



### **Pat Mullins**

Pat Mullins began with the Jesuits in 1954 when, at the age of seven, he began to attend St Ignatius College, Norwood in grade three. His first teacher was Fr John Batchelor. He joined the Order in 1964, the year after he left school.

After the normal period of studies he spent most of his thirty years as a priest and some years as a scholastic working with Indigenous people in places as diverse as Moree, Balgo, Townsville, Darwin and Alice Springs, with extended periods of eight years each as chaplain to the Indigenous people in the last three places.

Among the many blessings and privileges of this ministry he mentions the following: simply coming to know and be accepted by so many Indigenous people, appreciating and learning Indigenous languages and attitudes to life, the resilience of Indigenous people and culture etc. and the brilliance of Indigenous sports people.

Pat is presently assistant pastor in the Western Sydney parish of Mt. Druitt, a parish which numbers within it the largest community of Indigenous people in Australia.