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Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Mass

Tuesday December 3 at 12.10pm
St Francis Xavier's Cathedral followed by Charity Expo in Mary MacKillop Plaza

November 2019

newsletter

Children from St Teresa's School, St Francis de Sales College, St Patrick's Special School, Mercedes College and St Aloysius College with their Christmas stars at last year's Thanksgiving Mass.

Time to stop and say thanks

Catholic Charities has had another busy year in 2019 and it is not over yet with preparations underway for our seventh annual Thanksgiving Mass and Charity Expo to be held on December 3.

This is an important event in the Archdiocese as it gives us the chance to recognise and thank our donors and fundraising volunteers for all their contributions to the Catholic Charities Appeal over the years.

We have enclosed a personal invitation for you with this newsletter.

As chair of Catholic Charities I wish to thank you again for helping us support our nine agencies who are working with the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community.

They are:

- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Mercy House of Welcome
- Catherine House
- Centacare Catholic Family Services
- Calvary Ain Karim
- SA Catholic Deaf Association
- Hutt St Centre
- Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools.

On behalf of Catholic Charities, we look forward to celebrating with you on December 3 as we continue to thank you for your commitment to helping out in 'our own backyard'.

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Catherine House celebrates

Catherine House held its mid-year celebration to acknowledge their clients' achievements and celebrate their success.

Many of the women receiving certificates at the event have attended programs that focused on skill development, including educational and job preparation courses.

As part of International Women's Day celebrations, Catherine House hosted an event which also included performances and presentations from their music group, clients and scholarship recipients.

The event featured a guest panel of five women – former clients who had received a Kym Adey Catherine House UniSA scholarship and had either finished their Bachelor degree or were part way through.

TOP RIGHT: L-R: Sr Anne Tormey, Catherine House Board member; Deirdre Flynn, director Client Services; Wendy Teasdale-Smith, volunteer; former client Tess and CEO Louise Miller Frost.

RIGHT: The panel included Catherine House volunteers and supporters including representatives from UniSA Partnership and Fisher Jeffries pro bono legal services.

Hutt St Centre

More than 5000 people stepped out bright and early on Friday August 9 for Hutt St Centre's 11th annual Walk a Mile in My Boots event. By walking one mile together, participants including Diocesan office staff showed the community that homelessness is an important issue.

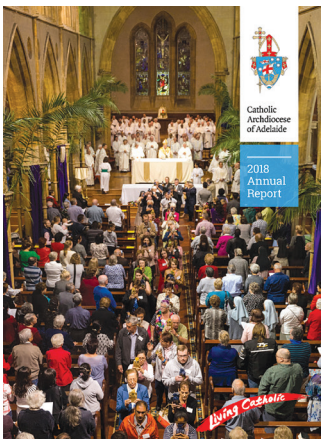
Another social Justice initiative organised via the Diocesan Centre involved staff contributing 'socks and soup' for Hutt St Centre clients for the month of June. The Centre is one of the organisations supported through Catholic Charities and during winter there is an urgent

need for warm clothing and non-perishable food items. Donations included more than 100 cans of soup, numerous boxes of 'cuppa soup', many pairs of socks and lots of beanies. Michael Francis from the Hutt St Centre was very grateful for the donations when Gen Honner and Aida Best delivered them. (Pictured above.)

SA Catholic Deaf Association

Sr Majella O'Sullivan reflected on her life as a Sister of St Joseph during National Vocations Awareness Week (August 4-11).

Sr Majella is pastoral associate to the South Australian Deaf Community, a role supported by Catholic Charities. "I try each day to do as Mary MacKillop encourages us all to do: 'Listen to the Whisperings of God in your Heart' (1868)."



Annual Report

The Adelaide Archdiocese dates back to 1842 and today is home to more than 280,000 Catholics.

Find out about the work of the Archdiocese as well as Catholic Charities news and its financial report.

You can view the report at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/news-and-events/publications.

Young fundraisers do us proud

Catholic schools have again come up with lots of ideas to raise money for Catholic Charities during September. The types of fundraising activities happening appear to be limitless!

Catholic Charities is happy to support their fundraising efforts by providing online resources. The online educational resources page on the me4u website is where teachers can order me4u badges and stickers, leaflets and posters, show the Catholic Charities video to their classes and find out about the agencies we raise money for – www.me4u.org.au

St Paul's College (Photo 1) ran a market day where Year 6 students raised $1026.

Dominican School, Semaphore, (2) which had been supporting the work of Catholic Charities for a number of years and see it as a way to focus on their mission to live justly as people of hope, recently held a Socking it for Justice Day when children paid to wear their craziest socks.

St Augustine's School (3) ran a $2 fun fair which raised $1093 and the **School of the Nativity** (4) ran a Spring Fling raising approximately $120.

Stella Maris Parish School (5) Year 6 students ran stalls for Catholic Charities week as part of their studies and the community generously embraced the day by raising $1057.

Cabra Dominican College (6) has a Year 9 unit called Community Café. The proceeds from their café are donated to Catholic charities. They all had fun making a range of muffins and some fantastic coffee was produced!

St Raphael's (7) invited Catholic Charities to run the BBQ at their Sports Day on a beautiful sunny day. Catholic Charities staff and volunteers worked the BBQ and the students all had a lot of fun!

St Aloysius College (8) collect and generously deliver easter eggs each year to a number of Catholic Charities agencies, including Catherine House and Centacare.

Catholic Charities thanks everyone involved for their efforts in supporting the important work of agencies helping people in the South Australian community.

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Catholic Charities ran our annual appeal to donors, schools and parishes again this year. We included images of all the people we help on the front cover along with incorporating the me4u design in the leaflet and poster. Over 45,000 leaflets were packaged up and sent out.

me4u is on Facebook!

Catholic Charities' bright and colourful me4u website and Facebook page highlight and celebrate the fundraising work done in schools to help those 'in our own backyard'.

Check them out and like the page!

Please contact Annie O'Neill to share your fundraising stories.

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Bishop Murphy event

Society members attended a recent tour of Trinity Church, South Australia's founding Church on North Terrace, organised as part of the SA History Festival. The Bishop Murphy Society has been established to honour the generosity of those individuals who have pledged a bequest for any of the good works of the Adelaide Archdiocese. The Bishop Murphy Society is named in honour of Bishop Francis Murphy, the first Catholic Bishop of Adelaide (1844-1858).

Members of the Bishop Murphy Society receive a unique pin featuring St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, a certificate and invitations to special events.

For more information contact Jane Juniper by email bequestoffice@adelaide.catholic.org.au

Golf Day

Catholic Charities held its annual Golf Day on September 16 2019.

The event is run by members of the Southern Cross Golf Club who form the Golf Committee. This year more than 100 golfers attended.

The 2018 event was held on September 24, 2018 at the Westward Ho Golf Club. Peter McCarthy, (pictured) Chair of Catholic Charities Golf Committee, was able to present a cheque for $15,300 to Liz Greenham, Operations Coordinator, Disability Services Centacare Catholic Family Services.

World Youth Day 2019

More than 600 young people and several hundred volunteers, performers, clergy, Religious and agency representatives including Catholic Charities, Hutt St Centre, Centacare and Caritas (pictured left), gathered at Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park, on January 27 to celebrate WYD.

The above artwork was coloured in by all the young people on the day, which was a great success.