



your charity

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a centralised fund for the support of charitable and pastoral activities of the Sydney Archdiocese that extend beyond the limits of any single parish. The CWF is administered by a committee representing parishes, the Archdiocese and the agencies which are supported by the Fund. The committee, currently chaired by Father Phillip Linder, meets regularly to oversee the parish and school appeals, to set parish assessments and supervise the distribution of funds to the agencies.

CWF supports the following agencies:

CatholicCare

CatholicCare stands in the Catholic tradition of compassion and concern for social justice. Its role is to facilitate the development of individuals, families and communities most in need through quality services, research and advocacy. As the official Catholic social service agency for the Archdiocese of Sydney, CatholicCare delivers over 100 programs in many areas including ageing, dementia and disability care, children and youth services, employment and training, and family services. ■

Chaplaincies

The Charitable Works Fund supports the chaplains and the services they provide in our hospitals, prisons and universities.

- **In Universities:** The University Chaplaincy in its current form was established by Cardinal Pell in 2002. It aims to create a Catholic culture on campus and provide spiritual and friendship support to all students.
- **In Hospitals:** Our chaplains minister to both the sick and those affected by the person's illness. There are approximately 20 religious and lay chaplains working in a variety of roles within our major hospitals in the Sydney region.
- **In Prisons:** Our Chaplaincy office provides a range of services from Mass to prayer reflections, counselling, assistance and general support for family and friends. ■

Ephpheta Centre

The Ephpheta Centre provides services to deaf and hearing impaired people in the dioceses of Sydney, Broken Bay and Parramatta. The Centre offers services such as Sunday Mass in sign language, sacramental preparation for both children and adults, pastoral care and community support, outreach to families with young deaf children, advocacy services, spiritual development and leadership. ■

Seminaries

The Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary in Chester Hill support the education and training of future priests for the Sydney Archdiocese and other dioceses within NSW. They help in the development of the human character in the spiritual life, in the pastoral skills and academic training to enable priests to be ready to carry out their mission in the Church. ■

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine is an autonomous non-profit organisation for the purpose of providing religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools.

Since its formation in 1958, CCD Sydney has taught over 1 million Catholic children in public schools. Currently 31,000 children are taught every week in some 400 schools across Sydney. This work is a direct result of the tireless efforts and selfless generosity of 1,900 dedicated people we call catechists. ■

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM)

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry's aims are to give Aboriginal aspirations a voice and to develop Aboriginal Catholic communities with local Aboriginal leadership. ACM works towards understanding and acceptance of Aboriginal protocols and culture within the Catholic Church. It promotes reconciliation among our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal parishioners, school groups and religious. Its ministry encourages Aboriginal people to feel accepted and welcome in the Catholic Church. ■



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