

*"The Gospel of mercy
requires generous
and joyful servants,
people who love freely
without expecting
anything in return"*

Pope Francis



2016 Jubilee of Mercy

An Annual Report on the impact of your giving in
the Archdiocese of Brisbane



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Cover image:

Archbishop Mark celebrates the canonisation of Mother Teresa with the Brisbane Missionaries of Charity at the parish of St Maximilian Kolbe, Kingston Marsden.

“Wherever the church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations, and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy”

Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus



Catholic school students celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, August 2016



We asked many of you why you gave to the good works of the local Church last year.

This is why you gave...

I give because I want to see St Mary MacKillop's legacy continue.





“Hope is the strength to keep moving forward. It is the power to press on towards the future and a changed life. It is the incentive to look to tomorrow, so that the love we have known, for all our failings, can show us a new path. Hope is the proof, lying deep in our hearts, of the power of God’s mercy.”
Pope Francis

I give because it is all about giving in the hope and spirit of the Gospel. Many more would, I suspect, if they were asked and encouraged to do so on a regular basis. I hope we never forget or lose sight of our commitment as Catholics to social justice and to help those less fortunate or vulnerable in our society.

Toni from Kangaroo Point, a Centacare employee



Gifts to Centacare Pastoral Ministries

Your gifts to Centacare Pastoral Ministries reach further than our prisons. Funds raised also benefit Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care, serving people with severe mental illnesses in hospitals, homes and hostels; Apostleship of the Sea, caring for the spiritual and practical welfare of seafarers whose work brings them to the Port of Brisbane after months away from their home and families; Hospital Chaplaincy, providing training and funding of Catholic chaplains and pastoral carers in almost every hospital in Southeast Queensland; and Murri Ministry, fostering Aboriginal culture and assisting with hundreds of indigenous burials each year.



Centacare Pastoral Ministries

“Pope Francis said that ‘the Church is the field hospital for the wounded.’

As a prison chaplain at Numinbah Correctional Centre, I know this to be true. We have to show the love of Christ, even to the hardest to love.

Numinbah is a low security centre for women. Over the past 16 years I’ve spent my days moving around the centre, talking to staff and inmates – but it’s my ears that get the biggest workout.

Many inmates work on the prison farm or take part in community service to make reparations for their crime. I have witnessed bullying and a lot of manipulation, but that is the only way some have learnt to survive. Prison is not an easy place to turn your life around but, against all odds, some do.

After you’ve been in prison, starting over—getting somewhere to live, securing a job, organising basic finances – is virtually impossible. And most don’t have adequate support after they leave. This is the most heartbreaking part of my job. Seeing people leave to return to a life on the streets or addiction; or ending up back in jail for another crime.

These women need a mentor; someone who helps them to believe in themselves, in spite of what has happened. You cannot underestimate the power of genuine pastoral care, in some cases it goes so far as to stop the cycle of crime in a prisoner’s life. For

some women in prison I think that pastoral carers are often the first person without a criminal history who has taken an interest in that woman’s life.

It is not my place to talk about the individual women or the crimes for which they have been sentenced. The women at Numinbah never forget what they have done; and our chaplains and carers are seen as people who will not condemn, and we represent a God who can be trusted even if no one else can be. I hope the women see me as a woman of welcome, of honour, with a compassionate acceptance.”

*Sr Elisabeth Keane,
Centacare Prison and Hospital Chaplain*



Sr Lis:
“The chaplains and carers don’t ever get to meet you but the work we do is only possible because of what you give.”



Your gifts assisted over:

100,000

people in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, in 2016.



Annual gifts totalled:

\$727,976



Requests received totalled:

\$806,281



Priests Foundation

“Leaving my parish meant leaving home...”

It's the little things that make a difference as you get older. I stayed in my own home for as long as possible. I was 39 years at St Sebastian's Parish in Yeronga and 10 years a curate before that. After all that time, it can be difficult to ask for help. As priests, we don't want to trouble anyone.

My health isn't what it used to be. These days I can't manage going places on my own. Things I used to take for granted. Visiting the doctor. Buying a new pair of shoes. Little things. I can easily go without. But thanks to the donors to the Priests Foundation I don't have to, I am well looked after here.

The Priests Foundation nurses are terrific. Helen arranged for me to see the physio for a problem with my neck today. Those little things again. They go about helping us in a very quiet way.

*My life would be very different
without their help.*

When a priest moves to Marycrest, we live together within a community and are bound by the common good. Bonded by our faith. Everyone is here to help us. It gives priests confidence to have such support.

People often think that when they retire, they'll have nothing to do. It hit me hard when I went into retirement – I sat in the corner thinking what am I going to do? But often I find myself busier than ever.

It is important to stay active. I concelebrate Mass with the priest at Marycrest every day. Being retired is simply a time to exercise the priesthood differently.

Many of the priests have health issues; some are in hospital. The Priests Foundation looks after the big things, and the little things, that make life liveable at my age. I feel very fortunate to have the support.”

Fr Peter Conroy, retired 2016

Gifts to the Priests Foundation


You help elderly priests like Fr Peter Conroy find a home at a vulnerable stage of life. You provide for their basic living assistance, residential aged care, accommodation support and health and transport. Your contributions to the Priests Foundation also assist priests in active ministry who experience medical emergencies. But most importantly, you make it possible for our senior priests to continue to live out their calling to serve God and his Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.



We give because we wish to help support the priests who have served us all so well and faithfully throughout their lives.

Rita & Terry from Tarragindi




Fr Peter Conroy
enjoying fellowship with
other retired priests



Your gifts assisted:

53 retired priests
at various stages
of care, in 2016.




Annual gifts totalled:

\$523,501



Bequests received totalled:

\$266,153



I give because my mother was a widow with five children; the Sisters of St Joseph gave me and my brothers and sisters a Catholic Education at no charge to my mother. I want to see St Mary MacKillop's legacy continue.

Neil from Ipswich



Francis:

"We can't thank you enough because we feel the relief and it's a very big consolation to see our girl going to a Catholic school."

Gifts to the Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund

Saint Mary MacKillop's greatest legacy to Australia was making Catholic education available to the poor. Your gifts carry on her mission. You provide MacKillop bursaries for children who have experienced the shattering effects of family breakdown or extreme financial hardship. While most recipients will continue to face difficulties in their young lives, you support them on the road to living up to their true potential. Arming them with a quality Catholic education, you ensure that these children receive an understanding of their intrinsic self-worth, and will learn to promote and respect the dignity of all.



Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund

“When my daughter received a MacKillop Bursary, I thought to myself this must be God at work...”

After a college open day my eldest daughter, Paulette, came home saying, “I want to go to Mary MacKillop College for high school, it’s a nice school, and all of my friends are going there and I love the MacKillop spirit.” Paulette had read about Mary MacKillop and I could see that the saint’s life story had struck a chord.

I thought to myself I could never afford to give her a Catholic education through high school, let alone her siblings. I just said to her, “We’ll see what happens.”

I wanted a quality education for my daughter. For all children – whether they have come from a refugee background like Paulette or not – I have seen that education and faith are the strongest weapons to give to a child.

I went to find out more and met with the principal – he was a very lovely man. I was given all the paperwork, and I looked at the school fees and it was as I thought, I definitely did not have the money.

The principal said, “Don’t worry about the fees, just take the forms and God will provide.” Although I didn’t know what would happen next I was glad that I had not been immediately turned away at the door.

The next thing that I heard back was that my daughter had received a MacKillop Bursary to cover her education from grade 7 to 12. I was shocked. I was so happy for Paulette. My daughter was the first girl from that school to get a bursary.

The school is so good. And my daughter really loves it. She has called Australia home now for just four years. She had to learn English from scratch but she is keeping up with the other students. It is a credit to her teachers and to the effort that she puts in. She loves to study drama, religion and food technology.

She has brought these skills home and my wife has been teaching her how to cook for the family. Her mother ate rice and beans in a refugee camp, so now we are lucky that our kids can learn to cook and eat meat.

We can’t thank you enough. For us it’s a real privilege and an honour because now we are assured that our girl will get a good education; one that I long dreamed for her. It’s a blessing. The people who donate to the MacKillop Bursaries have given us a great gift.”

Francis, father of a MacKillop Bursary recipient



Your gifts assisted:

17

children received MacKillop bursaries, in 2016.

+5

new students, at the beginning in 2017



Annual gifts totalled:

\$591,471



“What most people know about the emergency department they’ve learned from TV...”

Sirens blaring, machines beeping, doctors yelling, people in pain. It’s not always like that but it can be very stressful.

People are surprised to learn this is what I did before I came to the seminary. I studied nursing for four years in my home country in the Philippines, passed my licensure exams and worked for two years in emergency medicine. I enjoyed caring for patients but there was something missing. It was among all this noise and activity that the call was strongest to me.

Nursing is a very hands-on way to make a difference but I realised then that people are just as vulnerable in everyday life. We all need someone to care for us, help us flourish, make us feel important each day. As priests, we can help people connect with Christ.

Even though I have wanted to serve the Church since I was in high school, having a long discernment about priesthood has been very positive.

Coming to study in Australia has been very different. I’m now in my second year of formation. This year we study philosophy and theology, which is both challenging and rewarding. I’m working hard on my essay writing and it’s paying off.

The seminary experience is all part of the journey. Living in a community with different people and personalities can be challenging but that’s real life. As priests we are often there to help people find common ground. Living at the seminary has made me more mature.

At the end of the study year, we are placed in a parish. This is what we look forward to most. Last year I joined a semi-rural parish in Petrie, north of Brisbane. The people there were very hard-working and active in the community. They were so generous with me.

I am thankful for the path He has chosen for me and very humbled by those who make it possible.”

*Louie Jimenez, 2nd year seminarian,
Holy Spirit Seminary*

Gifts to educate seminarians

The work of our parish priest is no less challenging today than it was in the past. Our seminarians must be ready to serve their parishioners, to care for them, to grieve for them, and to bind up their spiritual wounds. With your gifts to Holy Spirit Seminary you help to provide for their education and formation so that they will be there to support us, to guide our children, to be there for our grandchildren and to humbly serve Christ with a humility modelled after His own merciful heart.

Our faith is central to our life. We decided to contribute each month with a dollar a day because we value the role of priests and see our contribution as sharing our gifts to support the priesthood of the future. It's our way of saying "I believe this is important" every single day.

*Eve and Wayne
from Kurrimine Beach*



Seminarian for Brisbane,
Louie Jimenez and Holy
Spirit Seminary Rector,
Monsignor John Grace



Your gifts assisted:

18 seminarians for
Queensland,
in 2016. **+5** seminarians at
the beginning
of 2017



Annual gifts totalled:

\$667,082



Requests received totalled:

\$7,719



Carmel and the Hervey Bay Youth Ministry Team is one of 52 parishes and grassroots ministries to receive a grant since 2014. Your gifts provide a practical way of supporting young people in their growing faith.

We support the Grants Program because we can see the work that has been done, and the work that still needs to be done to support the younger generations. I want to help Catholic ministries to grow, both in and out of parishes. The Grants Program has already helped a lot of parishes employ youth ministers, which is great.

Lisa and Michael from Auchenflower



Distributions from the Annual Grants Program

The Annual Grants Program has been aimed at boosting Catholic programs for youth and evangelisation in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In 2016 grants were awarded to the Association of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Courage Ministry, Edmund Rice Camps, Ignite Youth, Mother Effect, QUT Catholics Chaplaincy, Real Talk, Rosies Youth Mission, Passionist Youth Team, Timorese Young Catholics, Theology in the City, Venire Youth, Youth for Christ Australia Sacred Heart, and youth or young adult ministries in the parishes of Coomera, Darra Jindalee, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Indooroopilly, Ipswich, Kingaroy, Marsden, Nambour, Springfield and the Cathedral of St Stephen. Your support of this critical initiative breathes new life into these parish and grassroots ministries.



Annual Grants Program

“For most kids growing up in isolated regional areas the grass seems greener on the other side...”

Everything is always bigger and better somewhere else. It is easy for teens to focus on negatives – there may be less money around, fewer opportunities to find work. A hopelessness and boredom sets in.

I’ve seen it bring families down.

Our parish Youth Ministry Team in Hervey Bay is lucky to have a large group of teens who are all pretty dedicated.

For young people who may not have a lot of good things in their life, the youth ministry provides them with more than just a place to spend a few hours a week. They get to see beyond the daily struggles of broken families or worries about money. We see them grow in confidence with the help of positive role models. When our youth are committed to their faith, they start to believe ‘I’m worthy and I’m worth it’.

But we’re several hours’ drive or a flight away from most big events. Oftentimes our young members miss out.

When I discovered that we were eligible for a grant through the Annual Grants Program I knew that I had to apply on behalf of our youth to attend Ignite Live and Ignite Summer Camp – two Catholic faith-formation events for the new generation who are on fire for Jesus.

I believe these events can motivate them to drive their spiritual life beyond the church to their friendship groups at school, work and with their families as well. It gives our youth the chance to develop rich relationships with like-minded people.

The Catholic Foundation called me in December to let me know we had been awarded a grant. I was overwhelmed – I think my words were, “I’m going to go home and have a little cry.” It was joyful news.

It’s encouraging to see the Archdiocese working to connect young people with the wider church.

These ‘mountaintop experiences’ are important because they are transformational. It helps them to face the real test when they come back home and live their faith.

Being more engaged in their faith gives young people in regional areas purpose. It helps them realise – yes, we are doing ok, in fact, more than ok. What we have on offer is really rich and this is a lovely place to live. The grass is green where you water it, after all.”

Carmel Donnelly, Youth Ministry Team Coordinator, Hervey Bay Parish



Grants distributed

24 parishes and grassroots ministries



Total dispersed in grants

\$157,005

from the Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Fund, The Douglas Foundation, the Whelan Family Fund and the Religious Ministry Fund*



Annual Catholic Campaign

Thank you for your support of the good works of the Church through this initiative.

Your gifts to the Annual Catholic Campaign reached out to the major areas of need in the Church, and substantially impacted their funding in 2016.

A record total of \$1,303,263 given to the Campaign is a testament to the generosity of Catholics right across the Archdiocese and the cooperation of Ambassadors, parish priests and staff.

A total of 107 parishes and ethnic communities came together in September to undertake the in-pew appeal, which collectively brought in \$285,000 for the mission of the Church. Monthly gifts continue to be the backbone of committed support with 149 individuals and families joining the Living Faith Society for regular donors this year, bringing the total monthly Annual Catholic Campaign donors to 861. These dedicated people contribute approximately 31% of the income to this important Campaign.

Thank you to the Annual Catholic Campaign Ambassadors and all who donated to this appeal – your support is crucial to the daily lives of people in need in the community.

I give because the Catholic Church is meaningful to me. As a Catholic all these ministries of Annual Catholic Campaign are important to me. It is also very important for everyone, especially the young, to hear of God's love and mercy.

April from Ashgrove



Giving is the key to living a great life. The simplest thing that has always resonated with me is that we were made to give. God created us to care for others.

Graham from Caloundra



2016 Annual Catholic Campaign Total (millions)



- Tax-deductible gifts are split equally between the four vital ministries of the Church
- Non-deductible gifts go toward the Annual Grants Program for 2017



Centacare Pastoral Ministries:

\$311,918



Priests Foundation:

\$311,918

Catholic Foundation

Your generosity in action...

53

elderly, retired and unwell priests cared for by the Priests Foundation



18

seminarians in formation at Holy Spirit Seminary



Over

100,000

people helped through Centacare Pastoral Ministries including:



3000

sailors supported through Apostleship of the Sea, Wynnum



15,748

reached out to in prisons through Centacare Prisoners Services & Prison Chaplaincy



25,000

people visited in hospitals



750

assisted in Aboriginal communities through Murri Ministry, Woolloongabba



2082

people struggling with mental illness visited by Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care in homes, hostels and hospitals



17

children who received MacKillop Fund bursaries



24

grants awarded to parishes and grassroots ministries



28

new endowments to perpetually fund ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane



This could not be done without the steadfast support of loyal donors:

7499

donors gave gifts to support the good works of the Church in 2016



1198

donors participating in our monthly giving program, The Living Faith Society



MacKillop Bursaries:

\$311,918



Holy Spirit Seminary:

\$311,918



Annual Grants Program:

\$55,589



St Columban's College establishes an endowment for bursaries

Many athletic stars have dived and sprinted out of the starting blocks at St Columban's College...

Gold medallist at Rio Olympics, Evania Pelite, paralympic Gold Medallist, Lakeisha 'Lucky' Patterson, Hockeyroos defender, Jodie Kenny, and Brisbane Roar FC right-winger, Brandon Borrello were all St Columban's pupils.

The College's line-up of impressive graduates extends beyond the sporting arena, there's Colonel Brad McCall, Member of the Order of Australia in the Military Division (AM), Adrian Rodney Pagan AO, Emeritus Professor of Econometrics, University of Sydney, and former Bishop of the Diocese of Townsville and college dux in 1962, Bishop Michael Putney. Among those who graduated alongside these remarkable individuals were many more ordinary people of extraordinary character, whose kind-hearted generosity is worthy of recognition.

In 2016, the St Columban's Alumni approached the College intent on supporting students in need. Rather than donate funds towards bricks and mortar, with a plaque to commemorate their contribution, the alumni were eager to see their funds used towards bridging the gap for those students whose families struggle financially.

Raising funds for bursaries is not new for the school's alumni, but until 2016, there had not been a sustainable model in place. The new St Columban's Bursary Fund Endowment fills this void. The principal amount of the fund is perpetually invested and not spent down. Annual distributions from earnings and donations provide for new bursaries each year, providing generations of struggling families access to a St Columban's education. All contributions to the fund are tax-deductible.

Bursaries will be awarded to families experiencing the greatest hardships, including refugee families, families where parents have major ill health or disability or those who have experienced trauma, extreme poverty or family break-down.

St Columban's is proud to be the first Brisbane Catholic Education school to establish an endowment – enabling their alumni to give a hand up to future generations. Since the school began in 1928, faculty, staff and students have embodied the Edmund Rice tradition built upon compassion and outreach to the marginalised. Together, with their celebrated counterparts in the fields of sport, medicine and faith, the generous alumni of St Columban's will model that compassion and outreach to future students in need of their care.



Michael Kearney, Brisbane Catholic Education, Ann Rebgetz St Columban's College, Mary Macuga, Catholic Foundation and David Cashman Brisbane Catholic Education



St Columban's students celebrate the launch of the new endowment

Gifts to establish new endowments

The establishment of an endowment starts small; like the mustard seed. But those who have the foresight to invest in the future of our faith are rewarded in perpetuity with the fruit that it will bear.

The Catholic Foundation manages endowments aimed to broadly support the major pillars of ministry in the Archdiocese of Brisbane: Catholic education bursaries & scholarships, Catholic social services, evangelisation, parish life, retired priests, vocations and other Catholic agencies. Donors who wish to create or contribute to an endowment have the opportunity to support the greatest needs in the Archdiocese or to designate their gifts toward the charitable area close to their heart.

In 2016, parish priests, finance councils and parishioners took advantage of the Catholic Foundation Parish Match Scheme to begin endowments for their communities. Parishioners can now designate their parish endowment in their Will with confidence that their gift will not be spent down, but remain forever with their parish to fund its mission through annual distributions.

With a generosity befitting the Year of Mercy, Dr Ashley and Mrs Shirley Goldsworthy also established three new endowments to serve the elderly and the vulnerable through Centacare's mission.



Annual gifts totalled:

\$2,630,460

to establish and grow endowments for the good works of the Church, in 2016.



Existing endowment funds distributed:

\$1,875,186

from income generated from the principal. This will have a significant impact on the ministries they serve.

How endowments grow and fund ministries into the future

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

Donor establishes
\$100,000 fund



YEAR 1

Fund gives \$5,000

Fund grows to
\$164,274



YEAR 15

Fund gives \$7,360

Fund grows to
\$216,520



YEAR 25

Fund gives \$9,701

Fund grows to
\$431,822



YEAR 50

Fund gives \$19,348

Including the Church in your Will

You can include a bequest to support the mission of the Church in your Will. Gifts can be designated to urgent needs of the Church or to an endowment which will permanently resource a ministry or parish. Contact the Catholic Foundation for correct Will wording.

Creating an endowment in your families name

A new endowment can be created and named in your family's honour or in memory of a loved one to support your favourite cause in perpetuity.



Distributions from the Hanly New Parishes Endowment benefit the community

“The building is underway!”

For years, we have celebrated Mass in a school hall where there are no kneelers to show reverence before the Blessed Sacrament. Each weekend we spend a lot of time stacking and unstacking chairs. Without a permanent Church the people have not had a place where they can come and pray and spend time with Jesus throughout the week.

But now we can officially announce the opening of Our Lady of the Southern Cross Church on 1 September 2017 – the feast of our patron saint. The Archbishop will be here to celebrate the occasion. We are so thrilled!

We are waiting on 150 square metres of mosaic from Fr Rupnik SJ, who has designed pieces for the walls with themes from the Old and New Testament. In our planning we thought these mosaics could tell the story of Christ and make the church beautiful. Art can serve as a catechism. It teaches us about our faith and is a powerful, physical reminder of why we are at Mass.

Above the entrance to the church we have Jesus meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. It brings to mind that conversation Jesus had with her, “The time is coming, nay, has already come, when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth”. It reminds us of God’s relentless mercy. Jesus is calling all of us into His Church: the marginalised, the sinners.

In the Blessed Sacrament Chapel we have two angels at the entrance, like the tomb of Jesus, the site of His resurrection. Inside the chapel, you see a mosaic of Jesus breaking the bread with the disciples at Emmaus.

The baptism of Jesus features around the baptismal font, and there’s also Jesus’ first miracle at the Wedding of Cana. The church is both symbolic of our beliefs and demonstrates the mission of the wider Church. The building gives us an identity and it gives us stability.

We would not be building today without the support from the community at large and the distributions from the Hanly New Parishes Endowment. I have knocked on so many doors, and everyone has been very, very generous. I am deeply grateful for every contribution.

Although lately we’ve been busy in the construction of the Church, for me the Church is the People of God.

Our Church community began by bringing people together for God – and that building will never end. It is more important to build the People of God. I want to build a community around Jesus, and the church is the central and enduring home for His people here in Springfield.”

*Fr Mauro Conte PP,
Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish,
Springfield*

Distributions from existing endowments...



Catholic Education

\$87,252



Evangelisation

\$24,970



Parish Life

\$10,743



Parish priest, Fr Mauro Conte, helps lay the foundations for the new Church in Springfield. Its construction has been partially funded by one of the Archdiocesan endowments: the Hanly New Parish Fund. Gifts to this fund provide support for emerging Catholic communities, to build churches and provide start-up funding for programs and services.

Current endowment funds managed by the Catholic Foundation

CATHOLIC EDUCATION BURSARIES & SCHOLARSHIPS

Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Education Endowment
Douglas Theological Education Endowment
Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Endowment
NEW! St Columban's College Bursary Endowment
Zaccari Catholic School Teacher Scholarship Endowment

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

NEW! Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Memory Support Fund
NEW! Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Aged Care Fund
NEW! Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Mental Health Fund

EVANGELISATION

Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment
Whelan Family Endowment

PARISH LIFE

NEW! Albany Creek, All Saints Parish Endowment
NEW! Annerley Ekibin Parish Endowment
NEW! Banyo-Nundah Parish Endowment
NEW! Brisbane Oratory in Formation Endowment
Buranda, St Luke's Church Parish Endowment
NEW! Burleigh Heads, Infant Saviour Parish Endowment
NEW! Caloundra, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Endowment
NEW! Camp Hill, St Thomas the Apostle Parish Endowment
Cannon Hill, St Oliver Plunkett Parish Endowment
NEW! Carina, Our Lady of Graces Parish Endowment
Cathedral of St Stephen Endowment
NEW! Clayfield, St Agatha's Parish Endowment
NEW! Corinda Graceville Parish Endowment
NEW! Darra Jindalee Parish Endowment
NEW! Enoggera, St John the Baptist Parish Endowment
NEW! Hendra Northgate, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Endowment
NEW! Jubilee Parish Endowment
Kangaroo Point East Brisbane, St Benedict's and St Joseph's Parish Endowment
NEW! Manly, St John Vianney's Parish Endowment
NEW! Noosa District, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Endowment
NEW! Redcliffe, Holy Cross Parish Endowment
NEW! Regents Park, St Bernadine's Parish Endowment
NEW! Sandgate Brighton Parish Endowment
NEW! Springfield, Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish Endowment
NEW! Stafford, Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment
NEW! Wilston, St Columba's Parish Endowment
NEW! Yeronga, St Sebastian's Parish Endowment
Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Endowment

RETIRED PRIESTS

Priests Foundation Endowment
St Vincent's Health & Aged Care Endowment

VOCATIONS

Borromeo Seminarian Education Endowment
NEW! George & Maria Merli Perpetual Fund
Ross and Maria Girgenti Perpetual Fund
Vianney Priests Education Endowment

OTHER CATHOLIC AGENCIES

Archbishop John Bathersby Endowment
Archdiocese of Brisbane General Endowment
Archdiocese of Brisbane Capital Endowment
Hanly New Parishes Endowment

Over \$2 million was distributed from endowments to fund good works in the community



Retired Priests

\$13,628



Vocations

\$137,867



Other Catholic Agencies

\$1,600,726

Catholic Foundation

Financial Report

Total donations given in 2016 for the following causes:

REVENUE

	2016 \$
2016 Annual Catholic Campaign <i>Disperses monies raised to Centacare Pastoral Ministries, Priests Foundation, Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund, Holy Spirit Seminary and the Annual Grants Program</i>	1,303,263
Catholic pastoral work in prisons, hospitals, Aboriginal communities, psychiatric care and Apostleship of the Sea through Centacare Pastoral Ministries	416,058
Health and retirement of priests in the Archdiocese of Brisbane through Priests Foundation	211,582
MacKillop Fund bursaries for a Catholic education to impoverished children	279,553
Education of seminarians	355,164
Refugee relief through the Hardship Relief Fund	2,205
Endowments to perpetually fund Catholic social services	550,000
Endowments to perpetually fund retired priests	150,000
Endowments to perpetually fund vocations	455,400
Endowments to perpetually fund parish life	633,137
Endowments to perpetually fund evangelisation	200,000
Endowments to perpetually fund Catholic education bursaries and scholarships	50,000
TOTAL DONATIONS	4,606,362

Bequests received in 2016 were designated to support the following areas:

AREAS FUNDED BY BEQUESTS

	2016 \$
Archdiocese of Brisbane	5,687
Centacare Social Services	806,281
Parishes	1,149,258
Retired Priests	266,153
Seminary & Vocations	7,719
TOTAL BEQUESTS	2,235,098

EXPENSES

The costs of staffing, administration and other indirect expenses for fundraising continued to be underwritten by contributions of two Archdiocesan agencies to the amount of \$194,864.

Direct costs of fundraising campaign and appeals were applied to the campaign or event. The net costs of fundraising, facilities and staffing were approximately 16% of the total income earned in 2016.

Message from the Chair

I'm humbled by your support this past year – we've had a record 7,499 individuals and families donate over \$4.6 million to the greatest needs in the Church. You, and so many other generous Catholics across the Archdiocese, are behind these staggering numbers and we are blessed by your charity.

The true value of these funds is demonstrated through the impact. You have enabled the Church to fund its key areas of ministry in pastoral care to the vulnerable and poor, vocations and seminarian education, retired priests, Catholic education bursaries, evangelisation and parish life.

In 2016, the Foundation has worked to match interest with action through initiatives that strengthen parishes, such as the Annual Grants Program and the significant growth of the Parish Endowment Match Scheme. The 28 parishes that have established endowments are now better positioned to sustain the long-term spiritual and educational needs of their communities.

Looking ahead, funds generated through the Annual Catholic Campaign will underpin the Foundation's aims for future, especially finding solutions to the housing shortage that we face with the growing number of ageing Archdiocesan priests and expanding the Church's presence in prisons, hospitals, mental health, and support for families experiencing domestic violence or family breakdown through Centacare Pastoral Ministries.

I am grateful to work alongside you to nurture the good works of the Church. I encourage you to consider how best to support your parish or the Catholic ministry you are most passionate about and the role that the Foundation can play in your giving.

With your help and with Christ as our guide, I look forward to another successful year.



James McKay
Catholic Foundation Chair



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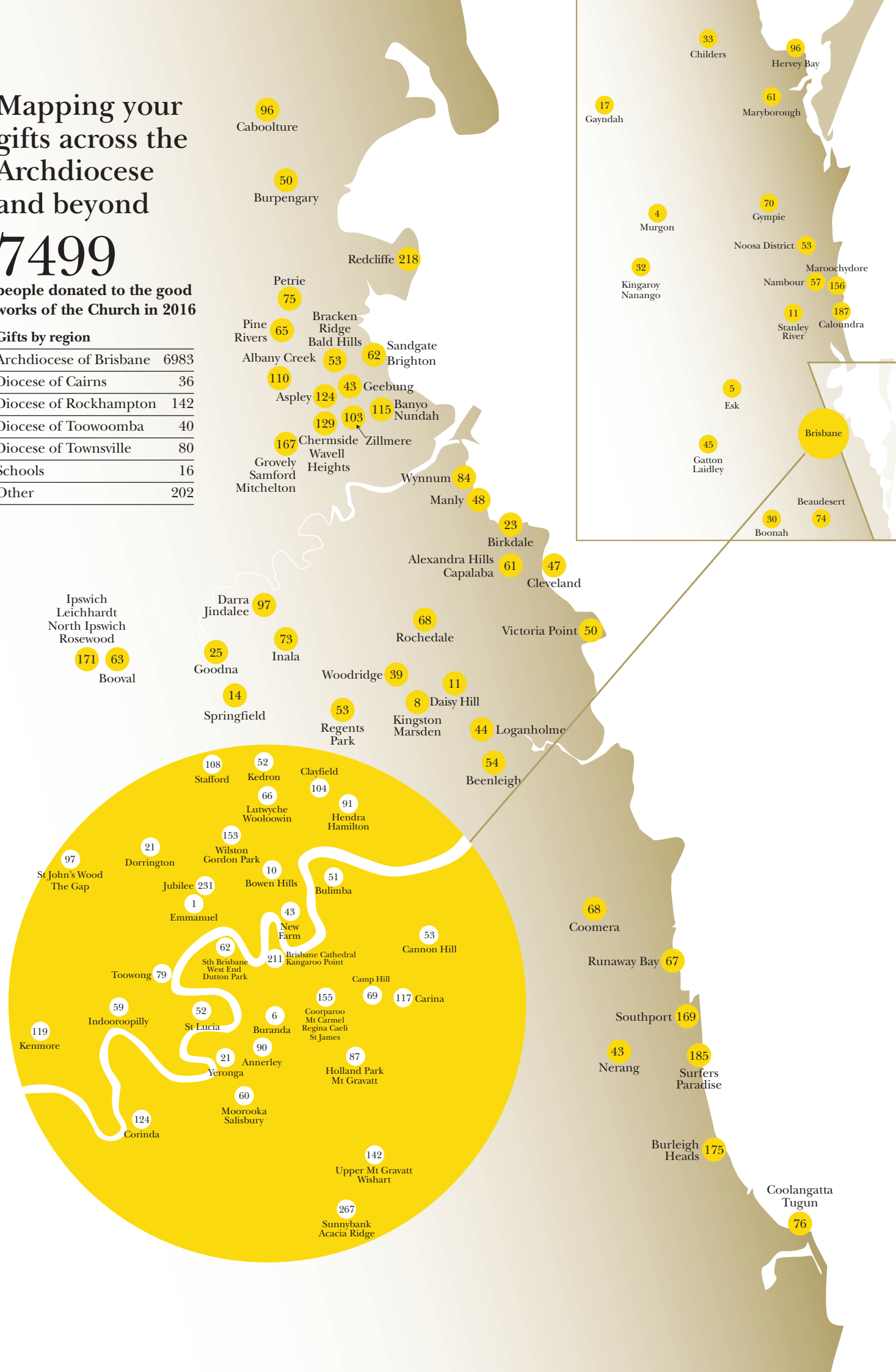
Mapping your gifts across the Archdiocese and beyond

7499

people donated to the good works of the Church in 2016

Gifts by region

Archdiocese of Brisbane	6983
Diocese of Cairns	36
Diocese of Rockhampton	142
Diocese of Toowoomba	40
Diocese of Townsville	80
Schools	16
Other	202



A message of thanks from the Archbishop

The history of the Catholic Church in this country and elsewhere shows how powerfully faith gives birth to mercy. St Paul tells us that faith without works is dead, and the works of the Church have been the works of mercy. These are in fact the works of God who is the source of all mercy.

Seeing this, people of faith have responded with extraordinary generosity to support the Church's works of mercy. That was true in the past and it is no less true now. Individuals, couples and families have committed to sharing their resources to meet the needs of others, especially those most in need for whom God has a special concern.

Pope Francis has called the Church to go in new ways to the peripheries, to the people who have least, to those most in need of healing. Our task is not to wait for them to come to us but, like the Good Shepherd, to go in search of them and offer them what they need. This is a profoundly spiritual task but it also requires resources. We need not mission for money but money for mission.

This Report shows more people have contributed than in previous years and the number of dedicated regular donors has increased. This is a great achievement, and I sincerely thank all of those who have been so generous.

Some of those who wanted to donate to the works of the Church have died in recent times, but they have had the faith and the foresight to make bequests to the Church which will support the works of mercy into the next generation and beyond. May they know the reward of their good works when they stand before the merciful Judge.

May the God of peace bless the Catholic Foundation, those who work so hard to make it a success and those who respond so generously to the call it makes.



Most Rev Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane



THANK YOU

The Catholic Foundation thanks the many supporters whose charity, compassion and earnest prayer for the mission of the Church continue to strengthen the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

We especially want to thank each donor who contributed to the vital works of the Church in 2016, as well as the members of the Catholic Foundation Board, and the Resource Development Forum who volunteer their time and talent.



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross
MacKillop, Brisbane Cathedral
Feast Day Mass, August 2016

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