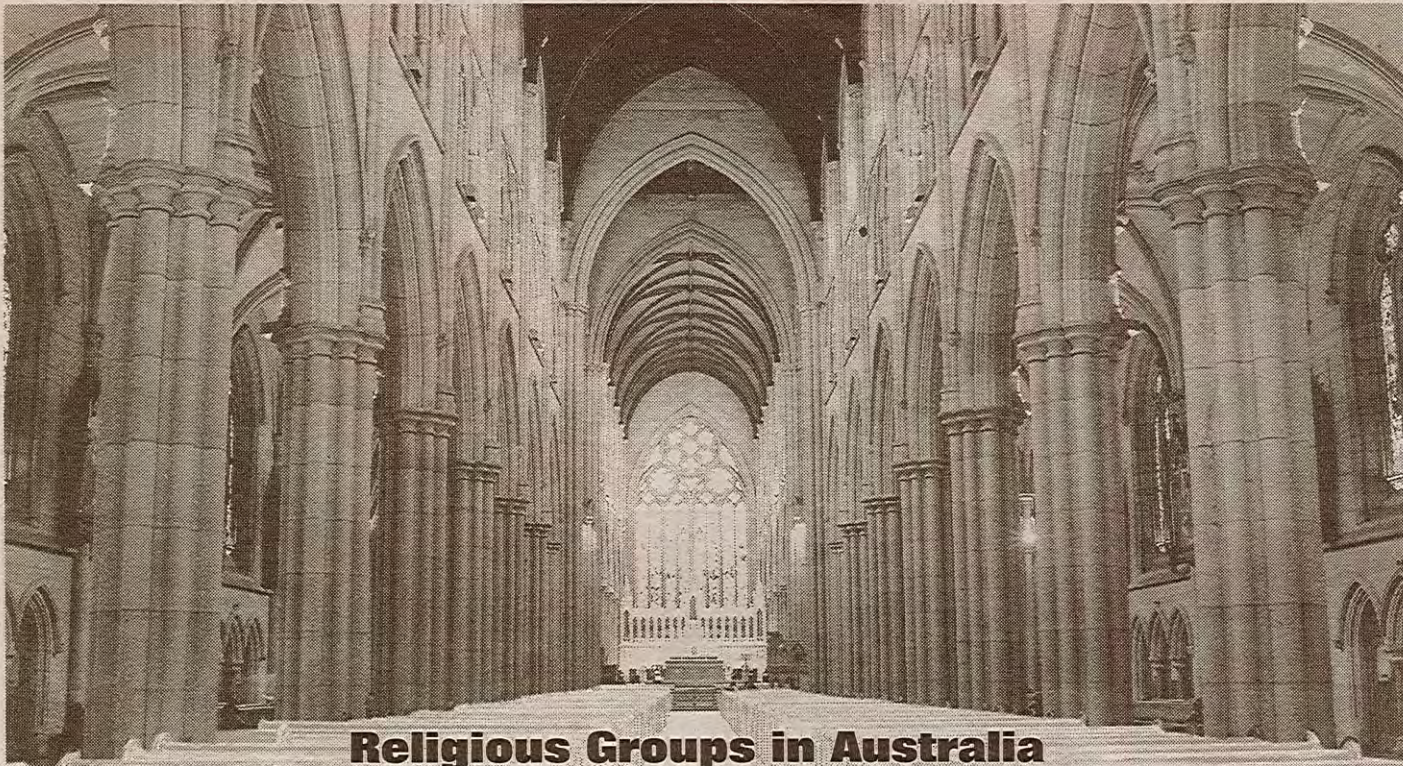
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Religious Groups in Australia

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Anglicans	24%	Baptists	1.7%	Buddhism	0.8%	Seventh day Adventists	0.3%
Uniting Church	8.2%	Lutherans	1.5%	Churches of Christ	0.5%	Others	3.7%
Presbyterians	4.3%	Pentecostals	0.9%	Judiasm	0.4%	No Religion	23.1%

# Mass suffers from 'hectic lifestyles'

WORKING women, de facto couples and school leavers are shying away from weekly Catholic Masses as the '90s fast-paced life style and attitudes take their toll, researchers say.

More than 27 per cent of the Australian population identify themselves as Catholics — members of the largest and most powerful denomination in the country.

Yet despite its size and influence, only 30 per cent of Catholics claim to attend church weekly.

Experts point the finger at the hectic pace of modern life as the fundamental cause for such flagging attendance rates.

The church's often controversial stance on issues such as contraception, abortion, divorce and homosexuality are not to blame for the decrease, researchers say.

Only 40 per cent of Catholics attended Mass once a month or more according to research conducted by Dr Philip Hughes from Melbourne's Christian Research Association.

His research revealed 47 per cent attended

BY JULIE NANCE

less than once a month, 10 per cent went sometimes and 14 per cent did not attend at all.

A change occurred in the late '60s and '70s when women dropped out of church life after entering the workforce in larger numbers.

Dr Hughes' research highlights this trend by showing that up to 23 per cent of women who are at home go to Mass regularly compared to 16 per cent who are involved in the workforce.

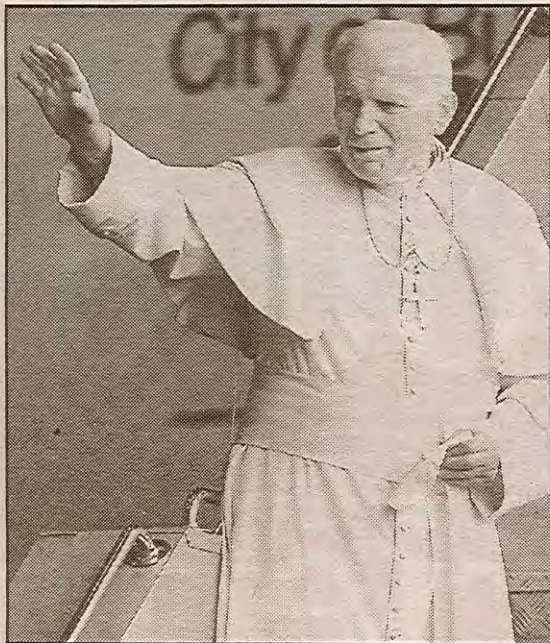
De facto couples tended to drop out of church and this was mirrored in the plummeting attendance rates of divorced or separated couples, he said.

"I personally think a lot can be said for the enormous social changes, and the fact the nature of religion has changed," Dr Hughes said.

"The sense of religion being a duty has gone — needing it for your life to run smoothly. It now has a lot to do with enjoyment.

"If you don't enjoy it you don't go."

The gap between the Catholics and other churches widened between the 1986 and 1991 censuses.



Pope John Paul II: dignity

“The sense of religion being a duty has gone — it now has a lot to do with enjoyment. If you don't enjoy it, you don't go”

During that time, the Catholic church grew by 13 per cent — well above the growth rate of the population as a whole at 8 per cent.

Except for the Pentecostal affiliates, the Catholics have the largest proportion of people in the 0-19 age group and are also over-represented among 20 to 29-year-olds.

But Dr Hughes said despite these figures, the church was in fact losing a lot of people in

these age groups. He said if a Mass was "purely done" and younger people did not find any enjoyment or meaning in it, they simply would not go.

The church has come a long way since three Catholic priests arrived as convicts in Australia after the 1798 Irish Rebellion.

By the turn of the century the Protestants controlled all the powerful networks — the major clubs, compa-

nies and institutions.

Today, Australia has a Catholic Prime Minister and a Catholic NSW Premier. Five of the seven judges on the High Court have Catholic backgrounds.

The church's annual wages bill is close to \$4 billion and it is the biggest non-public sector employer.

In Sydney the Catholic education system includes 174 schools and 77,212 students. Australia-wide, there are 1696 schools and 599,287 pupils.

Last financial year the St Vincent de Paul Society answered about 800,000 calls for help in NSW alone — spending more than \$18 million to help house, feed, clothe, pay bills and counsel people throughout the community.

The Catholic church is often criticised for its wealth but spokesman and finance administrator Father Brian Lucas said the real wealth was in the people and structures that provided services.

"I am the chief bureaucrat of the Catholic church — is my office lavish?" Father Lucas asked.

"The real wealth is in the schools, hospitals and welfare facilities with all our resources directed towards providing religious, educational, health and welfare services to the community."

While churches in Australia are divided on whether women should be given leader-

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Fr Brian Lucas: not lavish

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## THE WAY AHEAD FOR CATHOLICS

# Reaching the flock

## Lifestyles empty the pews

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ship roles the same as men, national convener of the Ordination of Catholic Women, Dr Marie Louise Uhr, has firm views.

One of many placard-waving women during Pope John Paul II's recent visit, the retired university lecturer believes females are in a subordinate position in the Catholic Church.

"The Pope has a lot of talk about the value, dignity and worth of women and regardless of the ordination issue, he believes we must all remember our place — our value stems from motherhood," Dr Uhr said.

"If I ever had a chance to say anything to the Pope it would be: listen to women — not just let them talk."

WHEN young Les Cashen decided to pursue a vocation which helped people, the choices were politics or the priesthood.

Decades later he is thankful he chose the latter — now serving the needs of thousands of people as Lane Cove parish priest.

His congregation is diverse — ranging from battling single mums to wealthy families.

Father Cashen says the notion the Catholic Church is not changing for the better is incorrect.

A pharmacist for 20 years before being ordained, he says it is transforming into a more "living, pulsating, dynamic body" and trying to meet the needs of everyone.

In an attempt to appeal to particular age groups he has introduced a successful "Mix" group for 25 to 30-year-olds, who take part in educational, social and spiritual activities.

There is also a group for students from Years 7 to 10 and special liturgies for children under the aged of 12 with readings, prayers and hymns tailored for their needs.

Father Cashen said the hardest group to tap

into was school leavers, particularly in his affluent area.

"I don't think the church appeals to young people including the rituals, symbols and languages — it is not relevant to them," said Father Cashen, whose wide range of parish groups and activities include banner making, arranging flowers, organising musicians, a playgroup and family and youth groups.

"Get them in a group

on their own at camp or at the weekend and they get more pleasure out of their music than the hymns we play.

"Young people find it very hard to accept the Church's teaching on contraception and, to a lesser degree, abortion. These moral problems can create difficulties in the minds of young people."

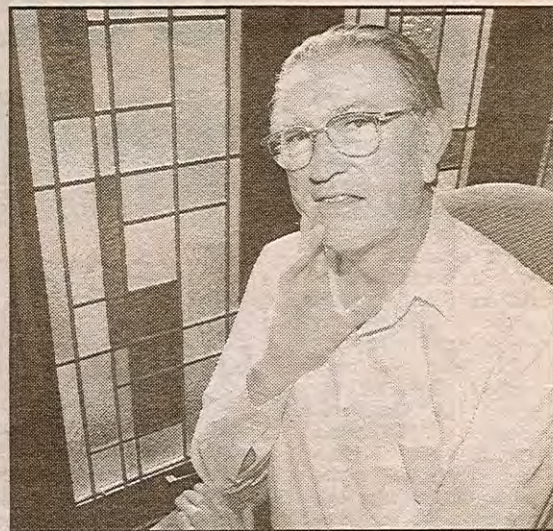
While acknowledging it would have been nice to have his own family, the former Rector of St

John's College at Sydney university for 12 years gets a great deal of satisfaction seeing young people prosper.

As far as the celibacy debate goes — he is all for it on an optional level.

"I can't see any reason why not but by being celibate you can no doubt devote a lot more time to the parish," Father Cashen said.

"When you are married you have an obligation to your family."



Father Les Cashen: Church is transforming

## Where the faithful live across Sydney suburbs

SYDNEY is divided into three dioceses — Sydney, Broken Bay and Parramatta. Listed are the parishes, numbers of Catholics practising and non-practising, and percentage of the total area's population.

**Diocese of Sydney:**  
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1939 (24.3), Denistone 2580 (35.2), Dover Heights 637 (16.2), Drummoyne 3098 (31.1), Dulwich Hill 5065 (37.4), Earlwood 6096 (32.5), Eastwood 4611 (30.7), Edgecliffe 2315 (20.5), Elizabeth Bay 4038 (21.1), Enfield 7739 (41.8), Engadine 8921 (29.1), Enmore/Tempe 3934 (27.1), Erskineville 1917 (25.1), Fairfield 10702 (38.4), Five Dock 8718 (49.5), Flemington 2066 (36.4), Forest Lodge 2644 (24.7), Georges Hall 4018 (39.2), Gladesville 2375 (34.7), Greenacre 4759 (33.7), Gympie 5195 (27.6), Haberfield 5140 (58.9), Haymarket 970 (20.1), Homebush 752 (33.3), Horsley Park 2991 (62.7), Hunters Hill 3862 (34.2), Hurstville 4955 (29.6), Hurstville South 3937 (29.7), Kensington 3960 (32.0), Kingsgrove 3500 (31.2), Kogarah 4471 (28.9), Lakemba 5925 (26.9), Lane Cove 8131 (28.1), Leichhardt 3478 (39.0), Leichhardt North 2504 (40.1), Lewisham 5969 (37.4), Lidcombe 3570 (35.0), Liverpool 13,925 (38.9), Lurnea 3540 (41.2),

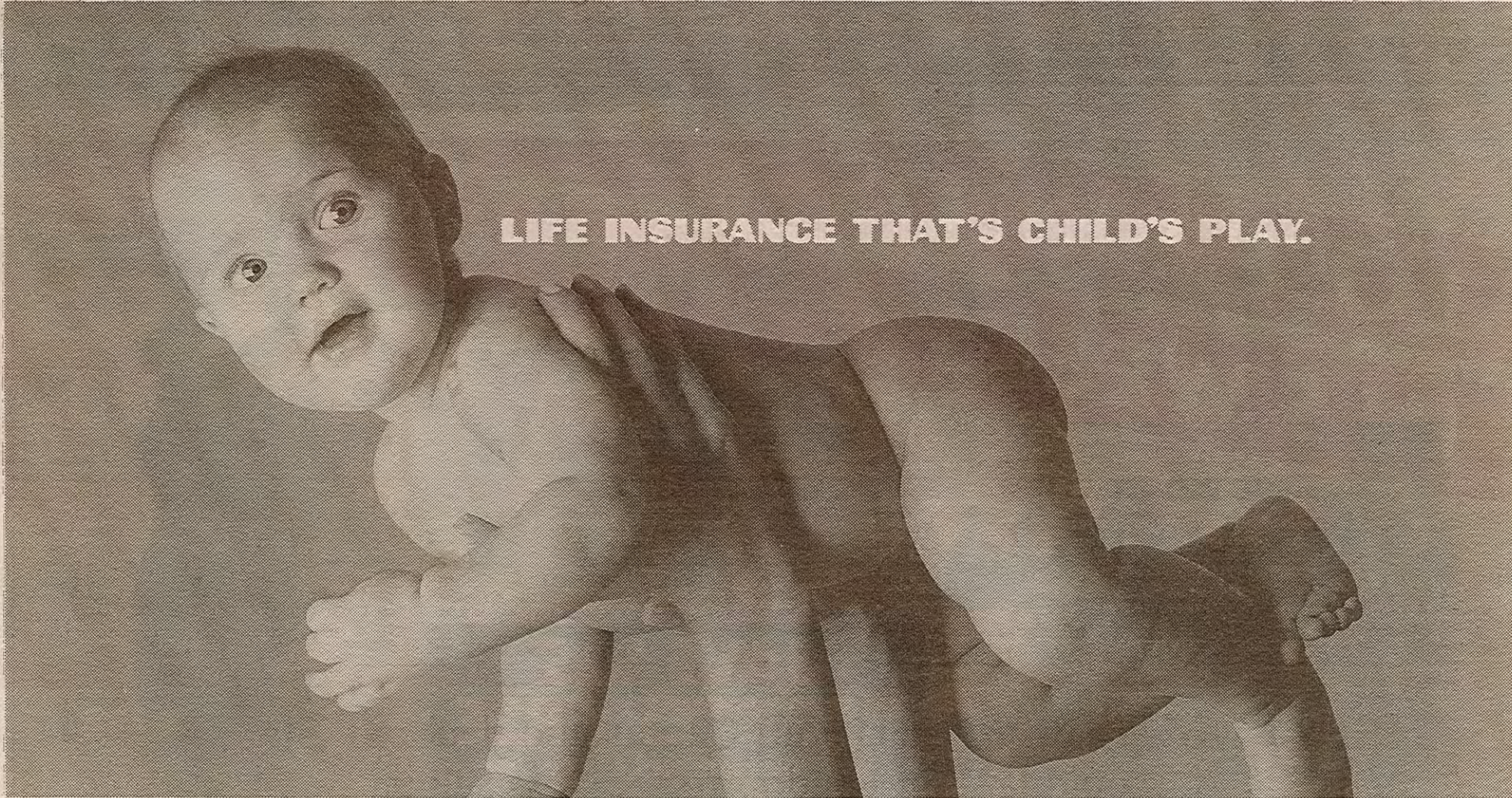
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2694 (38.8), Panania 4510 (31.5), Peakhurst 3677 (27.9), Penshurst 7434 (30.8), Punchbowl 8935 (31.8), Pyrmont 528 (30.0), Randwick 6210 (33.1), Randwick North 2489 (34.2), Redfern 1453 (30.4), Revesby 7156 (33.4), Revesby Heights 2049 (32.2), Riverwood 4612 (30.5), Rockdale 3701 (26.8), Rose Bay 3509 (20.6), Roseberry 1029 (31.6), Rozelle 1671 (28.2), Ryde 6979 (36.4), Ryde North 5839 (33.3), Sadleir/Miller 4103 (32.6), Sans Souci 2745 (27.3), Sention 5372 (35.5), Smithfield 13,847 (46.6), Stanmore 3743 (33.8), Strathfield 3625 (35.6), Strathfield South 3305 (40.1), Summer Hill 2606 (35.7), Surry Hills 2010 (25.6), Sutherland 5567 (28.3), Sylvania 3328 (27.8), Villawood 2679 (30.2), Waterloo 2993 (34.7), Watsons Bay 1349 (21.3), Waverley 4052 (33.1), Woollahra 2338 (22.2).

**Diocese of Broken Bay:**  
Avalon 3134 (19.7), Mona Vale 4800 (21.8), Narrabeen 5560 (25.8), Collaroy 3119 (28.1), Narrabeena 3766 (31.3), Dee Why 5223 (28.6), Harbord 3979 (29.6), Manly 4414 (24.7), Balgowlah 3688 (25.0), Manly Vale 6735 (31.3), Forestville 4166 (24.0), Davidson 3481 (23.6), Northbridge 1399 (29.4), Naremburn 3774 (26.6), Willoughby 3413 (29.7), Chatswood 6373 (25.7), Lindfield 3051 (20.8), Killara 1953 (19.8), West Pymble 1502 (21.8), Pymble 3724 (17.6), St Ives 4102 (19.9), Terrey Hills 932 (22.9), Wahroonga 3656 (18.4), Waitara 3894 (26.0), Normanhurst 3857 (25.7), Pennant Hills 7510 (25.0), Carlingford 5973 (26.7), Epping 4199 (23.1), Asquith 4984 (24.4).

Arcadia 2407 (25.9), Berowra 2149 (21.3), Woy Woy 9523 (26.6), Gosford 6695 (24.7), Kincumber 4484 (25.0), Terrigal 4387 (25.7), Wyoming 124.8, The Entrance 8642 (27.5), Wyong 8222 (24.7), Toukley 9445 (24.9).

**Diocese of Parramatta:**  
Baulkham Hills 6416 (31.9), Baulkham Hills South 4344 (31.2), Blacktown 7654 (38.4), Blacktown South 8195 (41.5), Castle Hill 8085 (28.6), Cranebrook 4406 (32.2), Doonside 3561 (38.2), Dundas Valley 3886 (31.4), Emu Plains 4263 (29.4), Glenbrook 4159 (23.0), Granville 3166 (40.8), Granville East 5713 (39.7), Greystanes 10979 (46.9), Guildford 8147 (41.9), Harris Park 3789 (38.0), Katoomba 1668 (22.1), Kellyville 2031 (36.2), Kenthurst 3952 (28.8), Kingswood 9772 (34.2), Lalor Park 6491 (34.6), Lawson 1747 (20.8), Leura 2296 (21.0), Marayong 6888 (42.5), Merrylands 7818 (43.2), Mt Druitt 11895 (32.2), Mt Druitt South 3412 (39.4), North Rocks 3506 (28.7), Parramatta 5000 (31.5), Parramatta North 2595 (31.5), Penrith 10447 (31.2), Plumpton 4587 (34.6), Quakers Hill 4240 (44.6), Richmond 7707 (24.1), Riverstone 6000 (33.1), Rooty Hill 3601 (42.7), Rydalmere 5851 (33.9), Seven Hills 9009 (37.4), Springwood 4596 (23.7), St Clair 11279 (39.6), St Marys 8984 (35.6), Toongabbie 5850 (37.9), Warragamba 1946 (57.3), Wentworthville 5884 (37.4), Westmead 2808 (32), Windsor 2230 (22), Winston Hills 4875 (33.5), Glenmore Park 506 (30), Glendenning 5276 (43), Bligh Park 1569 (29), Sth Windsor 2090 (24.1).



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