

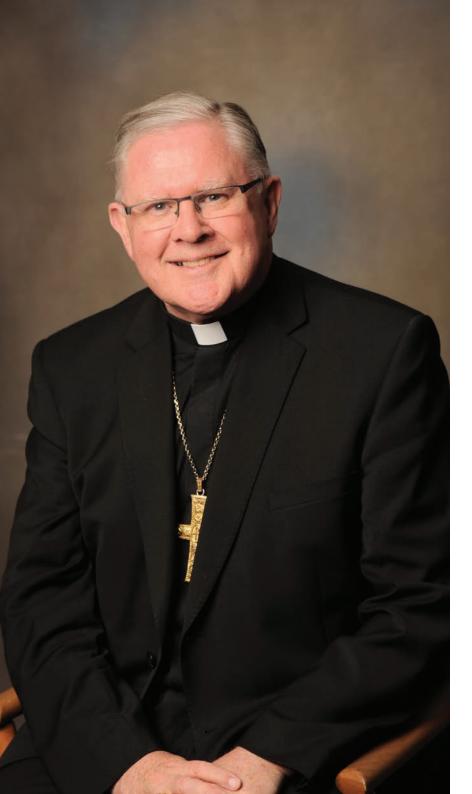


Your faith in action 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Cover image: With the support of a 2021 Catholic Foundation Grant, Sister Salvacion and volunteer Lita Espinosa of St Francis Table Ministry can reach out in friendship to care for vulnerable people in their local community.



# Message from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

C.S. Lewis has always interested me, not just as the author of the Narnia books but as one of the more compelling apologists for Christianity, by which I mean someone who can explain clearly and well what Christianity is and is not. Words of his struck a chord with me recently: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

When I look at you, our supporters, through the eyes of Christian faith, I see the light of your generosity shining through the darkness of a year that has brought pandemic, floods and war. That is the light of the Gospel - the Good News of an infinitely generous God.

The light shines through you in the comfort you bring to our retired priests, in the support you offer to our future priests in the seminary, in the care you provide to those living on the margins of society, and in the hand you lend to families suffering hardship, who dream of a Catholic education for their children.

By and large ours is a wealthy and peaceful society, where most of us will never know the pangs of hunger or the scourge of war. Yet there are many among us who are suffering in different ways, not least of which is the pain of loneliness. This report tells the story of how your gifts and prayers have reached into the suffering of people to make a real difference in their lives and to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

May the God of peace bless you and all involved in the work of the Catholic Foundation which allows the sun to rise in dark places.

As always in the Lord,

Most Rev Mark Coleridge

+ Marching

Archbishop of Brisbane

# Your impact in 2021

You have been so generous and kind in your support. Thank you for working with us to make the world better for those who need our care and compassion.

You can be sure your loyalty and support sustain the good works of the Church, and the ministries

we serve.

HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

18

seminarians in formation

4

seminarians completed pastoral placement

deacons ordained

MARY MACKILLOP BRISBANE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ACCESS FUND

54

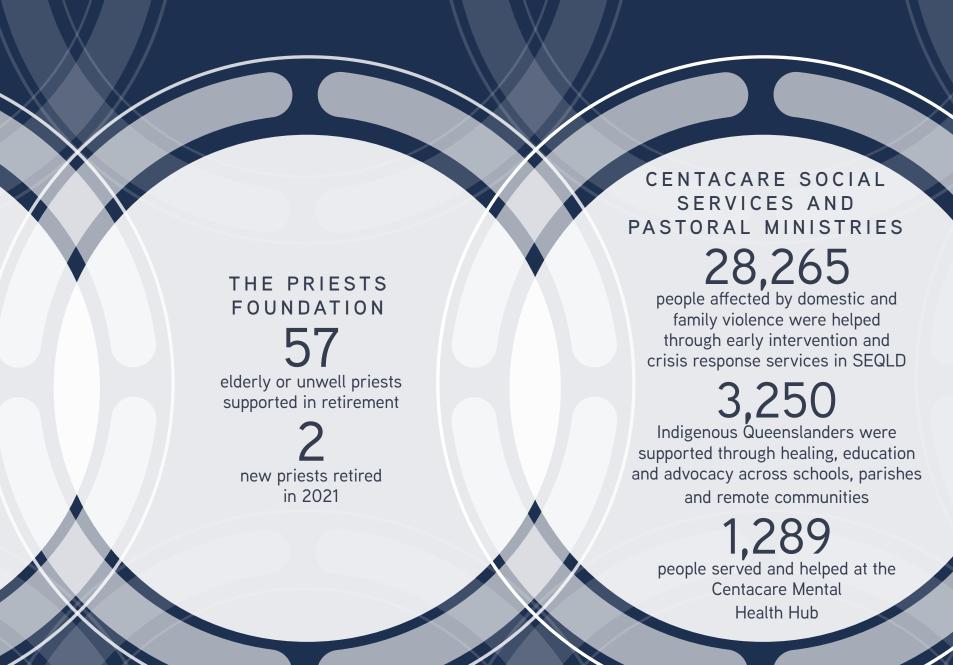
bursary students enrolled in 2021

12

new students awarded bursaries

3

bursary students graduated at the end of 2021







# Ordaining new priests to ensure future leaders for our Church

In 2021, Holy Spirit Seminary said farewell to Monsignor John Grace after six years as Rector of the regional seminary for Queensland. In a fond farewell to donors, Monsignor John said: "These past six years have been simply marvelous – I have both taught and learned from our seminarians, and I have loved seeing these men of God grow in their faith and their calling. I will always cherish my time at Banyo and continue to keep everyone here in my prayers."

Monsignor was there when seminarians El Louie Jimenez and Nathan Webb were ordained to the diaconate in November 2021, and these men of God extended their personal thanks to Monsignor after their ordination. "I want to offer my special thanks to outgoing Holy Spirit

Seminary Rector, Monsignor John Grace for his guidance and leadership throughout my initial formation journey," Nathan said.

Monsignor's favourite memory of his time at the seminary will be recalling all who have been part of the journey. Students, staff, and supporters - whether by way of prayer, financial giving, interest, or encouragement. "These are the ingredients of a contented life and you have provided them in abundance," he said.

"I especially want to thank our generous supporters. They have been an integral part of this 'teaching chapter' in my life. I am always uplifted and encouraged to hear how their faith moves and motivates their generosity."

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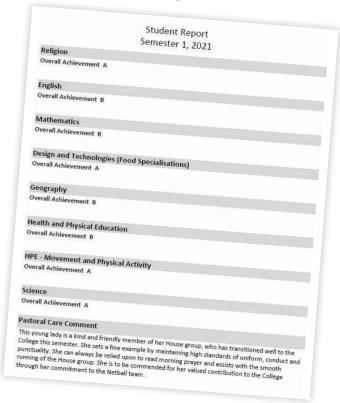


### You gave a young student a place to belong

Anna\* lost her mum to cancer at a very young age and then 10 years later her dad died of cancer as well. At a very vulnerable time in her life, this young lady moved away from the only home and school she's ever known to live with her oldest sibling in Brisbane. She received a MacKillop Fund bursary to attend the local Catholic school in 2021.

Through the generosity and kindness of MacKillop supporters, Anna is settled in her new home. Her brother shared with us that she has immersed herself in her new school and life. She has made good friendships with kind, studious and generous classmates. He also mentioned how supportive her teachers have been to her.

Thank you for giving children like Anna the gift of a Catholic education and community. It has literally changed her life in the best possible way.



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<sup>\*</sup>To protect her privacy, we change Anna's name in publications and do not use her real image.





# You gave our elderly and frail priests a dignified retirement

Father Leo Burke may be retired from active ministry, but he is still active in his faith and community. "We do what needs to be done, and we answer when the call comes. This is life as a priest," Fr Leo said.

Our priests are with us for many of life's most sacred moments. From birth to death, showing us the love and compassion of God. They have heard our sins, blessed us with absolution, and brought us the Eucharistic gift of Christ himself.

Fr Leo reflected on his life as a priest with joy and gratitude. "Looking back, I enjoyed my time as a parish priest wherever I have been – and there were seven parishes in total as well as 14 years as the hospital chaplain at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital in Herston."

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# You created a community where people are supported to thrive

Pastoral ministry can be challenging work. At times, it is demanding, difficult and emotionally confronting. And yet, it is vital. It is in this work that we walk alongside those who are suffering from mental illness and the many challenges that come with it. It is here that we show the heart of our Catholic faith.

When you support Centacare, you embrace and honour those who find themselves on the margins of society. Through your generosity, we do our best to help them grow and adapt to a society that has, at times, turned its back on them. You give them the non-judgemental and holistic care they need to grow, learn and strengthen.

Your commitment to Centacare gives those who suffer from mental ill-health access to services like the Mental Health Hub in Fortitude Valley, where quality care that supports the autonomy and dignity of individuals is provided.

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## You empowered grassroots ministry to bring about real change

"I was inspired by St Francis saying, 'Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

Sister Salvacion Bunao is a Franciscan Immaculatine Sister, who works alongside the Capuchins at South Brisbane. She has been personally delivering food and good cheer to vulnerable members of her community twice a week throughout the pandemic, including elderly parishioners, families and the homeless.

Made possible through the support of the Annual Grants Program and donations from the community, she said the ministry was a response to feedback from their elderly parishioners, who were feeling disconnected because of the strict social isolation measures in place at the beginning of the pandemic.

"Right after the lockdown we started to reach out more to our elderly parishioners, families who are really vulnerable and to the homeless," Sr Salvacion said. "The local community really needs more support - they were affected emotionally, mentally and financially, so we're sort of giving them more love, care and compassion."

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## You gave the gift of a lifetime as an Eternal Guardian of your faith

June McLeish was not baptised as Catholic, so it was more curiosity than anything else that prompted her to attend the RCIA classes. "I think I was looking for something bigger than myself, but I didn't know what that was," she said. She recalled vividly her first encounter with a Catholic priest, and their first moment of prayer together. "It was like a bucket of Holy Spirit had just fallen on me. I couldn't explain it then but I knew that the search was over; I was home."

From this powerful first encounter, grew her steadfast connection to priests and their ministry over many successive years. "I would like to generally acknowledge priests as the hardest working members of our Church. They spend their lives in service of others and despite the highs and lows that we go through, they are always there to listen and walk with us."

When asked what made June decide to become an Eternal Guardian, by remembering the Church in her Will, she explained that it was very important to her to ensure that her lifetime of blessings was reflected in her Will. "I have left a gift to The Priests Foundation because faith needs to shape the future for the next generation. I also wanted to remember the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund because I did not have a Catholic school education, and I feel like I missed out on faith when growing up. The gift in my Will to enable Catholic education bursaries for children in extreme hardship is a good opportunity for me to help others to have the chance that I did not have for faith to be sown during school years."

June has also left a gift to Centacare for pet therapy services for children with special needs.

If Wills are meant to be a reflection of our values, then for June this certainly rings true, as every aspect of her Will is inspired by a personal story of faith. "If I were to leave a legacy, it was only ever a legacy of deep and abiding gratitude, for the faith that has sustained me," June said.

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## A gift of enduring generosity and support

Doug Miller has been actively involved in the life and cycle of St Anthony's Catholic Parish in Alexandra Hills for the past 31 years. During this time, he has seen priests arrive and depart, and the parish grow and contract, dependent on what is happening in the world at any given time. "It is wonderful to get to know our priests as they come to us – whether from our own backyard or from places as far away as Africa or South America – they all come with a unique perspective and add to the richness and culture of our parish."

This spirit of inclusion and acceptance drives Doug to participate in the life of the parish. "We all have a gift to share – as a retired tax officer, mine is being comfortable in front of crowds and asking for financial support – that is why I volunteer as an ambassador for the Annual Catholic Campaign."

Doug's generosity extends further than the gifts of his time and talent. He was honoured with a Quinn Medal to celebrate more than 30 years of support to vital ministries within the Archdiocese. The Quinn Medal is named after the first Bishop of Brisbane, James Quinn, who was appointed in 1859. It is given to a handful of people each year from across the 97 parishes of the Archdiocese. The award acknowledges people who have consistently supported their parish and the ministries of the Archdiocese over several decades.

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### From little things, big things grow...

1 Corinthians 13 reminds us that, in God's family, we are measured by our 'attitude of love.' Our words and actions are important, but what is in our hearts is far more so.

In this, Lorna Quillinan is a true example of loving our neighbours and caring for those less fortunate. While Lorna is now a loyal and generous supporter, they always struggled to make ends meet when she was younger. She would walk to work rather than take the bus – saving those funds to buy bread for her seven children.

Lorna has always worked, often three jobs at a time, where she would be away from her children at night. Arriving home in the morning just in time to get the children ready for school, she would then get some sleep and start her day job. Always, while she was working, she would ask God to help her find a way to feed her children an evening meal. He always answered her. She always believed he would. She always had faith.

"You have to have faith that God will take care of everything" Lorna said.

Now that her children are adults, Lorna gives what she can to support others in difficult circumstances. She is not wealthy, but she gives with love. Through her actions, she loves God, and she loves others.

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## A long-term plan for the future of our parishes

There can be no question that the past two years have been hard on our parishes. Churches have been closed, elderly parishioners were advised to refrain from attending weekly Mass, and the faithful asked to participate in Mass through the distance of television or computer screens.

This had a tremendous financial impact on parishes, that still had to ensure the maintenance and upkeep of buildings and grounds, pay parish staff, and make sure they adapt and learn to reach their congregation online. This is when a generous donor stepped in to help. Preferring to remain anonymous, she contacted the Catholic Foundation with a plan to help parishes in need.

A gift of \$60,000 was made to create endowment funds for parishes that needed the support. This donation was matched by the Archdiocese and each of the selected parishes was asked to contribute or start raising funds to grow its endowment into the future.

With this lifeline, each parish is ensured an annual disbursement in perpetuity – one that will grow over time as the parish and parishioners invest in the endowment.

Parish endowments created through this generous gift are:

- 1. Beaudesert St Mary's Catholic Parish Endowment
- 2. Beenleigh St Patrick's Parish Endowment
- 3. Daisy Hill St Edward the Confessor Parish Endowment
- 4. Gatton Laidley Our Lady of the Valley Parish Endowment
- 5. Kingston Marsden
  - St Maximillian Kolbe Parish Endowment
- 6. Nambour St Joseph's Parish Endowment
- 7. North Lakes Mango Hill Griffin
  - St Benedict's Parish Endowment

How endowments fund good works, forever

# YEAR 1

Donor establishes

\$100,000

fund

Fund gives

\$5,000

# YEAR 15

Fund grows to

\$164,274

Fund gives

<sup>\$</sup>7,360

# YEAR 25

Fund grows to

\$216,520

Fund gives

\$9,701

Based on 10 year historical growth.

# YEAR 50

Fund grows to

\$431,822

Fund gives

\$19,348

### List of all endowments

#### Catholic Education Bursaries and Scholarships

- All Hallows' Foundation Fund
- All Hallows' School Catherine McAuley Bursary Fund
- Anthony and Therese Cotter Education Fund
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Education Fund
- Haseler Family Education Fund\*
- Julieann Miller Scholarship Fund\*
- Karl & Louise Morris Bursary Fund
- Kevin M Brown Bursary
- Linnane Family Education Endowment
- Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund
- McMahon Family Endowment
- St Columban's Bursary Fund
- Perren Family Fund
- Reverend Mother Joan Percy-Dove Memorial 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 Endowment Fund

#### **Evangelisation**

- Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment Fund
- Marriage Enrichment Endowment Fund
- Whelan Family Endowment Fund
- NET 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 Fund
- Beaudesert St Mary's Catholic Parish Endowment Fund\*
- Beenleigh St Patrick's Parish Endowment\*
- Bowen Hills Our Lady of Victories Parish Endowment
- Brisbane Oratory in Formation Endowment
- Buranda St Luke's Catholic Parish Endowment
- Burleigh Heads Infant Saviour Parish Endowment
- Caboolture Living Waters Parish Youth Support Endowment Fund
- Cathedral of St Stephen Endowment Fund
- 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
- Daisy Hill St Edward the Confessor Parish Endowment\*
- Darra Jindalee Our Lady of the Sacred Heart & Church of the Twelve Apostles Parish Endowment
- Dutton Park West End Catholic Parish Endowment
- Enoggera St John the Baptist Endowment
- Gatton Laidley Our Lady of the Valley Parish Endowment\*
- Hanly New Parishes Endowment Fund
- Hendra Northgate Hamilton Mother of Mercy Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Endowment
- Indooroopilly Holy Family Parish Endowment
- Ipswich Catholic Community Endowment Fund\*
- Jubilee Catholic Parish Endowment
- Kangaroo Point East Brisbane
- St Benedict's & St Joseph's Parish Endowment
- Kedron St Therese and St Anthony Parish Endowment
- Kenmore Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Endowment\*
- Kingston Marsden St Maximillian Kolbe 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
- North Lakes Mango Hill Griffin St Benedicts 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 Patrick's Church Fortitude Valley Endowment
- 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**

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

#### **Vocations**

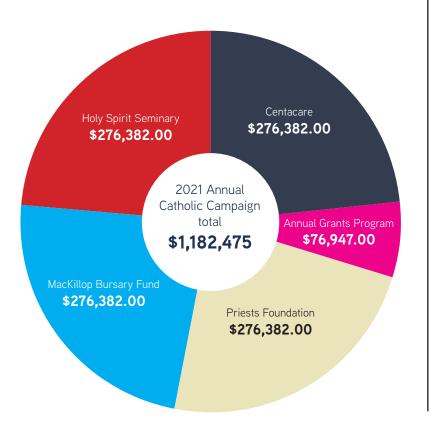
- Borromeo Seminarian Education Fund
- George and Maria Merli Perpetual Fund
- Ross and Maria Girgenti Perpetual Fund
- Ryan Family Perpetual Fund
- Vianney Priests Education Endowment Fund

#### Other Catholic Agencies

- Archbishop John Bathersby Endowment
- Archdiocese of Brisbane Endowment Fund

<sup>\*</sup>New endowments in 2021





# You blessed others with your generosity through the Annual Catholic Campaign

The Annual Catholic Campaign is an opportunity to listen to the words of Jesus, to your own heart, and to the plight of those less fortunate around us. It is an opportunity to follow where Jesus leads – becoming more and more like the Master as we go, until we become so like Him that people see Jesus in us.





I've been a member of the ACP for ten years. It gives me the opportunity to engage with my peers, hear and learn from some incredible leaders, and develop in my faith.

- Susan Rix AM



## Gathering faithful professionals

The Assembly of Catholic Professionals (ACP) is a network of business professionals from a range of industries and experiences who come together to engage with each other and the leaders of the Catholic Church in Brisbane.

ACP luncheons have a reputation for featuring highly regarded local, national and international keynote speakers who share their personal and professional experiences from a uniquely Catholic perspective.

In 2021, the Assembly welcomed Mr John Anderson AO, Ms Pam Betts and Professor John Fraser as speakers, with topics of conversation ranging from politics to education, to the pandemic and medical research.

#### Our ACP Partners in 2021:





















# Financial report

FUNDS RAISED 2021	
Annual Catholic Campaign, supporting:	
Centacare Social Services	\$276,382
Priests Foundation	\$276,382
Holy Spirit Seminary	\$276,382
MacKillop Bursary Fund	\$276,382
Annual Grants Program	\$76,947
Centacare Catholic Social Services	\$292,743
Endowments to perpetually fund Catholic Social Services	\$6,700
Health and retirement of priests through the Priests Foundation	\$646,946
Support for Holy Spirit Seminary	\$562,485
Endowments to perpetually fund vocations	\$81,750
Catholic education bursaries through Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund	\$416,761
St James College Faithful Friends Fund	\$55,779
Endowments to perpetually fund Catholic education bursaries for specific local Catholic Schools	\$544,453
Hardship and Disaster Relief Fund	\$750
Endowments to perpetually fund parish life	\$320,786
Endowments to fund Catholic charities and grassroots ministries	\$100,000
Funds raised total	\$4,211,628

The net cost of fundraising was approximately 18% of the total funds raised in 2021

GIFTS IN WILLS	\$
Gifts in Wills received in 2021 were designated to support the following areas:	
Archdiocese of Brisbane Supporting vital mission and ministry, where the need is greatest	\$951,138
Centacare Social Services Supporting domestic violence, homelessness and pastoral ministry	\$91,243
Parishes Supporting the sacramental life of our parishes	\$469,745
The Priests Foundation Supporting the health and retirement of our priests	\$929,239
Seminarian education Supporting education and training for seminarians	\$20,300
Gifts in Wills total:	\$2,461,665*
Event Sponsorship	\$35,500**
TOTAL:	\$6,708,793

\*Gifts in Wills designated to endowments are included here

\*\*Revenue was applied to event expenses

"Giving really is at the heart of our faith; so I believe that we must have the courage to examine honestly where our treasures lie.

For me, a gift in my Will was an opportunity to respond to God's grace in my life, and support the areas of our Church that are doing such necessary work. I wanted to help members of our community in vulnerable circumstances as well as help our retired priests and seminarians so that our faith will be renewed for the next generation.

This I why I chose to support all four ministries of the Church with a general gift because they are all of equal importance."

Lisa Carter, Eternal Guardian



### Boards and committees in 2021



"I am so honoured to be working alongside these dedicated and faithful members of our Archdiocese community. They embody the mission and values of our Catholic faith, and I have learned so much, listening to their expert counsel in matters relating to developing ministry and supporting new initiatives in our local Church. Through my involvement here, I am reminded that we are called every day to help others, grow our faith, and support our Church."

Pam Betts
Executive Director
Brisbane Catholic Education

### Resource Development Forum members:

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

- Pam Betts Executive Director, Brisbane Catholic Education
- Reverend Peter Brannelly Parish Priest, Caloundra Parish
- Cheryl Caughley Manager, Archdiocesan Development Fund
- Reverend John Conway Parish Priest, St Bernadine's Catholic Parish, Regents Park
- Reverend Peter Dillon Parish Priest, Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish
- 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

# Thank you!

We are truly grateful for the combined stewardship of our local Catholic community over the past year. This report serves to give you a comprehensive look at what our efforts have accomplished through the generosity of our supporters. We do our best to include information that is both revealing and interesting, and welcome your ideas for future reports!

If you have questions, comments, or would like additional information about anything included in this report, please contact:

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