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# Caritas in Action: Caritas Australia is there before, during and after disasters

CEO of Caritas Australia, Kirsty Robertson, explains how Caritas Australia works with vulnerable communities before, during and after crises.

“What happens when people and communities are facing hard times and when a Caritas organisation steps in.”

**I**magine that you are fleeing your country after your hometown is bombed. After walking hundreds of kilometres on foot, you reach a shelter where you are given hot food, a clean bed, blankets and warm clothing. A kind church volunteer squeezes your hand and tells you how to safely find accommodation over the border, and they pray for your safety.

Imagine that you live deep in the desert, in a small hut. After years of drought, everything has died. Then you hear about another place not far away where the local church has set up a water source, where water runs for an hour each day from a tap attached to a borehole. For the first time in years, you are able to drink clean water until you are no longer thirsty.

Imagine that you have been imprisoned in a Cambodian prison for many years, after growing up in poverty. You had few opportunities in life, so when you get the opportunity to learn to be a beautician, the impact it has on you is profound. It is the first time you feel that somebody has cared enough to teach you a skill, to help you out in life.

Every one of these examples is real. They are examples of what happens when people and communities are facing hard times and when a Caritas organisation steps in. Usually the problem is big, but very often one small solution, like a water source, a bowl of hot soup, or an opportunity to learn can make a big difference.



Working with vulnerable communities

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What sets Caritas Australia apart from others is that we are in communities long after any disaster. After the news crews have packed up and gone home, we are still there. Usually this is because we were already there, working across over 160 Caritas member organisations and the extraordinary church network across the world.

And this is what matters - is that somebody is there, and that they stay. We're in communities regardless of if there's a project or funding, because of our deep connection to the fabric of society at a global level. It means our projects are based on long-term relationships, not on politics or trends.

And this is why these three stories are possible.

In a dusty remote region of Ethiopia, I met a local priest who looked after the boreholes and

other water infrastructure, so his community would still have water during the endless drought. In a Cambodian prison I met a woman called Srey Un who now sells nail polish from an online shop with her beautician training that she gained in prison. And as bombs fell on Ukraine, the Caritas network of volunteers rose up in their thousands to respond and give so many Ukrainians comfort and aid on their journeys.

This is the power of the Caritas network. It is the collective strength of our Confederation and of our supporters. Supporters whose generosity still astounds me after all this time. Supporters who are endlessly generous and who want to make an impact for those who need it most. Supporters who stand with us against injustice and inequality, who stand

with us for hope, for dignity and for change. I am proud to be a part of the Caritas network, but more than that I am proud to be part of our special community of supporters. If we all do our bit, we can make a difference and together, we are creating meaningful, powerful positive change.

Caritas means love and compassion, and it is one of the only things that really has the power to change the world. To me, and to the people we work with, it also means hope. It is the hope that the world can become a more equal and just place for all.

We are there. Before, during and after disasters.

And so are you.

*Your generous support today can help to change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable people for a better, more just tomorrow.*



# We are there



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# Supporting Mary MacKillop Today's First Nations Scholarships - Making a difference

CEO of Mary MacKillop Today, Jane Woolford, talks about the power of scholarships.

"I'm a teacher, let's start today!"

– Saint Mary MacKillop

I spent many years as a teacher where I witnessed the transformative power of education on a child's life. That's why I joined Mary MacKillop Today — because, like Saint Mary, I believe education is the key to improving lives through opportunities.

With the generosity of supporters, we do whatever it takes to continue Mary's inspiring legacy as a growing force for change. And one of the most compelling ways I've seen this in action is through our First Nations Scholarship Program.

**For too long, First Nations people have been significantly underrepresented in the education system.** In 2021, only 47% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 25–34 years had completed a tertiary qualification — compared to nearly 76% of non-Indigenous people.

But right now, you have the chance to change lives, just like Mary did, by supporting crucial scholarships for aspiring students.

## What makes our scholarships unique?

- **Needs-based scholarship** — where opportunities go to the students who need it most.
- **Education pathways** — students can complete a certificate or a diploma so they can be better prepared to tackle a bachelor's degree in the future.
- **Flexible** — people have the flexibility to use their scholarship funds in the way they need it, whether that's to pay for childcare or to buy a laptop.
- **Not bound by time** — students can take extended leave when needed, because graduation is the



Tegan is proud to be a role model for her children.

PHOTO: 'CAPTURED BY PETA'

outcome we want for students.

- **Cultural connections** — students can study in a culturally safe environment at carefully selected tertiary institutions that have strong Indigenous units with services to support a student's whole journey.
- **Access to strong partnerships** — extensive consultations with students, mentors, and supervisors from First Nations tertiary education centres.

## Let me introduce you to Tegan, a proud First Nations mum.

"I've wanted to be a schoolteacher since I was young.

However, when I finished high school, my life took a turn and I had my first baby, Ryder, just a few years later. I took a job in retail to pay the bills and I had two more beautiful children, Ruby and Oli.

*One day, I found myself thinking, "What sort of life do I want for myself — and for my kids?"*

The next year, I started my teaching degree. But in my second year

of studying, Ryder was diagnosed with leukemia at nine years old. I had a seriously ill child plus a six-year-old and a four-year-old.

Then COVID hit. *I thought, between COVID and cancer, how do I keep going?* I felt so overwhelmed, so I decided to defer my studies.

*When I found out about Mary MacKillop Today's First Nations Tertiary Scholarship, things began to change for me.*

Thankfully, Ryder responded well to his treatment, and I was ready to get back to my studies. The scholarship became my survival tool. It helped me pay the mortgage, buy food and petrol so I could study full-time.

**When First Nations people receive scholarships, it is a circuit breaker. I'm the first in my family to go to university.**

It's been an eventful road. But I did it. I'm so proud that I got to the other end and finished my Bachelor of Education (Primary). **I AM NOW A TEACHER!**

*I am forever grateful for this schol-*

*arship. Without it, I don't know how I would've made it this far."*

**Tegan — proud First Nations scholarship recipient, teacher and mum.**

Tegan was losing hope of achieving her dream... Until her pressure to work full-time while studying was lifted — and that's because of the scholarship she received, made possible by our generous supporters.

## When you support Mary MacKillop Today's First Nations Scholarships:

- So many students like Tegan can be the **first in their family to go to university**
- More students make it to graduation day as **tertiary drop-out rates are reduced**
- Students work towards **overcoming challenges and achieving their dreams**
- Graduates have a better chance at **succeeding in the working world and living independently**
- Future generations of learners have **better opportunities to reach their full potential and flourish.**

Here in Australia and in neighbouring countries, Mary MacKillop Today has a range of programs to bring education opportunities — not only for aspiring students, but also for rural Australians seeking financial education, parents learning to support their children's schooling in Timor-Leste, women learning skills to earn a fair income in Peru, and empowering young women to be agents of change within their community in Fiji.

But none of this is possible without our supporters. If you are in a position to give, I urge you to support our work, knowing you will make an enormous difference in the lives of so many people.

*Please make your life-changing tax-deductible donation at [www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/donate)*



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# Will you help support their retirement?

When a priest retires usually at age 75 and often after giving fifty years or more of service, he is no longer supported by his Parish.

It then becomes our duty to look after our priests in respect of their years of selfless service to generations of our families.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation was established for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney by the late Cardinal George Pell to ensure that every retired or sick priest receives the healthcare, accommodation and financial support that he may require.



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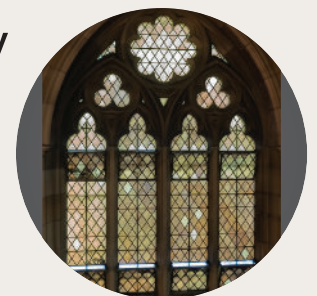


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# Supporting vocations in our seminary

Sixth-year seminarian Adrian Suyanto is so grateful for the financial support provided by the Charitable Works Fund through the Archdiocese of Sydney



Adrian Suyanto, a sixth-year seminarian, speaks on the support given by the archdiocese's charitable work fund. PHOTO: SUPPLIED



This year the Seminary of the Good Shepherd welcomed 17 newcomers.

PHOTO: ALPHONSUS FOK 321 PHOTOGRAPHY

**A**drian Suyanto, a sixth-year seminarian for the Archdiocese of Sydney, says he can't imagine not having the support of parishioners' prayers as he prepares for priestly life, and is also grateful for the financial support they provide through the archdiocese's charitable works fund.

"One of the biggest things that supports us in the seminary is knowing there are people praying for us, and without the support of our generous donors as well there's no way it could run as well as it does for all the men we have studying here," he said.

This year the Seminary of the Good Shepherd welcomed 17 newcomers, the largest intake in its history.

Mr Suyanto said his own call to priesthood began while he was at university, but it took some years before he finally entered in 2017.

"My first reaction was 'No, I don't want to become a priest, I want to

"I hope to make sure that I bring the presence of Christ to each person I meet, one person at a time, by spending time with them ..."

**Adrian Suyanto**

get married and be like everyone else!," he laughed.

"But there was this nudging in my heart that was always there and didn't go away. In talking about this to my spiritual director I began to realise that it might be possible, and why not try to find out whether this is what God is calling me to be?"

At the seminary, he was sur-

prised to learn how holistic the formation is for future priests.

"Before I joined I thought it would purely be spiritual formation, and while we do learn to pray, that's not all there is in seminary formation," he said.

"Here we also have academic, pastoral and human formation, because the church believes and I do too, that to be a good priest we must firstly be a good man."

Life in the seminary community along with more than 40 other young men has been a joy and at times a challenge, and Mr Suyanto hopes to be a priest who will bring Christ's presence to people.

"The more I have grown in my faith the more I realise how frail I

am and the more I realise that God doesn't mind my human frailty, in fact he loves me more because of it," he said.

"In line with the teaching of St Therese of Lisieux, my favourite saint and 'little sister', in my priesthood I hope that by doing little things I will have the greatest impact.

"I hope to make sure that I bring the presence of Christ to each person I meet, one person at a time, by spending time with them, listening to their troubles, listening to their questions and being there for them just like Jesus was.

"If that makes even a little positive change in someone's life, for me that's enough."



# Donate to the Charitable Works Fund by EOFY 30 June

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# Celebrating 25 years serving the poor and disadvantaged

## Our story



Fr Roger Purcell MSC,  
Director Mission Office

**T**he MSC Mission Office and our supporters are celebrating our 25-year milestone. On 9 July at 2:30pm you are invited to St Mary's Cathedral Sydney for our Thanksgiving Mass. Please join us for what will be a colourful afternoon followed by refreshments (see separate advert in this paper).

This year we remember many great years of service and celebrate so much good work for many people. We also look ahead to the future as there are always a need to improve the lives of people to give them a better standard of living.

Importantly we are all sent to "proclaim the Good News to all people. The Church exists in order to evangelise" - Pope Paul VI

When the MSC Mission Office was established, it was intended to be a movement making people aware of the work of the Church in the Missions. We encourage people to pray for the MSC Missionaries and the people with whom they work. We support our MSC Missionaries and our benefactors and encourage people from all walks of life to become our partners.

We Evangelise through Action.

The MSC Mission Office through the generosity of supporters funds life-changing projects in the Pacific, Asia, India and in Africa as well as projects here in Australia. Programs to provide clean water, provide education and training for youth, health services and environment projects, they all help the poor and disadvantaged.

*Will you help us to assist others?  
Thank you.*

- Fr Roger Purcell msc



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To celebrate our Silver 25-year milestone we have created a special commemorative coin to thank our supporters. We ask you to consider donating \$25 a month for four months (or longer) or donate \$100 or more and we'll send you this limited-edition souvenir in a display box. The coin features a beautiful colour image of our founder Fr Jules Chevalier.

**YOU CAN HELP - DONATE TO THE 25-YEAR APPEAL**

## Why Support Us

We invite you to be one of our valued partners. We gratefully accept any support you may be able to give. The more funds we receive, the more projects we can fund. Good stewardship of your donations is carried out through project evaluation and monitoring results. Full reports through acquittals are provided.

Our charity is well managed and over 90% of donations is spent on life-changing projects.

Our Annual Reports are available on our [website](#).

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We encourage you to consider leaving a gift in your Will make a difference to do many people in need, following in the footsteps of Christ. All bequest income is used to fund larger projects that otherwise would not be funded. **For an information pack phone Father Roger on (02) 9697 0983.**



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We invite you, your group, association, school or parish to sponsor a life-changing project.



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Fr Richie Gomez MSC is the director of the Center for the Poor in Butuan City Mindanao.

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# Somascan missionaries bring much needed support to struggling Sri Lankan communities

**E**arlier in January, three missionaries from the Somascan Young Adults, based out at Moorebank, set off to Sri Lanka to have an experience with a number of communities under the care of the Somascan Fathers.

Faustina Abou Fram, Celine Attia and Larissa Aboud were accompanied by Fr Chris de Sousa CRS, assistant priest of St Joseph's Moorebank and St Christopher's Holsworthy, and arrived at Miani village in Thunnamunai to a shy welcome by 'cheeky little girls peaking through their room windows'.

These children were some of the many orphans who are cared for, both spiritually and physically, by the Somascan Sisters and Fathers across the South Asian nation.

Touring the Miani Hospitality Culinary School, funded for the last 7 years by the Australian Government as part of the "Skills for Inclusive Growth Program", the young adults witnessed first hand the fruits of the international standard hospitality training which has helped thousands of orphans and poor youth from the surrounding Eastern Province in collaboration with the Somascan Fathers.

Over the past year, Sri Lanka has not been spared by the pangs of the pandemic, but rather it has continued to suffer through one of the world's worst economic crisis, marked by soaring inflation, food and fuel shortages, and low supplies of foreign reserve.

For this reason, the mis-



Somascan Young adults, Faustina, Celine and Larissa are greeted by the Somascan Sisters and the orphaned children at the Miani village in Thunnamunai, Sri Lanka in January. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

sionaries had brought with them donations from many fundraising efforts, including that of the 2022 Dinner Dance, to directly pour into the economy of the Sri Lankan people with the aim of supporting small business through the purchasing of food and treats, educational and medicinal resources.

"The Fathers, Celine, Faustina and myself went to Batticaloa to go to the shops to source local products that are needed by the orphanage for the maintenance, care and benefit of the children," said Larissa.

"We then took a walk through Miani Tuition Centre where we got to witness the Somascan charism in practice."

"Any student is welcome to come and receive free tutoring services by teachers to assist kids in bettering themselves academically, particularly where education can be quite poor.

This mission was not just financial but pastoral as the young women immersed themselves in the lives of the children in play, prayer and Eucharistic Adoration.

Each visit to a school in Miani, Thunnamunai, was met with an array of hand woven flower garlands, along with an adorable performance by the students.

"As Miani Thunnamunai was created following the tsunami in December 2004, Fathers Magimaidass and Prabhakar showed us the location where the tsunami hit and hundreds of lives were lost," said Celine.

"This disaster urgently created a need for the Somascan Charism of Announcing the Fatherhood

of God in the area."

"We left the site and returned to Batticaloa to purchase essentials for Miani while concluding the evening with dinner and a rosary recitation in front of the chapel."

The last two days in Miani Nagar was spent enjoying quality time and creating experiences that the children will remember such as a trip to the beach for sport, swimming and sand.

What was most noticeable to Faustina was "the pure motherly love which the sisters have for the or-





Fr Chris shares a meal at the Somascan Missions Miani Nagar Dinner Dance with the children in Miani Nagar. At Right, Faustina with some of the boys from St Joseph's Boys centre in Kandy at a small park where they went on a train ride. PHOTOS: SUPPLIED

phans as they all joined in on much of the fun”.

It has been beautiful for the women to be able to share in this spiritual motherhood during their time at Miani Nagar.

After a final Mass with all the children, the Sisters and five Somascan Fathers, including Father Provincial Lourdu Mariah, the missionaries filled the day with activities and sports in the Miani Nagar Stadium while at night they prepared and sponsored a Somascan Missions Miani Nagar Dinner Dance with all the children.

Leaving Miani Nagar, their mission moved to Kandy where the women were welcomed by large smiles from the young boys, brothers and priests from St Jerome's Boys Centre.

As many of the boys have only been to the Kandy City Central Arcade one time, Fr Chris and the missionaries wanted the boys to enjoy the games and not simply watch the other children play in the side lines.

Speaking to each one,



Faustina was heartbroken to learn of the trauma and brokenness which these boys experience in their families.

However, they were strengthened by the example of the Somascan Fathers who have created a loving family at the St Joseph's boys centre.

Their time in Kandy was spent taking the boys from St Joseph's to the Kandy River where they enjoyed

a boat ride and then to a small park where the boys played on paddle boats, swings and a manually powered train.

It was wonderful to hear that the selfless and charitable charism of the Somascans had drawn so many boys from a young age to a journey to priesthood.

A final highlight before the conclusion of their time was visiting St Sebas-

tian's Church in Negombo where a terrorist attack had taken place on Easter Sunday in 2019 which killed 270 people and praying for these souls and their family members.

It had been a blessing getting to know everyone in Sri Lanka and Somascan Mission looks toward continuing this mission experience each year in our communities around the province and the world.



**SOMASCAN MISSIONS**

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## DOMUS 8.7 REMEDY PATHWAY

Domus 8.7 is an initiative of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to provide emergency housing, legal advice, health care, financial and welfare support to address the needs of people who have experienced forced labour and modern slavery.

Domus 8.7 is Australia's first 'one-stop-shop' service available to business, workers or people impacted by modern slavery to obtain support, advice and guidance on how to respond to potential situations.

Your donation enables direct services and support for victims and exploited workers.

The Global Slavery Index estimates there are 41,000 victims of modern slavery in Australia, trapped in forced labour, debt bondage, forced marriage or human trafficking.

Migrants coming to Australia to work are vulnerable to labour exploitation. The most common form of modern slavery is debt bondage.

Workers often pay excessive amounts before arrival in Australia for visas sponsorship and



Archbishop Anthony Fisher address Anti-Slavery action in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, World Day Against Trafficking Persons 2022  
PHOTO: GIOVANNI PORTELLI 2022

job recruitment fees. The Australian Government does not have a remedy pathway for these victims and there are currently no resources allocated to the establishment of a national modern slavery hotline.

So, what should you do if you suspect someone is a victim of modern slavery? Who do you call first? How

can you make sure people are safe? Victims, are often traumatised and have few resources. They lack information about their rights and our legal system.

Individuals who identify or suspect incidents of modern slavery are provided with no clear guidance on what to do. They are

left to navigate a complex maze of immigration, state and Federal legal systems, welfare and social security.

Catholic organisations need a 'remedy pathway' to rapidly respond to issues of modern slavery or slavery-like conditions.

A remedy pathway is essential to ensure the safety and support of victims.

A REMEDY PATHWAY IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL CATHOLIC ORGANISATIONS TO:

- Provide the support needed for a rapid, coordinated response when victims are identified
- Develop the internal capability of the Church to respond safely
- Abide by Catholic Social Teaching

WHAT IS A 'REMEDY PATHWAY'?

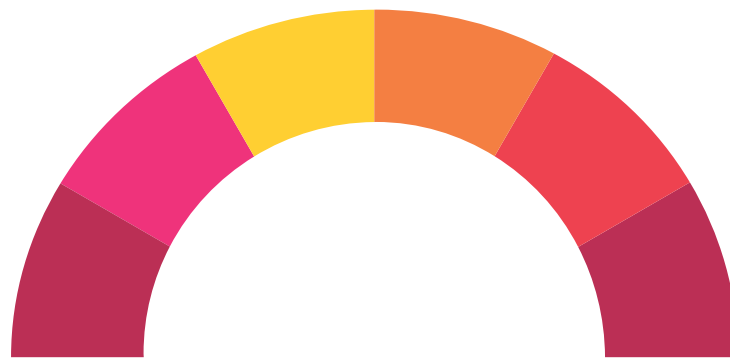
The provision of remedy involves implementing actions and processes to investigate and redress impacts on workers and ensure future incidents are avoided.

The right to remedy is a basic principle in international human rights law. Unfortunately, victims of corporate human rights abuses often struggle to access adequate or effective remedy.

The Domus 8.7 service profile:

- Guidance and advice for anyone with concerns about a person or situation





“Domus 8.7 fills a gap in providing readily available support from a formal perspective, emergency assistance and addressing other needs for people trapped in modern slavery or facing exploitation in the workforce.”

- Archbishop Fisher 17th Feb 2020 SMH

- Coordination with government agencies, victim support organisations and others

- Confidential safe conversations app for the general public to report suspected incidents of modern slavery

- Practical and immediate support for people impacted by modern slavery

- Accessing the service is free for victims and workers.

I called the Philippines Embassy I was anxious about revealing my identity out of fear of retaliation against my family back home and jeopardising my visa. Everyone I reached out to told me to go somewhere else. I had no money and I needed a lot of help. So having a service like this will make a world of difference for victims of modern slavery in Australia.”

\*not his real name

#### Survivor advocate endorsement:

Philippines-born IT professional \*Joshua Cruz left his telecommunications job in the Philippines after being lured to Australia with the promise of a job in an IT firm. On arriving in Australia he found himself exploited, working seven days a week in a factory and as an unpaid housekeeper for his employer. Mr Cruz said he would have benefited greatly if a service like Domus 8.7 had been available after escaping from his employer.

“I was in a really desperate position and didn’t know who to approach for help. When

Domus 8.7 is inspired by the actions and words of Pope Francis, who has become one of the foremost anti-slavery advocates in the contemporary world. His vision inspired “Target 8.7” of the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) which calls for effective measures to end all forms of forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and child labour by 2030. The Latin word “Domus” means “home” and looks to a world of freedom and family life which the Church holds to be the foundation of all human society.

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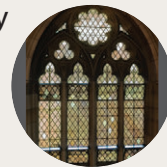




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