

Your faith in action

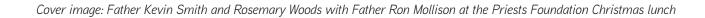
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

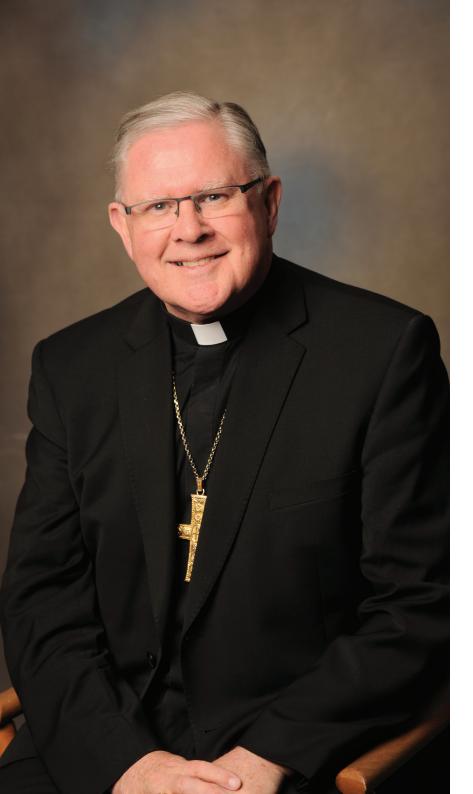


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Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

The COVID-19 crisis hit us all hard, but some harder than others. We were shown the true extent of how fragile and vulnerable we are – physically, mentally, and economically. Things we took for granted were suddenly taken away. Our freedom of movement, our access to friends and family. Even something as fundamental as sending our children to school was challenged.

Throughout this time of crisis, we focussed on what really matters. We celebrated Mass online, but knew in our hearts that we are the Church. We could not receive communion, but knew that through our faith, Jesus lives within us.

It is a true blessing to look through this report, and see the extent of the love and certitude donors like you had throughout the crisis. Despite personal adversity, you continued putting those vulnerable and marginalised people in our community before your own needs. Thank you for being a true reflection of the tenderness and compassion Jesus teaches us to emulate.

Your gifts in 2020 helped people from every walk of life – you cared for our retired priests, our seminarians, and young people in need of a loving Catholic school community. You provided for survivors of domestic and family violence, and you ensured the homeless and destitute had somewhere to turn in their time of need.

As we recover and rebuild after the tumult of the past eighteen months, I carry you in my prayers with gratitude and joy. Thank you for being a light in the dark for so many in our local community.

As always in the Lord,

Most Rev Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Thank you for your generous donations to support the local ministries, charities and parishes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. 2020 was an unusual and challenging year – through your kindness we continued providing care where the need was greatest.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

MARY MACKILLOP
BRISBANE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ACCESS FUND

THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

21 seminarians in formation

new students were awarded a bursary

55
elderly or unwell priests
supported in retirement

4 deacons ordained

students were enrolled to attend their local Catholic School with the help of a Mackillop bursary

priests retired in 2020

seminarians completed pastoral placement

students graduated in 2020 75+
the typical
retirement age
of priests

CENTACARE SOCIAL SERVICES AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES

More than

17,000

people affected by domestic and family violence helped through early intervention and crisis response services

2519

people living with or at risk of developing mental illness received a range of support services 3250

Indigenous Queenslanders
were supported through healing,
education and advocacy across
schools, parishes and remote
communities

Your impact during COVID-19

More than

300

Masses streamed online since the start of the pandemic in March 2020

318

sanitation units donated to parishes through the kindness and generosity Court Watts and the IQR Group





Welcoming new priests to our faith

After many years at Holy Spirit Seminary, deacons Jack Ho, William Aupito Iuliano and Francis Fernandes are ready to serve the Church as they prepare for the priesthood. These men of God have been supporter through your prayers, donations and care, and are now ready to move to the next phase of their formation.

"I have a sense that without the call of God, without the support of the Church and the support of all the people around me, it would have been impossible to get to this point", said Jack.

Deacon Iuliano said he and his deacon brothers had been in preparation for a long time and that for him, there is a "great excitement in the air" for the future.

The deacons were placed in parishes directly after their ordinations, and will spend twelve months learning and growing in the communities they serve.

Deacon Fernandes said it was a "deeply humbling" experience to lay down on the floor and be prayed over during the Litany of the Saints. "I was just staring at the floor and there was something humbling about having the Church around me, physically but also spiritually, praying for us," he said.

In his homily, Bishop Ken reminded the deacons that they are not alone. "For you, the gift specially given, is to be pastors but not to do this alone," he said. "Do this with the apostles, evangelists and teachers so that there is a unity in the works of service."





A school year like no other

The year 2020 was a disrupted one for students. Electronic and home-schooling suddenly took centre stage and children were cut off from the friends and activities they enjoy under normal circumstances.

In this turbulent time, we had to be creative in the way we look after the most vulnerable members of our community. This is an important aspect of the MacKillop Bursary Fund – that students are provided with a supportive and caring Catholic community. A 'family' that encourages them to reach their potential. We heard from many families with bursaries in this time, and because of donors like you, they felt blessed.

Donations to the MacKillop Bursary Fund gave 44 children, whose families are living in significant hardship, access to a computer and other vital resources required to help them through the COVID-19 school year. With your support, they knew that despite our social distance, they are not alone.



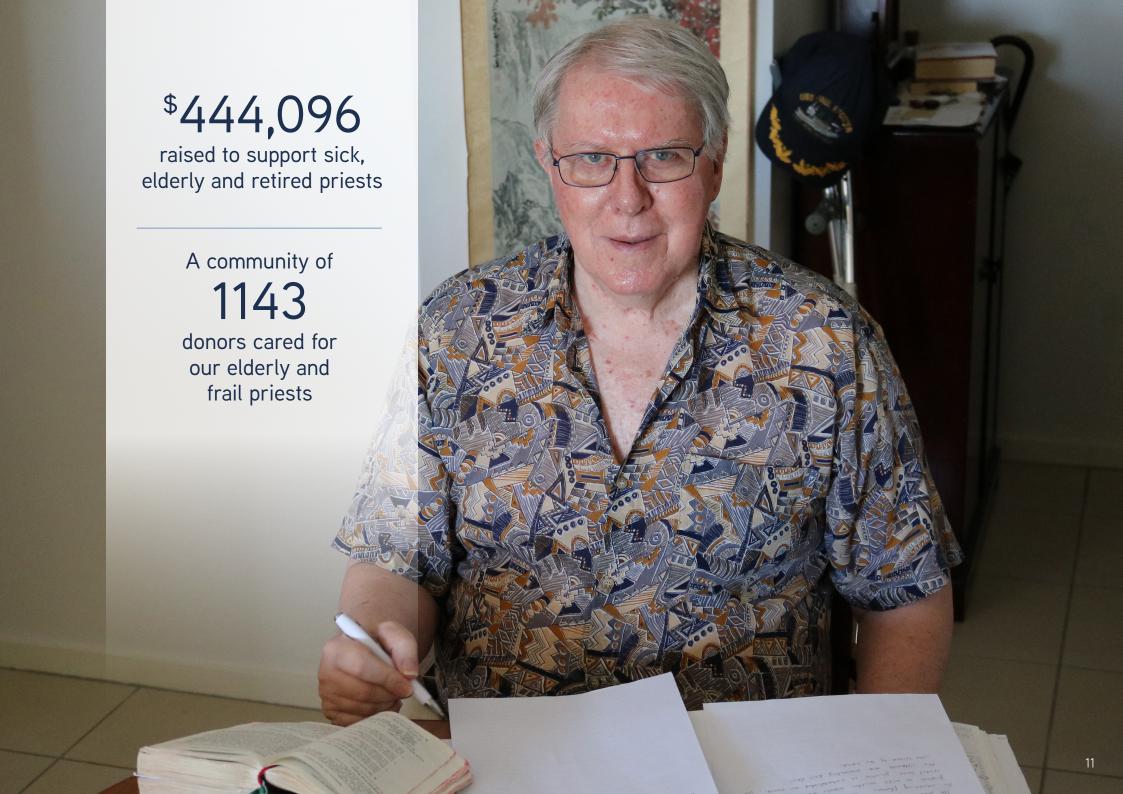


Caring for 'senior priests' in our Archdiocese

Getting older is a slow and gradual process. New aches and pains seem to manifest daily, and in some cases, they are as unexpected as they are unwanted! But these aches and pains don't slow our retired priests down much. In December 2020, we gathered a big group of our retired priests for Christmas lunch. Archbishop Mark made the comment that, while many of these men of God are now frail, they are still actively involved in ministry. Despite the limitations of the flesh, their spirits are lively, and their vocational calling has never faded. These men have lived their lives in service to God and His people and find it almost impossible to stop.

Jokingly, the men in the room dubbed themselves 'senior priests' rather than retired ones. And this is true. Combined, they have said more than 180,000 Masses. They have heard confessions of every kind, and have given advice and guidance for every concern and fear. They have built communities and helped people find love, compassion and care.

Through the Priests Foundation, you ensure these men have access to a nurse and the healthcare they need when their bodies start refusing to cooperate. You make sure they have a home that is suitable to their ability and needs. You give them the peace of mind that, when the time comes, their retirement will be dignified. Donations like yours tells them they are still needed and valued, and because of you, they keep answering the calling in their hearts without fear or doubt.





Providing care when the world turns its back

Sometimes it is the confronting things in life that serve as a reminder to live in love. To meet every person on our path with an open heart and without prejudice. This is what you do every time you support Centacare's social services.

It is not uncommon to assume that people in prison have made bad decisions and are paying their debt to society. Through Centacare's Prison Ministry, we learn that in many cases, bad decisions were made for them. In a 2020 report from Prison Ministry, almost half of those accessing the service suffered severe physical, sexual, and institutional abuse in their formative years. They have been living in and around 'the system' for as long as they can remember. On their release, they have no-one to turn to, and nothing to go back to.

Through your kindness and care, and through this ministry, you are working exactly where Jesus would be. You are making a tremendous difference to the people we serve.



Bringing families back to parish

Building a strong connection to their church in our youth is essential to ensure the future of our Catholic faith. It is this need that drives the Moorooka Salisbury parish's Youth and Family Mass Initiative. In 2020, the parish received vital funding through the Annual Grants Program to invest in this new initiative.

Mr Daniel Ibbott, the Youth and Family Mass Coordinator says "the success and growth potential of this Mass and its youth membership is already evident. A Youth Band has been organised along with a Youth Choir; with musicians and singers regularly committing to participate. Youth and young adults have offered their talents at other Parish Sunday Masses, by participating as Ministers of the Word, as cantors, and facilitating the Parish's Monthly Children's liturgies."

Parish priest, Father Dan Redhead, expressed his thanks to donors who support the Annual Grants Program. "Through the funding received from the Annual Grants Program we hope to nurture young people's spirituality through musical expression. Support from the program means more Catholic youth and young families will be drawn back to practise their faith within the community."

The Parish has also been able to appoint a Parish Youth Coordinator, Nick Kelly, who is excited to see what this new position will mean for the parish. "This program supports present and future generations of our Church. Despite 2020 being a turbulent year, we are making progress in creating an authentic space for young people to feel like they belong in our Catholic Church today", Nick said.

Your generosity supported new programs and ministries for the following recipients in 2020

- Dutton Park Parish Children's Liturgy
- Gatton Parish
- Ignite Youth
- Emmanuel City Mission
- Caloundra Catholic Parish
- NET Ministries
- Loganholme Parish
- Darra-Jindalee Parish
- Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish
- Toowong Parish
- Sunnybank Parish Youth (Sent as separate application to the St Francis Table Ministry)
- Dutton Park Parish St Francis Table Ministry
- Indonesian Catholic Family Brisbane
- Rochedale Parish



Eternal Guardians of our faith

Joe and Mary Micallef are retired farmers and enjoy the peace and joy of life surrounded by their children and grandchildren. At age 83, Joe still goes for a two-hour-walk most mornings, and it is during this time that he thinks and reflects on his faith, and how it has guided him through life.

At age 16, Joe stepped off a boat and onto Australian shores with big dreams and high hopes. It was 1954, and he had left war-torn Malta to find work and a better life. In 1961, Joe moved to Mingoola near Tenterfield to take up tobacco farming, and quickly integrated with the predominantly Italian Catholic community. It was hard work, but it was a good life.

"I was an altar boy in Malta and even on the boat when I was coming to Australia. That continued when I got to Queensland," Joe said.

In 1963, Joe went on holiday to Malta, where he met and married Mary. "Malta was a British colony, so I had learned to speak English in school," Mary said. "Then, when I got to Australia, I had to learn Italian, because that was the language most of the people in Tenterfield and Texas spoke!"

Today, Joe and Mary attend Mass at Zillmere parish. For them, the Catholic Church has been a constant in a life with many changes. Joe reflects that "the street we lived on had three Catholic churches on it – one on each corner, and one in the middle! There were as many priests as were needed in

those days. Not like now, when there are not as many."

That is why they give donations to support Holy Spirit Seminary. "When we received the information asking us to support the Seminary, back in 1988, I knew we had to make a donation and we have been doing it ever since. Without priests, there can be no Church," said Mary. "We raised our children in the Catholic faith and it is up to us, the faithful, to be guardians of our faith for future generations."

"My mum left money in her Will when she passed, and I will do the same. We made sure there is enough for our children, then wrote in a gift to the Church. When the time comes, we know our Church family will be taken care of as well."





Living your faith, every day

When Archbishop Quinn arrived in Queensland, he was caught off-guard by the sheer size and scope of the diocese he had to manage. Despite this, he worked tirelessly for the good of the Church – traveling by steamer, on foot and by horse to visit his many parishioners and the few clerics placed in Queensland at the time.

It is because of this dedication that we present our longterm donors to the Archdiocese with a Quinn Medal. Like Bishop Quinn, they have made a life-long commitment to contribute to the good works of the Church to ensure the continuity of our faith.

On the 26th November 2020, Norah Zipf was presented with the Quinn Medal for her loving and lifelong, tireless contribution to the Catholic Church. Two of her children, Bernard and Shelley, as well as Father Morgan, were present. She is truly living a life close to Jesus, and at 97 is an inspiration to her children and the faithful in her home parish of Burleigh Heads on the Gold Coast.

"In addition to her financial support, Mum has participated as a Welcomer, Reader and Eucharistic Minister for decades", said Norah's daughter Shelley. "She is a true example of what it means to live your faith every day."

Norah and Father Morgan at the presentation of her Quinn medal in 2020.



A commitment to the good works of the Church through regular giving

The Living Faith Society is a dedicated group of donors who support our local Church through regular monthly or quarterly donations. Through this generous commitment, they ensure that the Church will always be there to provide for the most vulnerable people in our community.

For Marcia and her daughter Nicole, the Church has always been the focal point in their lives, and so, giving back to support others through a monthly donation was both easy and effective.

"When the Annual Catholic Campaign was launched, it seemed only natural to combine the various appeals and donate monthly. We have always enjoyed a close relationship with, and unfailing support from, our parish priests spiritually, socially and in times of stress, most recent being when Nicole had major heart surgery. Contributing to this initiative of the Church therefore gives me the opportunity to support and thank our priests, young and old - God bless them - and to provide education opportunities and a stable home life to students in need."

Living Faith Society members, Marcia Wimmer and her daughter Nicole.

Hope and a new start through education endowments

When Axel and his mother fled war-torn Burundi, they left with nothing but hope for a better future. The violence and loss left a permanent mark on this young man, but he is determined that it will be the catalyst towards a better future.

"Until recently my life was focussed on survival and not so much on studying. It has always been my dream to one day train to be a nurse because of the devastation I witnessed in Africa. This motivates me to focus on my dream despite the many challenges I face."

In 2020, through the generosity of St James College alumni and a matched giving campaign, the school grew its Endowment fund by \$100,000. This means students like Axel can come to school wearing the Jimmies' uniform with pride.

It means they have a library where they can study, and friends and mentors to guide and care for them.

There are many students at St James College whose families are living in crisis. Through the growing endowment fund, the school community provides the education these students need to see them being successful in the future.

Most endowments start small but, with prudent investment and care, grow to support major areas of ministry. New endowments can be created and named in a family's or school's honour, or in memory of a loved one – they are a perpetual gift to support vital works within the Church and wider community.

How endowments grow and fund good works for future generations

Capital is continuously added to the fund in the form of new donations and reinvested returns. The additional capital helps the endowment grow – our example is based on based on

8.8% annual growth (indicative of 10-year historical Australian average) with 5% for distribution to the beneficiary and 1% for administrative fees.

YEAR 1

Donor establishes

\$100,000 fund

Fund gives

\$5,000

YEAR 15

Fund gives

\$7,360

Fund grows to

\$164,274

YEAR 25

Fund gives

\$9,701

Fund grows to \$216,520

YEAR 50

Fund gives

\$19,348

Fund grows to

\$431,822



List of all endowments

Catholic Education Bursaries and Scholarships

- All Hallows' Foundation Fund
- All Hallows' School Catherine McAuley Bursary Fund
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Education Fund
- Karl & Louise Morris Bursary Fund
- Kevin M Brown Bursary
- Anonymous Catholic School Education Fund for Families in Hardship
- Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund
- St Columban's Bursary Fund
- Perren Family Fund
- St James College Bursary Endowment
- St John Fisher College Bursary Fund
- The Douglas Foundation
- The Tom Moore Education Fund
- Xavier Catholic College Bursary Fund
- Xavier Charity Dinner Endowment
- Zaccari Catholic Scholarship

Endowment Catholic Social Services

- Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Aged Care Fund
- Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Endowment for the Homeless
- Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Memory Support Fund
- Ashley & Shirley Goldsworthy Mental Health Fund
- Aspleycare Foundation Trust Endowment
- Cooney Family Endowment for Domestic Violence Support
- Michael and Rosemary Gibbings Family Fund*

Evangelisation

- Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment Fund
- Marriage Enrichment Endowment Fund
- Whelan Family Endowment Fund
- NFT Ministries Endowment

Parish Life

- Albany Creek All Saints Parish Endowment
- Annerley Ekibin Parish Endowment
- Banyo Nundah Catholic Church Charity Fund
- Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish Church Restoration Fund
- Banyo Nundah Catholic Parish Endowment
- Brisbane Oratory in Formation Endowment
- Caloundra Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Endowment
- Cathedral of St Stephen Music Endowment
- Camp Hill St Thomas Aquinas Parish Endowment
- Cannon Hill St Oliver Plunkett Parish Endowment
- Carina Our Lady of Graces Parish Endowment
- Clayfield St Agatha's Parish Endowment
- Corinda Graceville Parish Endowment
- Darra Jindalee Our Lady of the Sacred Heart & Church of the Twelve Apostles Parish Endowment
- Dutton Park West End Catholic Parish Endowment
- Hanly New Parishes Endowment Fund
- Hendra Northgate -Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Endowment
- Indooroopilly Holy Family Parish Endowment

- Burleigh Heads Infant Saviour Parish Endowment
- Jubilee Catholic Parish Endowment
- Kangaroo Point East Brisbane St Benedict's & St Joseph's Parish Endowment
- Kedron St Therese and St Anthony Parish Endowment
- Lutwyche Holy Cross Parish Endowment
- Manly St John Vianney's Parish Endowment
- Mazenod Charitable Fund Endowment
- Moorooka Salisbury Parish Endowment
- New Farm Holy Spirit Parish Endowment
- Noosa District -Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Endowment
- Redcliffe Holy Cross Parish Endowment
- Regents Park St Bernadine's Parish Endowment
- Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish Endowment
- Springfield Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish Endowment
- Wilston St Columba's Parish Endowment
- Enoggera St John the Baptist Endowment
- St Luke's Church Buranda Parish Endowment
- St Patrick's Church Fortitude Valley Endowment
- Cathedral of St Stephen Endowment Fund
- Stafford Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment
- Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Endowment
- Wynnum Guardian Angels' Parish Endowment
- Yeronga St Sebastian's Parish Endowment

Priests Endowment

- Priests Foundation Endowment Fund
- Priests Foundation Endowment Fund Sick and Infirmed
- St Vincent's Health & Aged Care Priests Endowment

Vocations

- Borromeo Seminarian Education Fund
- George and Maria Merli Perpetual Fund
- Ross and Maria Girgenti Perpetual Fund
- Ryan Family Perpetual Fund
- Vianney Priests Education Endowment Fund

Other Catholic Agencies

- Archbishop John Bathersby Endowment
- Archdiocese of Brisbane Endowment Fund
- Archdiocese of Brisbane General Endowment

(*New endowment funds in 2020)

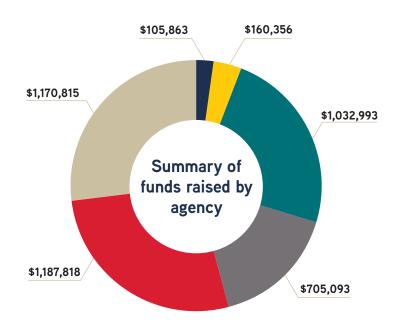
Financial report

FUNDS RAISED	\$
Annual Catholic Campaign, supporting:	
Centacare Social Services	\$260,997
Priests Foundation	\$260,997
Holy Spirit Seminary	\$260,996
MacKillop Bursary Fund	\$260,997
Annual Grants Program	\$102,228
Centacare Catholic Social Services	\$716,796
Endowments to perpetually fund Catholic Social Services	\$55,200
Health and retirement of priests through the Priests Foundation	\$444,096
Support for Holy Spirit Seminary	\$523,283
Endowments to perpetually fund vocations	\$386,536
Catholic education bursaries through Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund	\$308,371
St James College Education Bursaries	\$50,158
Endowments to perpetually fund Catholic education bursaries for specific local Catholic Colleges	\$568,292
Hardship and Disaster Relief Fund	\$3,030
Endowments to perpetually fund parish life	\$160,356
Endowments to fund Catholic charities and grassroots ministries	\$605
Total	\$4,362,938

Bequests	\$
Bequests received in 2020 wer support the following areas:	e designated to
Archdiocese	\$133,393.17
Centacare Social Services	\$45,354.57
Parish life	\$945,511.13
Retired priests	\$348,295.51
Bequest total:	\$1,472,554.38
Sponsorship	\$37,000
TOTAL:	\$5,872,493

^{*}Bequests designated to endowments are included here

^{**}Revenue was applied to event expenses



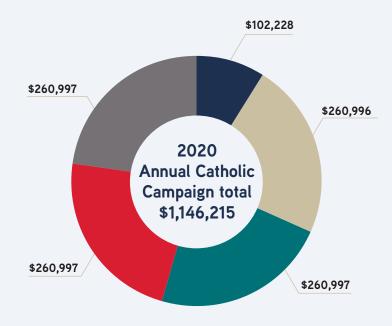
Combining revenue and endowment income		
Parish life		
Centacare Catholic social services		
Priests Foundation		
Catholic education bursaries		
Holy Spirit Seminary		
Hardship relief and annual grants		



You have blessed others with your gift

COVID-19 restrictions meant that, for much of 2020, parishes were closed. The faithful were not able to attend Mass, and once restrictions eased, numbers were severely limited to keep the community safe.

This did not deter our generous supporters and donors from making their contribution to the Annual Catholic Campaign. The kindness of 4,372 donors is a testimony of our belief in the work of the Church and our combined ability to make a positive difference in our community. Through the support of thousands of parishioners, scholars, teachers and donors we continue to re-build after the pandemic, and helping those who were so severely impacted.



The net cost of fundraising was approximately 16% of the total funds raised in 2020.

Boards and committees

We are very grateful to the members of the Resource Development Forum and the Catholic Foundation Board for their contribution to the Catholic Foundation's success.

Resource Development Forum

- Pam Betts Executive director, Brisbane Catholic Education
- Very Reverend Peter Brannelly Parish Priest, Caloundra Parish
- Cheryl Caughley Manager, Archdiocesan Development Fund
- Very Reverend John Conway
- Parish Priest, St Bernadine's Catholic Parish, Regents Park
- Very Reverend Peter Dillon Parish Priest, Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish
- Very Reverend Mauro Conte
- Parish Priest, Our Lady of the Southern Cross Catholic Parish, Springfield
- Ashley Goldsworthy AO OBE KM
- Executive Chairman, Goldsworthy Academy Pty Ltd
- Reverend Frank Jones Assistant Rector, Holy Spirit Seminary
- Tricia Kennedy Senior Leader
- School Operations, Brisbane Catholic Education
- Adrian Taylor Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Margaret Vider Chairperson, Plenary Council Taskforce
- Mary Macuga Director, Catholic Foundation
- Andrew Musial Executive Director, Archdiocesan Services and Archdiocesan Development Fund
- Mr Martyn Savage Principal at St Anthony's Alexandra Hills Primary School
- Mr John Phelan Manager Communications and Marketing, Brisbane Catholic Education Office

Catholic Foundation Board

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

- Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
- Archbishop of Brisbane
- James McKay
- Executive Chairman, Walcot Capital
- Karl Morris AO Executive Chairman, Ord Minnett
- Susan Rix AM Partner, BDO
- Michael Forbes
- Lecturer, University of Queensland
- Damian Power Director, Govstrat Pty Ltd
- Reverend Monsignor Peter Meneely
- Vicar General, Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Andrew Musial Executive Director, Archdiocesan Services and Archdiocesan Development Fund
- Mary Macuga Director, Catholic Foundation
- Jeremy Howes
- Financial Administrator, Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Jim Varghese AM
- National Chair Australia India Business Council

A network of support for Catholic professionals

The Assembly of Catholic Professionals (ACP) draws together professional men and women from business, healthcare, education, law, commerce, mining, and other sectors across Brisbane.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, they were blessed to host two wonderful events in 2020. In March, His Grace, Archbishop Mark looked back across nearly eight years as Archbishop of Brisbane and provided a timely insight into his own journey. It was also a timely 'state of the union' update on the Church in our archdiocese.

The ACP gives members an opportunity to network and hear exceptional speakers address issues and trends in the life of the Church. As the world settles into a post-pandemic 'normal' the Assembly is already back to full capacity and looking forward to hearing from exceptional and inspirational speakers.

A special thanks to our 2020 sponsors:

- Thynne and Macartney
- Duchesne College
- Norman Hotel
- Catholic Super
- Archdiocesan Development Fund The Catholic Leader

- St Vincent's Care Services
- PwC
- Colin Biggers & Paisley
- Brisbane Catholic Education

Dr Moore at the annual ACP Christmas party in 2020. Held at The Grove on Queen Street, this provided the first opportunity for members to network after pandemic restrictions.



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