



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

A REPORT ON DONOR IMPACT IN THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE



**CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION**
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

FOREWORD FROM ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE



"In the pages that follow you can read the story of what faith is achieving now, a story of bold decisions, hard work and great generosity."

It's astonishing to think of the effect the Catholic Church has had in Brisbane since the first bishop came from Ireland in 1861. When Bishop James Quinn arrived in Brisbane, his first question was, "Where is the city?" He had every reason to ask, because Brisbane was hardly more than a shanty town, far from the bustling metropolis we know today.

Bishop Quinn and the five Mercy Sisters who followed from Dublin nourished the community in faith; they planted the seeds. They were not well-resourced; the seeds they sowed were humble.

The Catholic community here has known hard times – not just in the early days but through it all. Our Catholic forebears never baulked at bold decisions or hard work, which is why the Archdiocese has been so blessed. Through all the challenges and changes, the power of faith has triumphed.

We need only look at the buildings – the schools, the hospitals, the cathedral and the many churches – to see the physical signs of what has been accomplished. But the story continues; it's not just a thing of the past. In the pages that follow you can read the story of what faith is achieving now, a story of bold decisions, hard work and great generosity.

Today we see an Archdiocese that has borne fruit because of seeds planted by those who went before us. To them we owe an immense debt of gratitude. Following in their footsteps in very different times, we hope and pray that in the soil of south-east Queensland we too can plant good seed that will bear great fruit.

I ask that you join me in holding in prayer all those who have spread God's love and mercy by sharing their resources with the Catholic Foundation or dedicating their energies to its indispensable work.

As always in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Mark Coleridge".

Archbishop of Brisbane

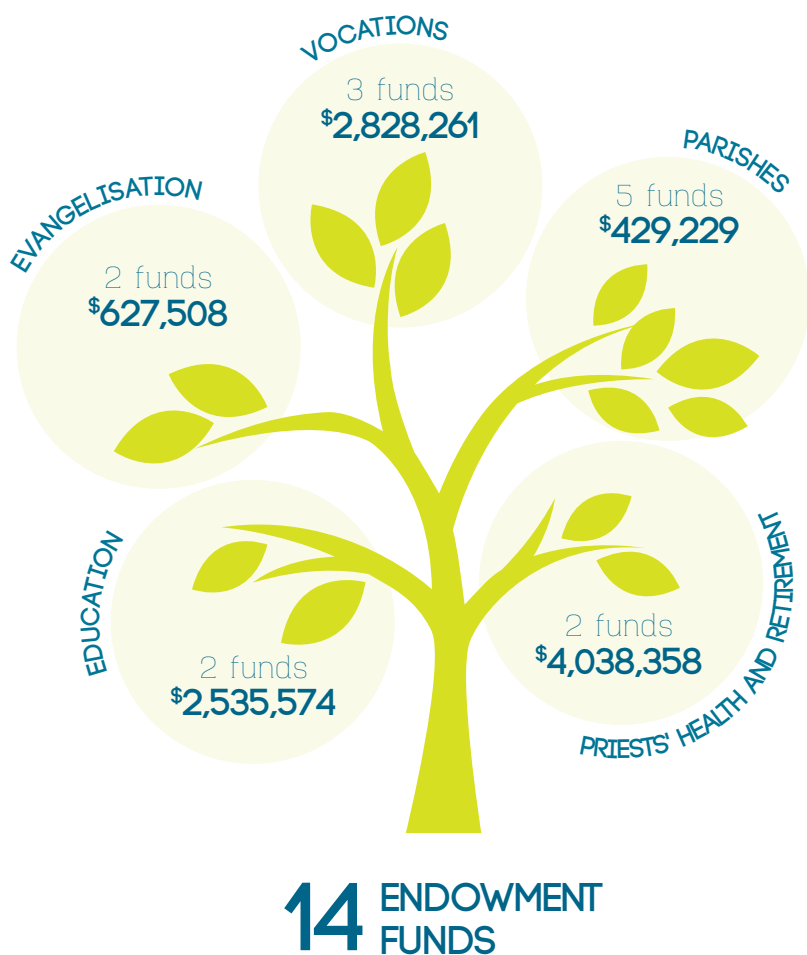


Fr Paul Chandler baptises Monica at Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley Ekibin Catholic Parish

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SNAPSHOT OF 2015

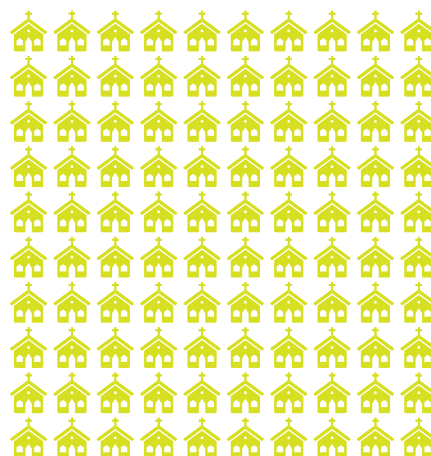
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DONATED IN 2015



ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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parishes and Church communities



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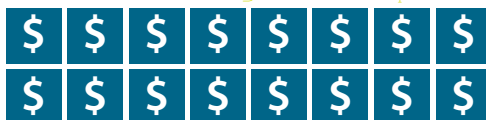
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Archdiocese of Brisbane in the
Annual Catholic Campaign

Catholic
Foundation
welcomes

1313
NEW DONORS

\$133,390

distributed to grant recipients



16 GRANTS AWARDED TO PARISHES
AND GRASSROOTS MINISTRIES

LIVING FAITH SOCIETY

Number of
monthly donors
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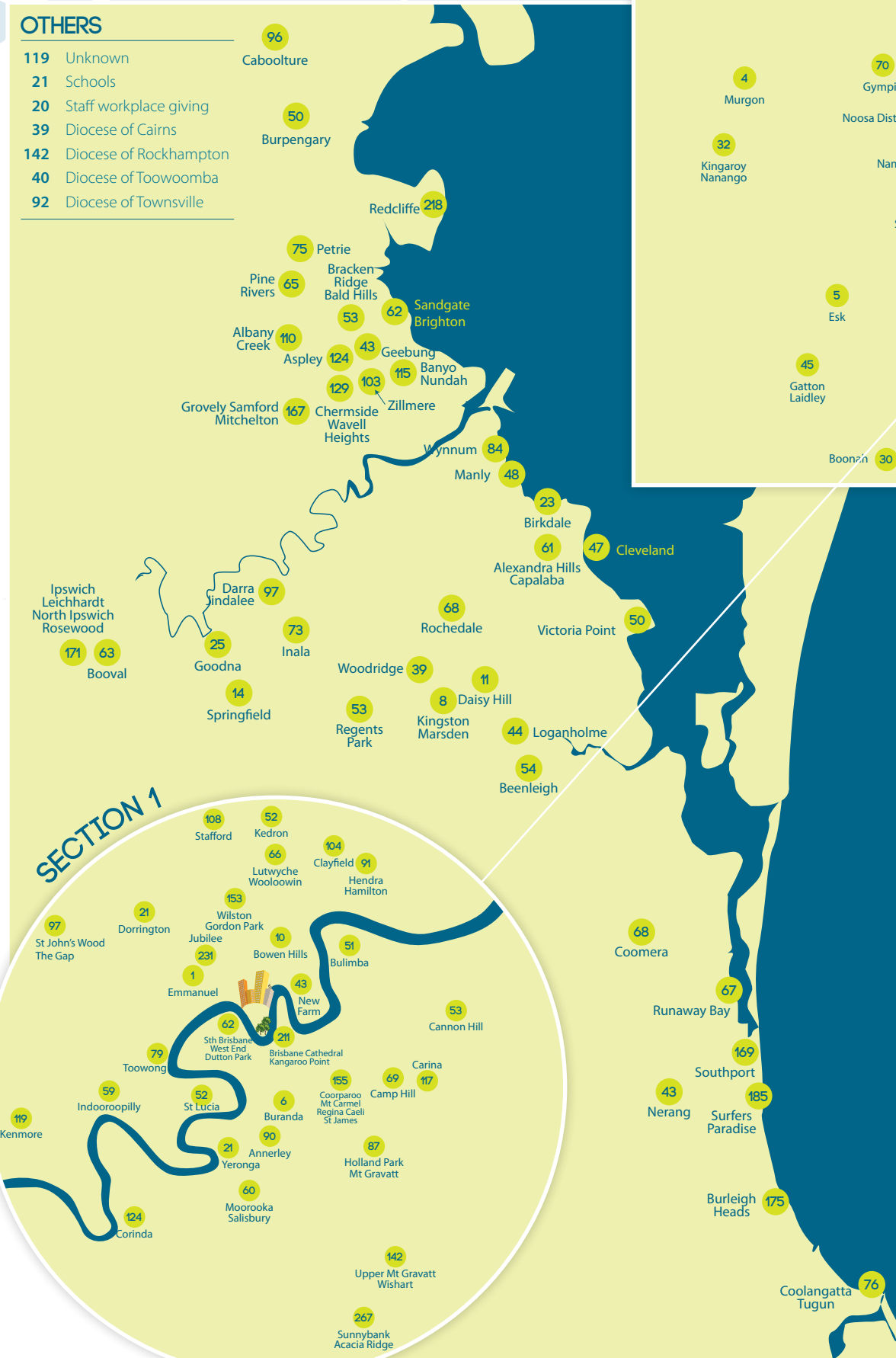
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Mapping the gifts across the Archdiocese of Brisbane

7431 DONORS
IN 2015

OTHERS

- 119 Unknown
- 21 Schools
- 20 Staff workplace giving
- 39 Diocese of Cairns
- 142 Diocese of Rockhampton
- 40 Diocese of Toowoomba
- 92 Diocese of Townsville



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SECTION 1

Summary of your contributions to

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign made a difference to the lives of real people

Everyday people came together supporting the Church's mission

Right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane the faithful came together to support the Annual Catholic Campaign in 2015. Thank you to all of you who supported the Campaign with your donations, at your school, at your parish and as a parish ambassador. From the 1.1 million raised, \$344,515 came directly from parish appeals. By pulling together and pooling funds, all of our campaign participants are creating a brighter future for those in need.



Your gifts reach out to major areas of need in the Church

Non-tax deductible gifts
\$130,485

Tax deductible gifts **\$1,003,105 less expenditure = \$929,369**

\$232,342

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2016 Annual Grants Program

Holy Spirit Seminary

Centacare

Priests Foundation

MacKillop Fund



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN DONORS, AMBASSADORS, MONTHLY GIVING



St Dymphna's Catholic Primary School shines in fundraising

Catholic primary schools and colleges throughout the Archdiocese participated in the 2015 Annual Catholic Campaign. Alongside fundraising activities, these schools had the opportunity to use curriculum resources to teach primary school students about the work of the Church.

The community at St Dymphna's Catholic Primary School in Aspley is made up of around 400 dedicated families, who participate in a variety of fundraisers to support local and Catholic causes.

To raise funds for the Church students enjoyed a family-friendly night out at the disco, with all the latest hits on high rotation. Proceeds totalled over \$2,000 and were donated to the 2015 Annual Catholic Campaign.

With their admirable commitment to fundraising and bringing the wider community together, St Dymphna's is just one of many vibrant Catholic schools within our Archdiocese dedicated to improving the lives and wellbeing of others.



A small parish with a large impact – Catherine at Kangaroo Point takes on the task of parish Ambassador

When Kangaroo Point parish secretary, Catherine Goldsworthy, was approached to advocate the Annual Catholic Campaign she took on the task of parish ambassador with gusto. "I thought I would try to lift the game, go in and just learn everything that I could."

St Benedict's, East Brisbane and St Joseph's, Kangaroo Point has a largely elderly demographic, with a small but growing number of young families attending Mass from the local school. "In the last 12 months the Little Altar Servers has risen from 4 children to 14," reports Catherine. But that wasn't the only development of 2015. Last September during the Annual Catholic Campaign parishioners' contributions increased tenfold on 2014 making its donations the largest percentage increase for any parish in the Archdiocese.

"Even though we are only a little parish I like to see that we can hold our own and be proud of what we are able to put toward a good cause," says Catherine.



A man of action with a charitable heart – Colin believes firmly in working for the mission of Church

All his life Colin Apelt has had an interest in helping others. Fifty years ago, he and a team of friends volunteered to beat world poverty and hunger, a lofty goal he now realised he may have tackled rather naively. However Colin's initial enthusiasm didn't wear thin; with the help of others he went on to set up a non-profit that sponsors children in developing countries worldwide, and was later awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his work.

The retired professor of engineering not only contributes to the Annual Catholic Campaign as a monthly supporter, he also lends a hand as a parish ambassador for his local Holy Family Parish in Indooroopilly.

"Our Pope keeps saying the Church must become more outward looking, I would like to see more of this. We need to take care of the day to day operations, but I see so much need out there for what the Church has to offer," says Colin.

128

new regular
donors in
2015

Your monthly donations make all the difference

It's the generosity of our monthly donors pledging recurring gifts that builds significant momentum for our appeal in schools and parishes. These important funds allow the Catholic Foundation to confidently forecast and plan distributions to major areas of need in the Archdiocese. With 128 new regular donors in 2015, our monthly donors continue to underpin the campaign. Thank you to this special and dedicated group of individuals who collectively contributed approximately 26% of donations to the Annual Catholic Campaign.

Summary of your contributions to

THE ANNUAL GRANTS PROGRAM

Growing the church from the grassroots up

In 2015, donations to the Grants Program through the Annual Catholic Campaign amounted to contributions of \$130,485. These donations are set aside in the Religious Ministries Fund to be distributed for parish programs and grassroots initiatives in 2016.

* Last year's Annual Grants Program money was distributed from the Religious Ministries Fund as well as three donor endowments established by the Whelan and Forbes families and from another begun in honour of Fr Frank Douglas.

How are grants funded

Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment Fund	\$12,040
Douglas Foundation	\$17,000
Religious Ministries Fund	\$96,768*
Whelan Family Ministry Endowment Fund	\$7,582

TOTAL distributed in grants in 2015 **\$133,390**



Congratulations to worthy recipients for 2015

Buoyed by the tremendous accomplishments of the 2014 recipients and the diverse range of pastoral services they provided, the Grants Committee again assessed applications from worthy groups looking to share and promote the Gospel.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sunnybank

a Retreat for Youth Leaders and a Weekend Sacramental Retreat for Grades 9-12

Mother Effect

curriculum development for a Catholic mothers' ministry

Darra-Jindalee Life Teen

a joint venture with Vinnies Youth Queensland to establish a festival for Catholic Youth Ministries

Ignite Youth

a mobile phone app, resources and videos for evangelisation

Net Ministries

a staff position in multimedia development

Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement

a leadership training camp and a Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Movement Camp

St Mark's Catholic Parish, Inala

a workshop and Young Adult Ministry Camp

Veterans Care Association

evangelisation and catechesis for veterans and their families

Cathedral of St Stephen

expansion of Vocations Expo and formation of youth leaders

Brisbane South Deanery

launch of Faith 16 Theological Speaker Program

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Catholic Parish, Springfield

a staff position in Youth Ministry

St Joseph's Catholic Parish, Nambour

the Gap Year Ministry initiative

St Bakhita Pastoral Council, Brisbane

the Sudanese Catholic Community's retreat and workshop

Vocations Brisbane

the Reinvent Your Career Expo

Real Talk

program development for Sexual Integrity Evangelisation Program

Central Deanery

the Theology in the City lecture series



Many Brisbane Catholic Education teachers come to Theology in the City for accredited Professional Development in Religious Education



Paul Blom, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM and Libby Blom

This husband and wife duo had the inspiration to turn their lively dinner parties with theologian friends into a theology lecture series for others.

Your non-tax deductible contributions to the Annual Catholic Campaign bolstered grassroots ministries

Libby and Paul Blom are big believers in sharpening their theology through spirited discussion. Paul holds a Masters in Theology and coordinates religious education at Mt Maria, while Libby coordinates the local chapter of the Welcome Dinner Project for Queensland, a program established to help new arrivals to Australia feel welcome and included in new communities.

With their talents and interest in theology and hospitality, it was a natural fit for the duo to begin hosting informal dinners at home with fellow parishioners, priests and academics of theology. Soon they realised the lively, often intense, but always fascinating discussions would be of interest to a wider audience beyond their living room.

Inspired by the meeting of many great minds, Libby and Paul, assisted by Father David Pascoe, engaged guest speakers and began welcoming 40-50 patrons at their events, called Theology in the City, held in the CBD at St Stephen's. These evenings are especially helpful to Brisbane Catholic Education teachers seeking accredited Professional Development in Religious Education.

"This grant is such a blessing. Our attendees desire to be challenged, to explore, to question and to engage in the faith with academics, clergy, religious and other experts in the field," says Libby.

"I encouraged Paul and Libby to pursue their idea to have a lecture series at the Cathedral because I saw a real need to bring the intellectual dimension of our faith to the fore. The Cathedral is in a good, central location – I believe it should serve as a hub for people to deepen their knowledge of the faith."

FR DAVID PASCOE, CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN PARISH PRIEST



It's a shocking, whispered truth about our modern military – far more of our veterans take their own lives after returning home than are killed during overseas operations.

"It breaks my heart, it's tragic, it's simply hard for people to comprehend."

DEACON GARY STONE

Your gifts provided for young veterans and their families

Veterans Care Association was founded in July 2014, with Archbishop Coleridge's blessing, recognising that many veterans had little access to resources by way of spiritual, emotional and pastoral support.

In applying for a grant, the organisation hoped to address these needs for many of the 25,000 ex-service men and women living in the Archdiocese. As the majority of returned injured or ill veterans are young people in their twenties with young families, this registered charity focuses on addressing the needs of this critical demographic.

This unique organisation provides an invaluable service not offered elsewhere in Queensland, and closes the gap between in-service chaplain assistance and the activities of the RSL.

Veterans participating have access to a Catholic volunteer who will pray for them, care for them and offer them unwavering support. Significantly, veterans with access to pastoral care are proven to develop more independence and resilience in future life.

This grant, which was funded by the Whelan Family Endowment Fund, provides a vital step in empowering veterans to enjoy lifelong health, welfare and emotional wellbeing.



Don Gary Stone accepts an Annual Grants Program cheque from the Archbishop, Dec 2015. In anticipation of the Pope's call for a Year of Mercy, Archbishop Mark expressed his support for this cause describing it as one of the best examples he had seen of people responding to the call for merciful outreach to people in need.

Summary of your contributions to

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

An impressive \$1,682,606 was raised for Holy Spirit Seminary in 2015. This was made possible through your donations to the Annual Catholic Campaign totalling \$232,342 and a further \$1,450,264 being raised through other fundraising activities.

15 SEMINARIANS



3 SEMINARIANS ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD



\$1.6 MILLION
GIVEN TO EDUCATE SEMINARIANS



Seminarians and Monsignor Randazzo after his farewell Mass

November 2015 saw the beginning of an exciting new chapter at Holy Spirit Seminary. Papal nuncio Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana travelled to Banyo to bless and officially open the new multi-purpose learning centre dedicated to St Francis, patron saint of missions.

Archbishop Yllana's blessing took place one week after a farewell Mass commemorating the departure of Monsignor Anthony Randazzo. The seminary has gone from strength to strength under Monsignor's leadership, and the new centre was made possible by a capital works campaign to ensure the seminary remains in excellent financial shape for future vocational training.

The new multi-purpose centre built through your generosity will become a hub for seminarian education.

Warm Welcome for New Seminary Rector

At the end of 2015, Holy Spirit Seminary farewelled Monsignor Randazzo in a moving Thanksgiving Mass concelebrated with the new rector of the Seminary, Monsignor John Grace.



"I have been overcome and heartened by the stream of support and encouragement expressed by priests and people since the announcement of my appointment as the thirteenth rector of Holy Spirit Seminary"

MSGR JOHN GRACE, RECTOR



"The Church, the Mass, the priesthood, it's all interwoven, you can't have one without the others."

"Elisa and I donate to the Seminary to provide support for the seminarians around Queensland. It's our small offering to help continue the work of generous priests who have gone before them".

MATTHEW & ELISA EMERICK, HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY MONTHLY DONORS



On his first year in the Seminary...

"Monsignor Randazzo's spiritual direction has had a profound impact on my life. Monsignor always says, "you have to be a good man before you can be a good priest." And he emphasised to us that the Seminary wasn't a cookie-cutter program with a one-size-fits-all approach. In keeping with *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, the most recent teaching on the formation of priests, the Seminary staff ensure that the training and formation is deeply fulfilling and caters to the individual's dignity."



On spiritual reading...

"The book I enjoyed reading most this year was *A Story of a Love* by Bishop Patrick Ahern. It's a compilation of letters exchanged between Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and her friend Maurice Belliere, who was a young seminarian. Maurice had written to the Mother Superior asking for a nun to pray for him and the Mother chose Thérèse. The two corresponded and Thérèse prayed for his vocation until her death – I thought it was a beautiful story of friendship and the power of prayer."



On the completed building...

"When Xavier Hall was completed the first thing that stood out to me was its capacity for hospitality. It's an incredible state of the art facility for lectures and study, but we frequently use it to eat together every Thursday evening and Monday lunch with all the staff and seminarians. I remember the old dining room was so small that we couldn't fit others around the table – let alone ourselves. Whereas, the new Hall has room for guests and visitors all the time – it's a great place to commune."

Monsignor always says, "you have to be a good man before you can be a good priest."

Summary of your contributions to

Centacare Pastoral Ministries

\$505,728 was raised for Centacare Pastoral Ministries in 2015. Your contributions of \$232,342 to the Annual Catholic Campaign made this possible, combined with a further \$273,386 derived from other fundraising activities.

89,020 CENTACARE PASTORAL
MINISTRIES HELPED
89,020 PEOPLE



\$505K

GIVEN TO PEOPLE IN NEED

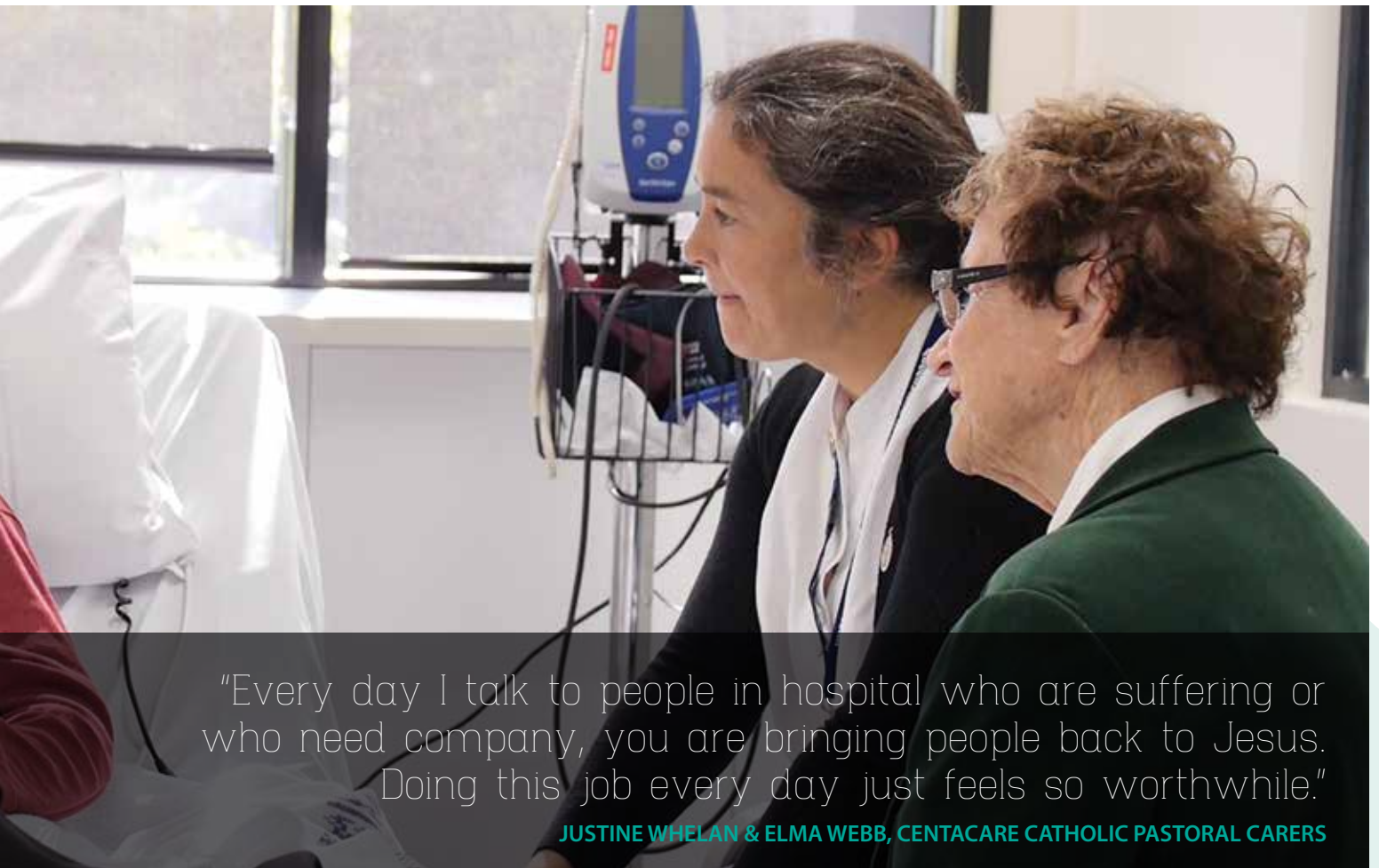


Elma Webb and Justine Whelan are pastoral carers at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Centacare's Hospital Chaplaincy program.

Now in her eighties, with more than 15 years in pastoral care, Elma Webb is looking to retire and hopes Justine will fill her position as Team Leader at the PA. "We need the wisdom of the old and the energy of the young in these roles," says Elma. Elma expresses her appreciation for the faithful donors who see the value in Catholic pastoral ministries, and admits, "very few jobs in pastoral care are paid, nonetheless, people need these services". Your donations ensure that Centacare's pastoral carers, like Elma and Justine, are there to visit people in hospital across the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Drawing inspiration from Mother Teresa who always sought to bring the light of God to the suffering, the lonely and sick, Elma believes it is a privilege to share in people's lives at such critical times. "I'm doing this for Christ."

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"Every day I talk to people in hospital who are suffering or who need company, you are bringing people back to Jesus. Doing this job every day just feels so worthwhile."

JUSTINE WHELAN & ELMA WEBB, CENTACARE CATHOLIC PASTORAL CARERS



"We have seen the brokenness of society and as the Church we must be at the coalface of this brokenness".

JOHN & BARBARA WATT, CENTACARE & ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN MONTHLY DONORS

Barbara and John Watt's business ventures in real estate and a youth sports centre have given them a window into the more disadvantaged socio-economic areas of Brisbane. They have seen the heart-breaking effects of family breakdown, child neglect and on more the one occasion, Barbara witnessed brutal domestic violence when visiting tenants. "We have seen the brokenness of society and as the Church we must be at the coalface of this brokenness," says Barbara.

Barbara and John couldn't bear to turn a blind eye on families who had it tough. They do

what they can to help people experiencing debilitating social challenges through their philanthropic support to Centacare and other programs.

John says with a smile, "When we owned our sports centre I think it was broken into 18 times – it was always the local kids. They were neglected or hungry and they would get in to steal things like Mars Bars".

They discovered that the best way to keep them out of mischief was to involve them in squash and foster positive interactions with local police officers through sport at their

centre. Sweeping the squash and tennis courts as punishment for theft was a far more beneficial than the alternative.

A favourite memory from recent times involved one young man catching up with Barb and John at a parish event – he introduced his young family and said "see this woman kids, this is Barbara and she's the one who kept your Dad out of jail."

With the support of people like Barb and John, Centacare can look forward to creating more stories of hope and a better future for families.

Summary of your contributions to

THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

In 2015 \$430,932 was raised for the Priests Foundation. This was made possible through your donations to the Annual Catholic Campaign totalling \$232,342, and other fundraising activities that contributed \$198,590.

55 RETIRED PRIESTS



\$430K

**GIVEN TO CARE FOR
RETIRED PRIESTS**

Originally from Dublin in Ireland, Angela's taste for adventure, faith, and her nursing skills took her all the way to Kenya where she undertook missionary work. This cross-continental move proved fortunate, as there she met her husband who was working as a doctor.

Eventually moving to Australia, Angela and her husband settled in Toowoomba where they made friends with many priests and witnessed the struggles that arise in their retirement.

Since retiring in Brisbane, Angela continues to care for retired priests through her generosity to the Priests Foundation, ensuring our ageing priests receive adequate housing, medical care and a dignified retirement.

"I was always inspired by the priests; they were always there for other people. They spend so many years prioritising the needs of others over their own."

ANGELA FRANK, PRIESTS FOUNDATION DONOR



Angela Frank is a long-time supporter of the priesthood. Raised in a devoted Catholic family, Angela has a brother who is a priest and she understands well their service to the Church.



"It's difficult to put into words the many ways that you have supported us through the Priests Foundation – there's the healthcare, the travel assistance, which includes help navigating public transport, the accommodation, and much more. We're deeply grateful for this care. I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our benefactors and assure you that we remember you in our Masses and our prayers."

FR IAN WREN, RETIRED PRIEST



Our retired priests and our wonderful benefactors enjoy morning tea after the annual Priests Foundation Thanksgiving Mass



Bishop Emeritus John Bathersby & Fr Ray Kearney (above)

Summary of your contributions to

THE MARY MACKILLOP BRISBANE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ACCESS FUND

Funded by Annual Catholic Campaign donations of \$232,342 in 2015, together with a further \$283,260 received from other fundraising activities, the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund this year received a total of \$515,602.

\$515K

**GIVEN TO EDUCATE
CHILDREN EXPERIENCING
SIGNIFICANT HARDSHIP**

5

AN ADDITIONAL 5 STUDENTS
RECEIVED BURSARIES



17

STUDENTS SUPPORTED
IN TOTAL



Your donations have helped Lisa.

In 2015, five additional students were selected for the MacKillop bursary. The fund is designated to help students from families who are in great financial need. The bursary provides a Catholic education for the child, and as a result it brings some relief to the struggling family.

Lisa is one of these five deserving students. Lisa's grandfather is the sole caregiver of his three grandchildren. They're an indigenous family who attend their local Catholic parish. He has supported the girls for the past 5 years, since their move from the bush, and although employed, has significant financial struggles. This faithful man did all he could to send the girls to a Catholic primary school because Catholic education was deeply important to him. This year, as his eldest granddaughter prepared to start Year 7, he desperately wanted her to continue in a Catholic school.

This deserving young girl, along with four other students, joined the 2015 cohort, bringing the total enrolment to 17 bursary students. These children are in 8 different schools across the Archdiocese. It's only the third year of the fund. This growth has been possible through the generosity of donors, school principals and local parish priests who have championed this cause.

Names are changed to protect the privacy of bursary recipients.

The Catholic system has been good for her; it provides a home where she feels she belongs – where we can all belong. She and her sisters have come from being shy kids from the bush to confident young girls."

LISA'S GRANDFATHER, SOLE-CARER OF MACKILLOP BURSARY RECIPIENT



Celebrating the Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop

The Mary MacKillop Fund reflects its patron saint's passion for providing a first-rate education for underprivileged children. On the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana travelled to Brisbane to celebrate Mass. The Cathedral was packed wall to wall — the faithful travelled from all over the Archdiocese to be there, one young family came from Kingaroy — and the congregation was uplifted by Brisbane Catholic Education's dynamic student choir and band led by Anthony Young.



Principal of St Mary's College in Maryborough, Graham Meertens, is a firm believer in the cyclical nature of giving. He believes young students who receive assistance in the form of a Catholic education often grow to be adults committed to providing valuable support to their community.

"Students who are lucky enough to receive scholarships to attend school often go on to work in fields that are very valuable to society."

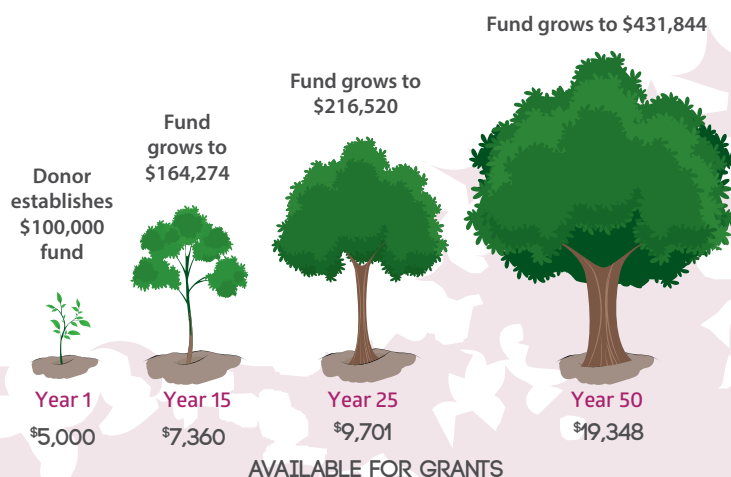
GRAHAM MEERTENS, ST MARY'S COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Summary of your contributions to

PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT FUNDS

2015 endowment donations totalled \$659,875,
and contributed to parish and donor endowments
managed by the Catholic Foundation

\$659K
DONATED TO
PERPETUAL FUNDS



Examples are based on 8.8% annual growth (indicative of 10 year historical Australian average) with 5% for grants and 1% for administrative fees.

A LIST OF NEW & EXISTING FUNDS

New endowments are established with an initial gift of \$50,000 or more. Donations can be made to endowment funds now and by future gifts in your Will.

Evangelisation

- 1. Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment Fund** provides grants to youth engagement programs
- 2. Whelan Family Endowment Fund** provides grants for Catholic ministry

Vocations

- 3. Borromeo Seminarian Education Fund** supports the training and formation of seminarians
- 4. Vianney Priests Education Fund** supports continuing education of priests
- 5. NEW Ross & Maria Girenti Perpetual Fund** provides a home for generations of seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary

Education

- 6. Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund** provides Catholic education bursaries to students experiencing significant hardship
- 7. NEW Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Education Fund** provides primary Catholic education bursaries to Catholic children from families experiencing significant financial hardship
- 8. Zaccari Catholic School Teacher Scholarship Endowment Fund** provides post-graduate scholarships to Catholic teachers studying Catholic theology
- 9. Douglas Theological Education Fund** provides grants for theological education for clergy and lay people

Retired Priests

- 10. Priests Foundation Fund** provides for the health and retirement needs of priests
- 11. St Vincent's Health & Aged Care Endowment Fund** supports the healthcare needs of clergy

Parishes and Catholic Agencies

- 12. Cathedral of St Stephen Endowment Fund**
- 13. NEW Kangaroo Point East Brisbane, St Benedict's and St Joseph's Parish Endowment Fund**
- 14. NEW St Luke's Church Parish Endowment Fund**
- 15. NEW St Oliver Plunkett Parish Endowment Fund**
- 16. Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Endowment Fund**

Other Catholic Agencies

- 17. Archbishop John Bathurst Endowment Fund** supports the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre
- 18. Archdiocese of Brisbane Fund** supports the mission of the Church in South East Queensland
- 19. Hanly New Parishes Endowment Fund** funds the development of future parishes. In 2015 it supported construction of the new church at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Catholic Parish in Springfield.



Ashley and Shirley's success in business, the arts and academia is a testament to their supportive partnership, ongoing faith and love of education.



Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy are passionate about the importance of a Catholic education. Having both been taught by various religious orders throughout their schooling, they speak fondly of their formative years, receiving spiritual and academic guidance from the nuns and brothers so integral to the teaching landscape in past generations.

The strong foundation Catholic schools provided for their own faith and education has led them to establish an endowment that aims to give the gift of a Catholic education to those children who otherwise would miss out due to financial restrictions.

Although Ashley's parents were not in a financial position to send him to university, together with the support of his wife Shirley and their young growing family, Ashley studied part time and has since completed degrees from the University of Queensland, Griffith University, Australian Catholic

University and Ottawa University, and was awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

Ashley and Shirley credit a Catholic education as an integral part of nurturing faith in younger generations, and firmly believe it is the greatest gift you can give a child.

Ashley concedes that unfortunately there will always be too great a demand for bursaries from families who cannot afford to send their children to a Catholic primary school. However, with the Goldsworthy's generosity and ongoing support from the wider Archdiocese, many more children will now be blessed with a primary Catholic education, ensuring new generations of children continue to nurture their blossoming faith.

'Knowledge and faith don't grow in ignorance. If children are not taught in the faith they cannot understand the faith.'

Launch of the Catholic Foundation Parish Match Program

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is committed to helping parishes build up financial sustainability to fund ministry. One of the best ways to create future funding streams is through a parish endowment. In 2015, the Parish Match Program was launched, which began in several parishes, such as St Oliver Plunkett's Catholic Parish at Cannon Hill. Through to 31 December 2016, in order to help start permanent endowments for parishes, the Archdiocese will match the first \$10,000 contributed by a parish in order to reach the minimum balance of \$20,000 required to establish an endowment fund.*

*\$50,000 is the standard minimum for establishing an endowment, however the amount has been lowered for this Program to give all parishes – regardless of size – an opportunity to participate.

What is an endowment?

An endowment is a fund that generates income to a charitable organisation forever, ensuring a sustainable financial future. An endowment is opened with a financial gift from an individual or agency. Donors may select a beneficiary organisation or ministry as the designated recipient of the annual endowment distribution.

Why create a parish endowment?

We are called to be good stewards of our Church, and must secure necessary funds to cover today's expenses as well as factoring in the future cost of maintaining the property and programs in future years. Endowments provide a permanent and stable source of income, and ensure the ongoing viability of your parish.

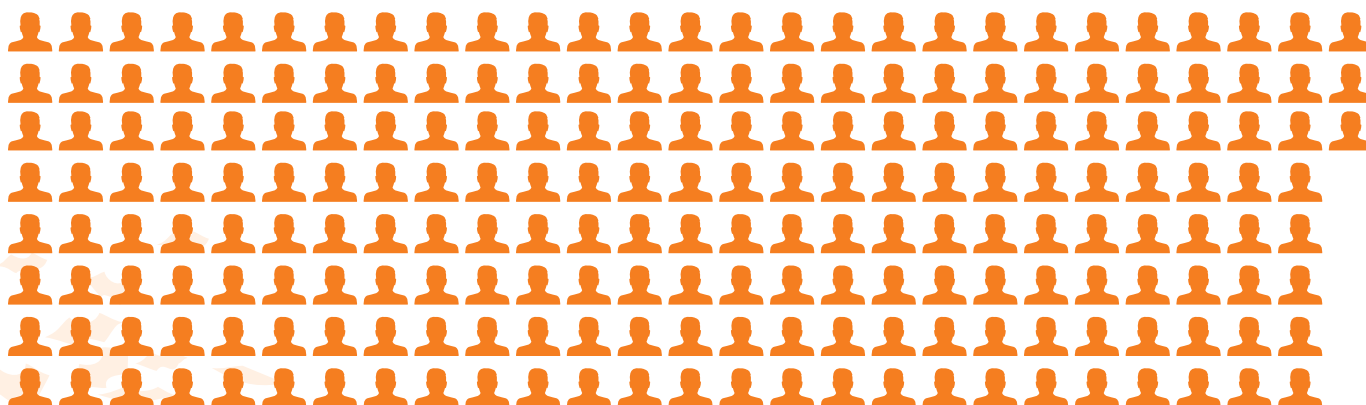
ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Memberships & Guest Speakers

In 2015, the Assembly of Catholic Professionals grew to 211 members.

The Assembly enjoyed another impressive line-up of international, national and local guest speakers, cementing the Assembly's reputation for engaging thought-provoking speakers to share their life and leadership experience from a uniquely Catholic perspective.

211 MEMBERS IN THE ASSEMBLY OF CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS



Local heroes, Diane and Matthew Ames spoke about being parents to four loving children and the tough times that they had endured together as a family through Matthew's life changing illness.



Former Wallabies player and QIC CEO Damien Frawley discussed his Catholic upbringing and his experiences in sport and leadership.



Australian Provincial of the Society of Jesus Father Brian McCoy talked to members about his missionary experience in the heart of Australia with indigenous communities.



Professor Tracey Rowland, Dean of John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family and a member of the International Theological Commission shared her encounters with Pope Francis and her rural Catholic education in Ipswich and Rockhampton.



'With the ACP, we get to meet and connect with business professionals in a uniquely Catholic way, having conversations strongly centred on faith, and how this informs professional life.'

LORETTA OLIVOTTO, PRINCIPAL MARKETING CONSULTANT, 10K CONSULTING

'The quality and variety of the guest speakers is outstanding. Having access to those who share their story and hearing how faith shapes their paths has inspired us.'

**DR RINO OLIVOTTO
RADIOLOGIST, MATER HOSPITAL, BRISBANE**

THANK YOU

We are grateful to all our generous sponsors for your continued investment in the Assembly of Catholic Professionals



Joining the ACP

Annual memberships include quarterly luncheons in the Brisbane CBD featuring prominent Catholic guest speakers and a members-only Christmas Party hosted by the Archbishop of Brisbane. ► See catholicfoundation.org.au/acp for more.

Summary of gifts received through

BEQUESTS

With deep respect and sincere gratitude we pay tribute to those generous individuals who have given a gift to the Church in their Will.

In 2015, the Seminary, the Priests Foundation, Centacare, the Archdiocese of Brisbane General Endowment Fund and several parishes received additional gifts through bequests to the total amount of \$3,246,595.

\$3.2M

**TOTAL BEQUESTS
IN 2015**



Gifts were bequeathed to the following areas of the Church:

Archdiocese of Brisbane Fund	\$167,202
Catholic Social Services	\$77,129
Parishes	\$2,755,715
Retired Priests	\$146,499
Seminary	\$100,050

Parishioners make generous gifts to support their beloved parish at Guardian Angels, Wynnum



Fr John Spiteri OFM Cap, parish priest of Guardian Angels Catholic Parish, Wynnum

Fr John Spiteri heads up the parish at Guardian Angels, Wynnum and St Joseph's, Hemmant, which he says benefits from a great deal of support from their parishioners. Any requests for volunteers or help are rapidly met with assistance from what Fr John fondly calls "a very warm-hearted and generous community full of people who are happy to share their skills".

The Guardian Angels community recently received two generous bequests that are set to ensure the good work of the parish continues.

One bequest donor was an active parishioner of Guardian Angels, and a familiar face at local events and fetes. She was well

known throughout the parish for her warm hospitality and faultless generosity.

The second donor was a longstanding parishioner who received care, friendship and communion from Fr John during stays in two local bayside hospitals. Fr John had no idea the donations would be forthcoming from both parishioners and was overwhelmed by their generosity and love for their parish.

Fr John is dedicated to ensuring the bequests are distributed to best benefit the parish and foster Guardian Angels' thriving community. Guardian Angels and the Archdiocese are entirely grateful for the remarkable generosity these two donors have demonstrated through their bequests.



No member has received any benefits by reason of their association and activities with the Catholic Foundation.

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We are grateful for the valuable counsel the Resource Development Forum contributed to the Catholic Foundation throughout the year.

Message from the Chair



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2015

Looking back over the last year I am delighted to report the Catholic Foundation has made substantial progress in its mission to resource the good works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Overall, the Foundation raised over \$4.1 million in donations and received more than \$3.2 million in bequests in 2015.

The Foundation also piloted an exciting new program for parishes; the Parish Endowment Match Program which builds on one of the long-term goals of the Foundation to create permanent funding for Catholic agencies and parishes. This initiative has already been met with keen support from participating parishes, sustaining their financial futures and allowing good ministry work to continue in perpetuity. This opportunity is now available to all parishes in the Archdiocese and will continue to be implemented in 2016.

The ongoing growth of the Annual Catholic Campaign demonstrates the immense generosity of the faithful throughout the Archdiocese. This Campaign has not just succeeded but flourished with an impressive \$1.13 million in funds raised. These donations will directly benefit the education, health and retirement needs of seminarians and priests, Catholic social services, Catholic education bursaries for needy children, and grants for grassroots ministries.

Your support of the Church in whatever capacity – great and small, prayerful and financial – helps to strengthen the Catholic community. I hope that you feel encouraged reading this report knowing that your participation was integral to the success of these activities in 2015.

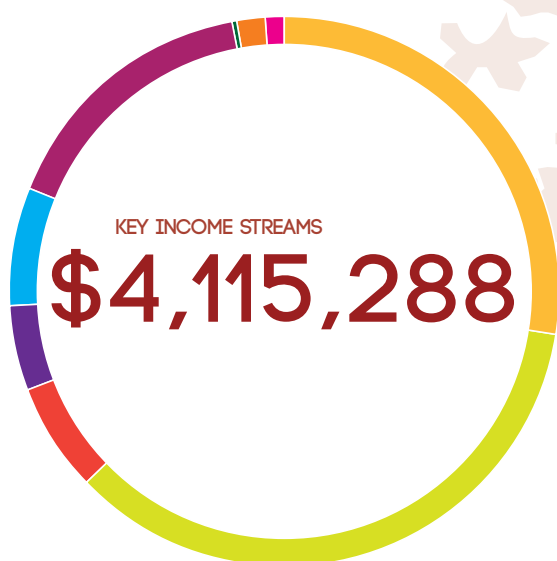
I look forward to all that 2016 brings, and continue to hold our generous benefactors in the highest esteem for your valued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'James McKay'.

James McKay
Chairman, Catholic Foundation

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CHAIRMAN'S FINANCIAL REPORT



Annual Catholic Campaign	\$1,133,590
Holy Spirit Seminary	\$1,450,264
Centacare Pastoral Ministries	\$273,386
Priests Foundation	\$198,590
MacKillop Fund	\$283,260
Endowments	\$659,875
Hardship Relief Fund	\$2,870
Assembly of Catholic Professionals Luncheons	\$68,951
Sponsorships	\$44,502
Total income	\$4,115,288

TOTAL BEQUESTS

\$3,246,595

Principal Activities

The Catholic Foundation manages all philanthropic activities of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and works to inspire charitable giving in order to support the spiritual, educational, and social needs of the Church. The Foundation aims to increase financial efficiency and provide a secure ongoing income for essential Church activities with sound investments and dynamic fundraising initiatives.

Income

Income was generated via gifts, endowments, appeals and bequests, totalling \$7,361,883. Of this, \$1,133,590 was received through the Annual Catholic Campaign; \$1,450,264 was donated to the Holy Spirit Seminary; \$273,386 was donated to Centacare; \$198,590 to the Priests Foundation; and, \$283,260 was contributed to the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund. The Hardship Relief Fund was established to enable tax-deductible gifts to emergency appeals, \$2,870 was donated for the purposes of Refugee Relief in 2015. A total of \$3,246,595 was given through bequests made to the Archdiocese, while \$659,875 was received through endowments from parishes and donors.

Sponsorships & Memberships

Activities within the Foundation also generated revenue. Income from Assembly of Catholic Professionals memberships totalled \$68,951, while sponsorships totalled \$25,752. Sponsorships for the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund came to a total of \$18,750.

Endowment Growth

The earnings on parish and donor endowments in 2015 amounted to \$211,644.

Expenses

The costs of staffing, administration and other indirect costs of fundraising of the Resource Development Office of the Catholic Foundation continued to be underwritten by contributions of two Archdiocesan agencies.

Direct costs from fundraising campaigns and appeals, the Holy Spirit Seminary Capital Campaign and the Assembly of Catholic Professionals were applied to the campaign or event. The net costs of fundraising were approximately 11% of the total income earned in 2015.

MAKING A DONATION

Our major areas of need relying on your philanthropic support are

- ▶ **p10** Holy Spirit Seminary
- ▶ **p12** Centacare Pastoral Ministries
- ▶ **p14** Priests Foundation
- ▶ **p16** Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund
- ▶ **p18** See this page for a comprehensive list of other giving opportunities to existing endowments established to support evangelisation, vocations, education, retired priests, parishes and other Catholic agencies.

What's the best fit for you?

The Catholic Foundation can process your donation in the form of:

- Cash, cheques, or credit card for single gifts
- Credit card BPay or Direct Debit Transfer for regular monthly gifts
- Bequests in a Will
- Gifts through a family trust or foundation

Bequests

Arranging a bequest in your Will is a forward-looking way you can continue to support the important philanthropic work of the Church. Working with the expertise of a lawyer, the Catholic Foundation can assist you in arranging a bequest that benefits a ministry of the Church you are passionate about. See our website for bequest clause wording.

Your gifts are the answer to someone else's prayers

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You will receive:

- A free quarterly Living Faith devotional providing you with daily reflections through the seasons of the Church year
- Regular updates from the Catholic Foundation keeping you informed about the ministry you have made possible
- A consolidated tax receipt at end of financial year

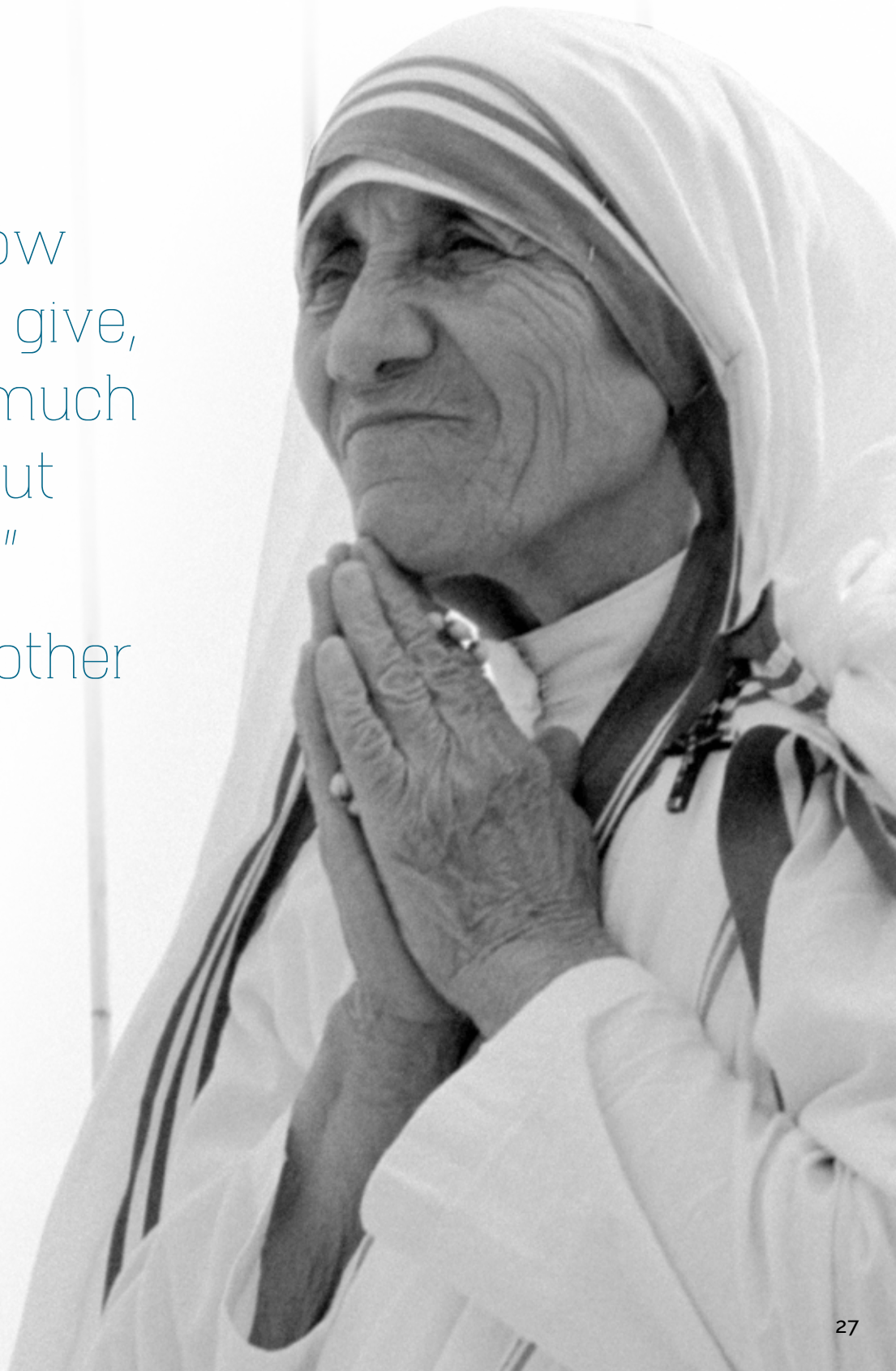
How do you become a member of the Living Faith Society?

All individuals and families committed to the long-term future of the Church can join. To become a member, make a regular monthly tax deductible gift to one or more of our four major areas of need.

The Catholic Foundation thanks the many supporters whose charity, compassion and unwavering encouragement strengthen the Church and its mission.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving"

Blessed Mother Teresa





Maddie, Claire, Emma and Mary celebrate their First Communion at St Ignatius Catholic Church, Toowong.

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