Bringing God's Word to Life in 2025

ANNUAL REPORT

CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

“We are all
in God’s hands.
Therefore, without fear,
united hand in hand with
God and each other
– let us go forward.”
— Pope Leo XIV

God’s word God’s work God’s people

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Cover image: Fr Sang Duc Bui preparing the oil for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen. Photo courtesy of Alan Edgecomb, Purple Moon Photography.

Message from Archbishop Shane

As I continue my first year as Archbishop of Brisbane, I am still coming to know the breadth of this Archdiocese, its history and its people. What has struck me most, however, is the depth of faith and generosity already at work here.

Across our parishes, schools, agencies and ministries, I see the Church’s mission lived out in practical and compassionate ways. I see a commitment to the dignity of each person and a willingness to respond to need with both care and creativity.

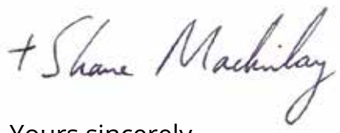
This report tells the story of that generosity in action.

Through your charitable support, lives are being changed in very real ways. Children are given access to education and opportunity. Those facing hardship are met with care and practical assistance. The mission of the Church is strengthened in ways that are often unseen, but deeply significant.

What moves me most is the spirit behind this generosity. It is present in quiet acts of giving, offered without recognition, yet carrying a lasting impact. It is seen in a shared desire to respond to need, to uphold dignity and to contribute to something greater than ourselves.

As we look ahead, we do so in a world that continues to change, where the needs within our community remain significant. Yet I am encouraged by the willingness of so many to respond with compassion and hope. Your generosity enables the Church to continue its mission in ways that are both practical and faithful.

I commend this report to you and I thank you for the part you play in the life and mission of our Church.



Yours sincerely,
Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay
Archbishop of Brisbane

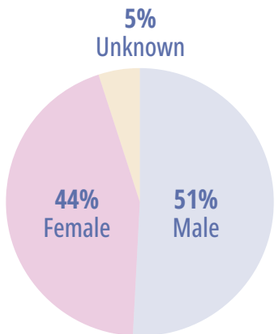
Your generosity in action

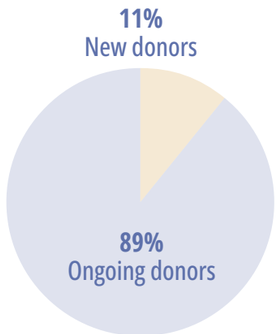
Every figure on this page represents a family fed, a student given a chance or a retired priest given the dignity he deserves. Your support means someone who felt lost has found a community of care – through your kindness, you provide a hand to hold, a shoulder to lean on and a heart to care.

Increase of endowments through the years

Donor profile

From as young as 25 years old to as senior as 103 years old and whether as first-time donors or as regular givers, our loving community of donors came together to support God's work and our faith in action.





Youngest donor **25** years old

Oldest donor **103** years old

Annual Catholic Campaign

$1,380,370 — 4,053 donors

This campaign sustains parish life, grants for ministry and other vital work.

The Priests Foundation

$478,874 — 976 donors

Our priests are the hands of Christ in every hospital, home and parish. Your gifts care for retired priests who have given their lives for others.

Holy Spirit Seminary

$858,557 — 1,110 donors

You are holding the hands of men who will one day baptise, marry, anoint and bury the people of this Archdiocese. Your kindness forms their discernment.

Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund

$604,159 — 1,003 donors

Mary MacKillop never turned a child away – your kindness means every child and family in need can walk through the door of a Catholic school, regardless of means.

Centacare

$427,757 — 639 donors

For the person leaving prison with nowhere to go, the family in crisis or the child falling behind. Your generosity means Centacare can respond with compassion and without judgement.

Grants

$279,912

More than 30 grassroots projects funded through eight generous donors who established named endowments and the Annual Grants Program.

Listen with the ear of the heart

In February 2025, Holy Spirit Chapel at Banyo overflowed as 10 men began formal formation in the priesthood. It was one of the largest intakes in a generation.

In his homily that day, Emeritus Archbishop Mark Coleridge reminded the new seminarians that priesthood was not earned but received as a gift. He encouraged them to listen with the “ear of the heart” and allow grace to shape their journey.

At the beginning of this journey, Holy Spirit Seminary became home. It continues to provide shelter as our seminarians are shaped through prayer, study, pastoral experience and community life. All thanks to the generous faith of our Catholic community.

Third-year seminarian Tito Sagato expresses his gratitude simply: “It is because of you that we are able to be formed. We’re thankful for the support of donors.”

As a student,
more than 70 years ago,
I picked up that St Therese had a great
love for priests and prayed for them.
That prompted my own ongoing prayer for priests.
We Catholics are so very blessed to have young
men from distant countries and cultures to
sustain Catholicism within Australia.

- Margaret Fletcher,
long term donor and seminary supporter

Opposite: A group of new seminarians with Vocations Director Nick Kelly

HAND IN HAND,
MONTH AFTER MONTH

going forward together faithfully

$1,003,390

given by 1,442 regular supporters

A life spent ‘paying it forward’

Eric Quevauvilliers doesn’t give because he has plenty. He gives because he remembers what it felt like to have nothing certain ahead.

Born in Mauritius in 1945, the eldest of 10 children, Eric grew up watching his parents do something extraordinary. After a cyclone tore through the sugar estate where they lived, leaving families with little and nowhere to turn, his parents turned toward them. “At the age of 14, I first noticed how my parents were helping those in need,” he recalls. He has been paying that lesson forward ever since.

His first donation came in 1974, while studying Mechanical Engineering in Durban, South Africa. A Mauritian priest invited him to support a struggling parish and though he felt he had little to offer, Eric said yes.

That instinct to reach out and help those in need has defined the decades that followed.

In 1986, Eric and his family immigrated to Brisbane, where he built a successful manufacturing business. But for Eric, success was always just the means to give more freely.

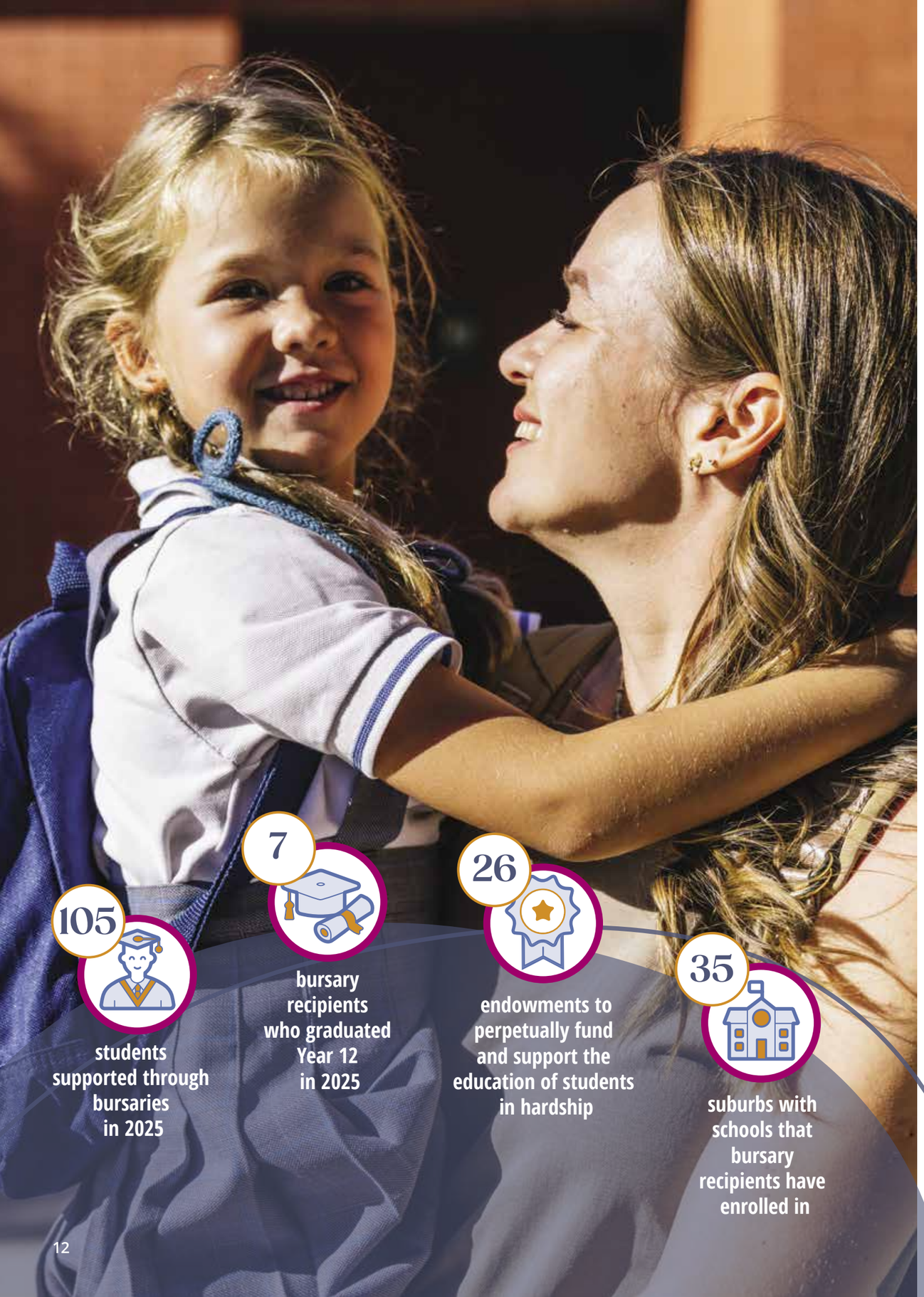
Through the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund, Eric has opened the doors of Catholic education to children who might otherwise never walk through them. “I know that my donations will help a child achieve his or her goal and be a good person with a Catholic faith,” he says. Through Centacare, his support has reached women fleeing violence, people in prison and families facing hardship.

And his generosity doesn’t stop at Brisbane’s borders. In Sri Lanka, Eric has funded housing, shipped medical supplies during COVID and donated mobility aids through the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He gives not to be seen, but to make sure others can stand with dignity, knowing that God loves and cares for them.

When asked how much faith shapes his daily life, Eric answers “Very highly. I am blessed to have a strong faith.”

Opposite

Eric with one of the Sri Lankan families assisted through his generosity.



MARY MACKILLOP
BRISBANE CATHOLIC
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Education through a Catholic lens

For a long time Tara and her mum, Jane, had nothing certain ahead of them. They had fled domestic violence and "home" was emergency accommodation at best.

Today, because of your kindness and care, Jane works, studies and mentors high school students. Tara wins academic awards at her Catholic school.

In between those two moments lies your generosity

A Mary MacKillop bursary provided a place for Tara in her Catholic school community. Her teacher says she has made steady progress across the curriculum, but notes a particular and joyful passion for religious education. "Tara arrives at school already knowing her Bible. She shares stories unprompted. She asks questions that stop you in your tracks" she says.

Outside the classroom, Tara learns piano and singing. At Church she joins in with enthusiasm, asking thoughtful, lively questions about God's family. Tara is not just catching up – she is flourishing. Jane now offers young people exactly the steady presence and support that was offered to her.

Your support for the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund changed the trajectory of this family and through them, the lives of others.

Caring for those who gave everything

In 2025, we farewelled eight remarkable Archdiocesan priests who had given their lives in service to God's people. Together, they represent hundreds of years of faithful ministry, thousands of conversations, countless hospital visits, parish gatherings and quiet moments of prayer. Here we remember three of them.

We remember in our prayers the priests who passed away in 2025:

	Born	Died
Father Leo Burke	31/07/1939	26/02/2025
Father John Kilinko	12/02/1956	21/05/2025
Father Ashley Warbrooke	11/02/1947	1/06/2025
Father Ron Mollison	28/08/1939	16/06/2025
Father Terence Hegarty	7/06/1936	27/06/2025
Father John Chalmers	1/11/1948	30/09/2025
Father Francis Lourigan	26/01/1944	10/10/2025
Father Huong Nguyen	8/04/1949	26/10/2025

4

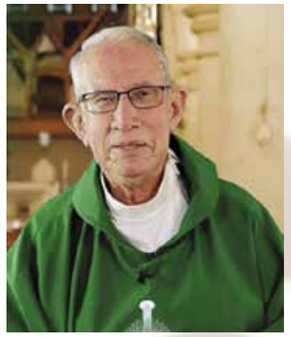
endowments that provide healthcare and support to retired priests in perpetuity

70+

retired priests cared for

3

specialist nurses providing care to retired priests



Fr Leo Burke (1939–2025)

Fr Leo Burke was a telegram boy weaving through Brisbane's streets when the call to priesthood first stirred. Ordained at St Stephen's Cathedral in 1964, he never really slowed down. Serving as hospital chaplain, prison chaplain, supply priest and even cruise ship chaplain, going wherever he was needed.

At the celebration of his 60th anniversary of priesthood, surrounded by more than 100 friends and family, he explained the secret of his stamina: "I'm a people person. I just love being with people."

That love was his ministry. And it never ran out.

Fr John Chalmers (1948–2025)

Fr John Chalmers came into the world with malformed feet, wearing irons for the first 12 years of his life. He might easily have become discouraged. Instead, he found grace within his own vulnerability and it became his greatest gift to others.

As Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge reflected at his funeral, that discovery "freed him to announce the Good News of peace far and wide." Fr John served in parishes, as seminary rector, and for 19 years with Centacare, walking closely with those carrying heavy burdens. He never stopped asking: "what kind of Church, for what kind of world?"

Fr Van Huong Nguyen (1949–2025)

Fr Huong Nguyen fled Vietnam and arrived in Brisbane in 1993, carrying with him a vocation that would require extraordinary patience.

He became one of the first Vietnamese priests to serve in the Archdiocese, ministering across parishes from Caboolture to Surfers Paradise. In his final years he spent countless hours as a hospital chaplain, sitting gently with patients and families in their moments of greatest fear.

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Care is our calling.

You provide a lifeline

There is a quiet reality to domestic and family violence many people never see. Not the bruises. Not the trembling which accompanies fear. But a mother, sitting in a courthouse corridor waiting for her name to be called, who has gone without food for two days so her children can eat.

When a Centacare practitioner hands her a Coles voucher that day, she weeps. Not because of the money. Because someone has seen her.

In 2025, through generous donor support as well as the James Frizelle Charitable Foundation, Centacare's Family Relationship Services on the Gold Coast and Scenic Rim reached out to women and children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who had never asked for help before.

With your support Centacare could give them vouchers for groceries, clothing and fuel. Practical things that mean a mother can feed her children, keep the car running to get to school or buy shoes that actually fit. For children, age-appropriate backpacks arrive stocked with a comfort toy, drink bottle, journal and lunchbox. Small objects, but ones that say to a frightened child: - you matter and someone is thinking of you.

This is what your support through Centacare makes possible.
Not grand gestures – the right gesture, at exactly the right moment, to exactly the right person. Proof you have not looked away.

You made it possible for Centacare to walk alongside more than 30,000 women and children facing violence at home. Thank you for your care.

Teena Ingram,
General Manager, Centacare Family and Relationship Services

Tom and Rhonda with Emertitus Archbishop Mark Coleridge and on their wedding day.

Hands that never let go

When Tom was a boy growing up in Bendigo faith was woven into daily life. Priests at family dinners, at school Mass and at his hospital bedside - their presence was a steady comfort.

“Back then the Church was just part of your life,” Tom recalls. “The priests had time for you. They were there when you needed them.”

That presence became most real when Tom’s father was dying of cancer. Through months of hospice care priests supported the whole family and his mother Gloria’s words after her husband’s death stayed with Tom forever: “I’ve got the Church. I’ve got St Killian’s. I’ve got Jesus.”

Those words would change Rhonda’s life too. Raised outside the Catholic faith, she watched Gloria’s quiet strength with deep admiration. “Watching her, I realised faith is there for you in good times and in hard times,” she says. When Rhonda became Catholic before marrying Tom she was embraced immediately and welcomed into a community that wraps its arms around you before you’ve even found your seat.

Wherever life has taken them – from Bendigo, Ballarat and eventually to Bribie Island – priests have walked alongside them, blessing their homes and encouraging their outreach to others.

It was hearing about retired priests like Fr Wrex Woolnough, grateful for his retirement unit yet quietly isolated, that stirred something in their hearts. They began to ask: what could they do in return?

The answer came clearly. They would leave a gift in their Will to The Priests Foundation. An open hand extended to the men who had extended theirs so many times before.

For Tom and Rhonda, it is a legacy written not in obligation, but in gratitude for a lifetime of priests present at bedsides, around kitchen tables, in joy and in sorrow.

“Without the priests, you haven’t got a Church,” Rhonda says. “They’ve always been there to help us – now we’ve got to care for them.”

Richard Malouf in conversation with journalist Donna Lynch

From gratitude to generosity: The ripple effect of giving

"What I have, I like to give," says Richard Malouf, once known as Queensland's 'pharmacy king', of how he passes on the kindness he has received.

For him, generosity isn't calculated, it is something he feels.

"When I was doing very well in business, I thought people had been good to me," he says softly.

"And as you get older, you give back to the community, particularly to the poor."

He recalls his first donation was to Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor, also known as the Brown Sisters. His mother gave to them and that example stuck with him.

"I give to people where I know it's going to make a real difference," he says.

Over the years, alongside generously supporting the Catholic Foundation, Richard has helped establish housing for victims escaping domestic violence, contributed to aeromedical services and supported his former school, St Laurence's College.

It's the impact of his giving which moves him most.

"When I hear that something I've supported has done some good, that it's actually gone where I wanted it to go, that makes me very happy," he says.

Richard grew up in a Catholic family and used to be a regular at Sunday Mass till age slowed him. But faith is still his guide.

"If I get a call from a Catholic person, I'm probably inclined to look at it more favourably," he says.

Richard has been helping disadvantaged children attend Catholic school through the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund.

"Family is my priority. I've got two grandchildren and I'm glad they've had a religious education," he says.

Through Centacare he supports individuals facing tough circumstances.

Born and bred in Brisbane, his generosity to his community goes beyond financial support.

He watched his father run a factory in Fortitude Valley and in his formative years learned good business leadership could go hand-in-hand with kindness and generosity.

Richard went on to set up his own business, Malouf Pharmacies.

"I enjoyed my work. I loved my staff," he says, talking about employees some who worked for 50 years – with whom he built a lifelong friendship.

Richard's belief in helping others to succeed in life underpins his support for the Church's mission of care, compassion and hope.

Annual Grants funding for projects in 2025 was provided through:

Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment: Youth Evangelisation	$25,426
Religious Ministry Fund: Supports Parish Renewal Including programs and initiatives in the areas of leadership development, youth involvement and engagement, music ministry, worship, outreach, adult faith formation, faith education, ecumenism, Alpha and other areas of renewal of local parish life in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.	$117,843
Whelan Family Fund Endowment: Archbishop's Discretion For the 2025 funding round, Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge has reserved $50,000 for multicultural grant funding.	$66,265
Douglas Foundation Endowment: Theological Education Support for theological libraries, funding guest lecturers, study programs in theological education and publication and information on theological topics.	$26,389
Marriage Enrichment Endowment Supports marriage enrichment programs, seminars, retreats, presentations and events focused on enriching relationships between married couples.	$2,785
Mazenod Charitable Fund: Pro-life initiatives To support and encourage efforts that affirm and promote the sacredness and dignity of human life from conception to natural death.	$2,789
Michael Palmer Endowment for Homelessness Support To serve homeless and impoverished people within the Archdiocese of Brisbane.	$30,480
Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Endowment for the Homeless To provide support to programs or agencies assisting homeless people in the Archdiocese of Brisbane through the Annual Grants Program.	$7,935
	$279,912

Youth-led intergenerational retreat helps vocations flourish

Over four winter days in June 2025, Tunnel Ridge Ranch echoed with laughter, prayer, conversation and song as 90 members of the Darra Jindalee faith community gathered for their fifth annual intergenerational retreat.

Led by the Darra Jindalee Youth Ministry, the gathering brought generations together as a united community of faith.

For the Darra Jindalee community, this annual event is part of a long-standing commitment to intergenerational mission and a belief that faith grows strongest when it is shared across ages, cultures and life stages.

Luisa Laughren, pastoral associate at Darra Jindalee Parish, sees it unfold year after year.

"The fruits from this retreat are profound. Just seeing that the heart is being transformed - obviously it's the Holy Spirit at work but the Annual Grants Program through the Catholic Foundation is assisting in making this happen. We are developing leaders out of this," she says.

"Three former participants are now seminarians, discerning priesthood for the Church. Another young leader is serving as a missionary, helping form students through the Immaculata Mission School."

These seeds, planted in local communities, have taken root in vocation because of your generous support.

The Catholic Foundation gratefully acknowledges and thanks the members of the Annual Grants Committee who volunteer their time and skills to discern funding allocation for the Catholic Foundation Annual Grants Program.

Where faith meets the world of work

The Brisbane Catholic Professionals network exists to ask a simple question: what does it look like to live your faith at work?

In 2025, that question drew together professionals from across Brisbane for a series of events filled with practical advice and thoughtful encouragement.

The year opened with Julieanne Alroe, one of the few women in the world to have led an airport corporation. She spoke about what it means to lead with your values intact and why that is a strength, not a compromise.

In June, the executive team of the Brisbane Broncos joined the conversation. They reflected on the culture they have built together, and on something both elite sport and Catholic life know well: that no one achieves anything of lasting value alone.

In late August, Sister Nathalie Becquart XMCJ visited Brisbane. The first woman ever granted voting rights in the Synod of Bishops and one of the BBC's 100 Most Influential Women, she spoke with warmth and clarity about the role of Catholic professionals in the world today.

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We thank and appreciate members of our boards and committees who volunteer their time and talent to support the work of the Church in our Archdiocese:

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- **MacKillop Discernment Committee**
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2025 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

United for the common good

In 2025, your generosity through the Annual Catholic Campaign breathed life into ministries across South East Queensland that serve the most vulnerable among us. You helped ensure our retired priests were cared for with the love and reverence they deserve. You walked alongside seminarians as they prepared to shepherd future generations. And you opened doors to education, to belonging, to faith for children who needed them most.

Through Centacare, your gifts reached people at their most fragile moments. Families escaping violence and men and women at risk of homelessness. People whose mental health had become too heavy a burden to carry alone. Your support meant they did not have to face those moments without someone standing beside them, offering practical help and genuine, abiding care.

The Annual Catholic Campaign is an act of communion across our 97 parishes and communities. Together, we choose to see Christ in the faces of those who are suffering and to respond with open hands and open hearts. In 2025, more than 4,000 people said yes to that call. And because of that yes, lives were changed, hope was restored and the Gospel was lived.

List of all endowments

Catholic Education Bursaries and Scholarships

- Adrian and Kris Di Marco Scholarship Fund
- Anthony and Therese Cotter Education Fund
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Education Fund
- D'Cruz Family Endowment Fund
- Haseler Family Education Fund
- Julieann Miller Scholarship Fund
- Karl and Louise Morris Bursary Fund
- Kevin M Brown Bursary Fund
- Linnane Family Education Endowment
- Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund
- McMahon Family Endowment Fund
- St Columban's Bursary Fund
- Perren Family Fund
- Reverend Mother Joan Percy-Dove Memorial Bursary Endowment Fund
- St James College Bursary Endowment
- St John Fisher College Bursary Fund
- Stuartholme Sacre Coeur Endowment Fund
- The Campbell and DeAmbrosis Family Education Fund
- The Douglas Foundation
- The Tom Moore Education Fund
- Van Thai and Trinh Thai Nguyen Family Endowment*
- Xavier Catholic College Bursary Fund
- Xavier Charity Dinner Endowment
- Zaccari Catholic Scholarship Endowment

Catholic Social Services

- Ann Margaret Barton Memorial Endowment Fund
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Aged Care Fund
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Endowment for the Homeless
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Memory Support Fund
- Ashley and Shirley Goldsworthy Mental Health Fund
- Aspleycare Foundation Trust Endowment
- Cooney Family Endowment for Domestic Violence Support
- Michael and Rosemary Gibbings Family Endowment Fund
- The Michael Palmer Endowment for Homelessness Support

Evangelisation

- Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment Fund
- Marriage Enrichment Endowment Fund
- Mazenod Charitable Fund Endowment
- Whelan Family Endowment Fund
- NET Ministries Endowment

Parish Life

- Albany Creek – All Saints Parish Endowment
- Annerley Ekibin Parish Endowment Fund
- Aspley – Our Lady and St Dympna Outreach Endowment Fund*
- 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 Fund
- Bowen Hills – Our Lady of Victories Parish Endowment
- Boonah – All Saints Catholic Parish Endowment*
- Booval – Sacred Heart Catholic 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
- Caboolture – Living Waters Parish 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
- Coates Family Music Endowment
- Coomera – St Mary's Parish Endowment
- Coorparoo – St James Catholic 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 Fund
- Enoggera – St John the Baptist Parish Endowment
- Esk – St Mel's Parish Endowment
- Gatton Laidley – Our Lady of the Valley Parish Endowment
- Hanly New Parishes Endowment Fund
- Hendra Northgate Hamilton – Mother of Mercy
- Holland Park Mount Gravatt Parish Endowment
- 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 and 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
- Maroochydore – Stella Maris Catholic Parish Endowment Fund
- Moorooka Salisbury Parish Endowment Fund
- Nambour – St John's Catholic Parish Endowment
- New Farm – Holy Spirit Parish Endowment
- Noosa District – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish Endowment
- North Lakes Mango Hill Griffin – St Benedict's Parish Endowment
- Petrie – Our Lady of the Way Catholic 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
- St Patrick's Church Fortitude Valley Endowment
- St Peter's Rochedale Family Endowment Fund
- Stafford – Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish Endowment
- Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish Endowment Fund
- Toowong – St Ignatius Music Endowment*
- Toowong – St Ignatius Parish Endowment*
- Upper Mt Gravatt Wishart Parish Endowment
- Wynnum – Guardian Angels' Parish Endowment
- Yeronga – St Sebastian's Parish Endowment
- Zillmere – St Flannan's Catholic Parish Endowment

Priests Endowment

- The Priests Foundation Endowment Fund
- The Priests Foundation Endowment Fund – Sick and Infirmed
- St Vincent's Health and 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 Hardship Relief Fund
- Hubert Lindsay Horne Perpetual Endowment Fund
- Triple T Perpetual Endowment Fund*
- The Vardanega Family Endowment*

*New funds established in 2025

A lifetime of faithful hands

For nearly three decades Trish has been quietly placing her hand in God's, trusting what she gives will make a difference for those most in need. For her, giving has never been about recognition. It is simply an expression of faith, gratitude and doing what she believes is right.

A cradle Catholic, Trish and her husband Ben, who became Catholic a few years before they met, were already supporting parish collections for missions, retired priests and seafarers when the Annual Catholic Campaign was introduced. Moving to a monthly gift felt natural — a small steady gesture, month after month. "We just thought it was a good way to give," she says. "It was easier financially to contribute a little each month rather than larger amounts throughout the year."

Even on a modest pension after Ben retired, their commitment never wavered. "We still had a roof over our heads," she says. "If nobody gave, the agencies wouldn't exist."

Trish speaks passionately about caring for priests — those discerning their vocation and those who have served faithfully for many years. "They could have made very profitable careers in the outside world, but they've chosen to give their lives to the Church. They need our support," she says.

As a former nurse she also values pastoral care. She recalls a hospital chaplain who supported her and Ben during his final weeks: "He brought Communion twice a week and would sit and chat, quietly pray or recite from scripture. It was such a blessing at a very vulnerable time."

In 2025, Trish received a Quinn Medal from Archbishop Coleridge for 27 years of faithful giving. It's an honour she admits feels a little uncomfortable. "Most Catholics like to do their good works quietly," she laughs. She hopes Ben sees this honour and recognition, because "he was right there with me through most of this."

"Ben would have said a medal is unnecessary but I can almost hear him saying: 'our single gift is not huge on its own, but when you put them all together, they make a difference'."

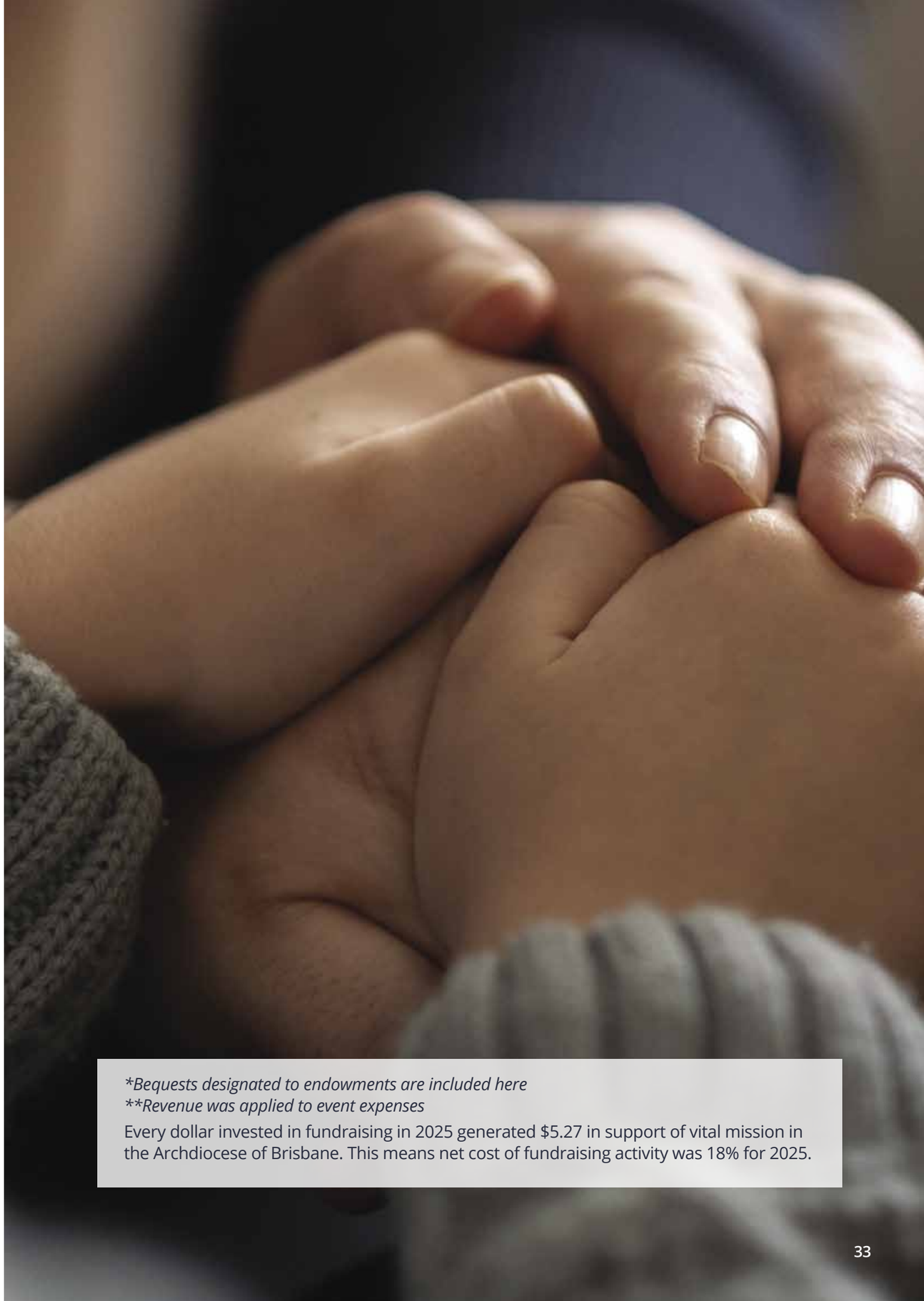
For Trish, giving remains a simple act of faith and belonging. "I feel very much part of the Church. And I'm grateful we've been able to do our small part," she says.

Financial information

Funds raised 2025	
Annual Catholic Campaign	$1,380,378
Centacare Catholic Social Services	$427,757
Health and retirement of priests through The Priests Foundation	$478,874
Support for Holy Spirit Seminary	$858,557
Catholic Education Bursaries through Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund	$604,159
St James College Faithful Friends Fund	$250,306
Total funds raised in 2025	**4,000,031**

Endowments	
Perpetual endowments to fund parish life	$7,883,482
Perpetual endowments to fund vital ministry	$202,911
Perpetual endowments to fund education bursaries for specific local schools	$364,353
Total funds raised for perpetual endowments	**$8,450,746**

Bequests	
Archdiocese of Brisbane – Supporting vital mission and ministry, where the need is greatest	$38,111
Centacare Social Services – Supporting domestic violence, homelessness and pastoral ministry	$31,127
Supporting seminarian education	$325,960
Parishes – Supporting the sacramental life of our parishes	$1,026,285
The Priests Foundation – Supporting the health and retirement of our priests	$850,189
Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund	$29,832
***Gifts in Wills total:**	**$2,301,504**
****Event sponsorship**	**$67,650****



**Bequests designated to endowments are included here*
***Revenue was applied to event expenses*

Every dollar invested in fundraising in 2025 generated $5.27 in support of vital mission in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This means net cost of fundraising activity was 18% for 2025.

"The Almighty will not be outdone in generosity to those who serve the people most in need: the greater the love for the poor, the greater the reward from God"

— Pope Leo XIV

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