

PRISON JOURNAL REFLECTIONS (part 2)

This reflection is a continuation of some of the profound insights that I have gained from reading the first volume of Cardinal Pell's prison journal.

- *When truth becomes an issue of competition it will soon make the search for evidence superfluous.*
- *A useful image of the Trinity is where there are 3 different and distinct musical notes that when played together give out a beautiful harmony.*
- *Life is mostly froth and bubble yet there are some things that stand like stone such as friendship given in another's trouble and courage revealed amidst one's own.*
- *The Church in the world so often appears to be a perpetually defeated entity yet it has always outlived those of her critics.*
- *The most important achievement of Vatican II is how it has been able to empower a number of Catholic lay movements to be truly missionary. Some of these movements include Opus Dei and the Neo-Catechumenate.*
- *It's not the position anyone holds in life that makes them holy what will make them holy is the personal practices they reveal while holding those positions.*

Of course, Cardinal Pell is within the Church and outside of the Church can be a polarizing figure but the depth of his faith, learning and his clear perception of world realities is outstanding. Jesus of Nazareth says something about these people; *"every scribe of the kingdom brings out of their household things both old and new."* (Matthew Ch.13 verse 52) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*