



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

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About the Charitable Works Fund

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is responsible for collecting funds for the purpose of supporting the charitable and pastoral works of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

There are six main benefiting agencies supported by the CWF:

- CatholicCare
- Ephpheta Centre
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- Catholic Chaplaincies
- Seminaries

The services provided by these agencies are helping thousands of people every year – they offer comfort to people in crisis, provide advocacy, training and better access for the disadvantaged, support people in their faith development and train our future priests.

The CWF Committee

This is a committee appointed by the archbishop to oversee the distribution of funds collected from appeals, review parish assessments for each appeal and manage the allocation of monies to the benefiting agencies.

Supporting the CWF and Your Local Parish

Your local parish plays an important role in supporting the CWF.

Appeals are conducted through the distribution of special envelopes available at your parish during appeal weekend. Your parish will announce on which weekend they will run the appeal and will have these envelopes out for your use.

You can place this envelope on the collection plate, or send it to the Sydney Archdiocese's Development and Fundraising Office (*see full contact details on the back*).

Donations from pastoral appeals not only help the CWF fulfil its mission, they also directly help your parish. Each parish is given an assessment amount they need to raise for each appeal, based on their financial capacity. **Any direct donations to the CWF are credited to your local parish.**

Pastoral and School Appeals

There are three appeals held each year at Sydney Archdiocese parishes to help raise funds for the CWF – in May, August and November.

Catholic schools are also asked to assist their parishes by running their own annual appeal on their designated date. This may be in the form of a simple gold coin collection, or a fundraising day with different activities in which students can participate in running.

In Memory Donations

The CWF In Memory envelopes are available to families who would like to honour their loved ones through a gift to the CWF.

These envelopes can be supplied to your parish or funeral service provider at no cost by contacting the Development and Fundraising Office on **1800 753 959** or by emailing **cwf@sydneycatholic.org**.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

CatholicCare

CatholicCare is the social welfare agency of the Sydney Archdiocese. It was established out of the recognition of the need to provide more comprehensive social services and training programs.

CatholicCare serves all people without regard to religion, ethnicity or economic circumstance. CatholicCare recognises the dignity of each person under its care and his/her right to a better life and future.

Its role is to facilitate the development of individuals, families and communities most in need through quality services. Its programs cover counselling, accommodation, employment assistance, migrant support, aged care and family relationship support, just to name a few.

The CWF financially supports a number of vital CatholicCare pastoral and charitable programs that would otherwise be unfunded.



Ephpheta Centre

The Ephpheta Centre provides services to the deaf and hard of hearing communities in the dioceses of Sydney, Broken Bay and Parramatta.

The name comes from 'Ephphatha', meaning to 'be open' (Mark 7:34) which is at the core of its mission: it is there to be open in all ways to the deaf community and everything they have to contribute; it is open to seeking better access for this community; and, it is open to welcoming everyone.

The Ephpheta Centre aims to bring the deaf and hearing communities closer together.

Some of the services it provides include Sunday Mass in the AUSLAN sign language, sacramental preparation for children and adults, pastoral care and community support, outreach to families with young deaf children, advocacy services, spiritual development and leadership.



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

The Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) provides religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools through dedicated lay volunteer catechists.

The CCD is currently responsible for the training and support of around 2,000 catechists who teach Special Religious Education classes each week in public schools. It produces and distributes quality curriculum materials tailored for faith development.

Catechists are crucial partners to our parishes in providing answers relating to faith for the education and spiritual development of our future parishioners.

Around 30,000 Catholic school children are taught each week by catechists at around 400 schools.



Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry's (ACM) mission is to support Aboriginal Catholics live their faith and fully participate in Church life through culturally appropriate sacramental programs and the provision of Mass that reflect their unique identity.

ACM promotes reconciliation and mutual understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities through the sharing of ideas and by highlighting the issues that affect all indigenous peoples.

It also provides counselling and access to education directed towards practical assistance.

ACM encourages Aboriginal Catholics to feel welcome and valued in the Catholic Church.



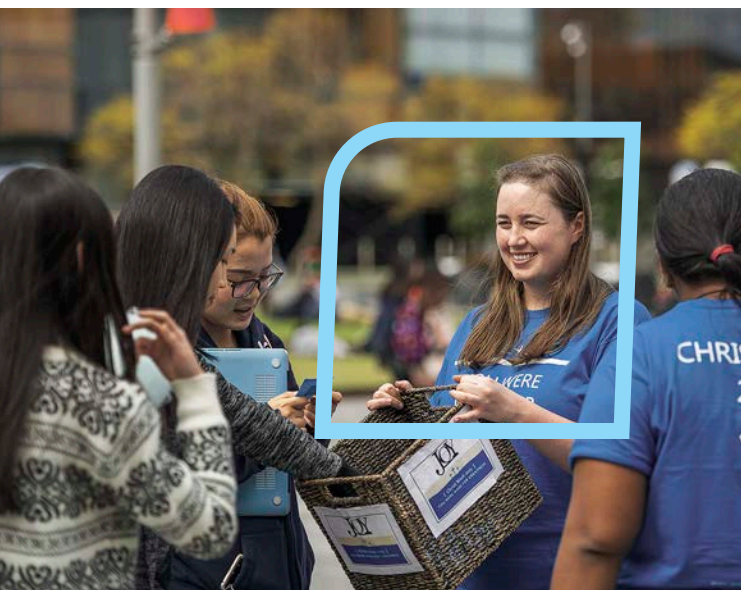
Catholic Chaplaincies

Catholic Chaplaincies aim to provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance to people in need.

Our Catholic Chaplains – both religious and lay people – work at aged care facilities, universities, hospitals and wherever they are called to serve.

Chaplains provide counselling, the provision of Mass and the sacraments or prayers as appropriate. At universities they foster a supportive environment in which students feel welcome and free to express their faith. At aged care facilities they are a great source of friendship and comfort, and at hospitals they minister to the sick and counsel families affected by illness.

Chaplains seek to heal the spirit by being a gentle reminder of Christ's constant love and presence in our lives in whatever circumstances we face.

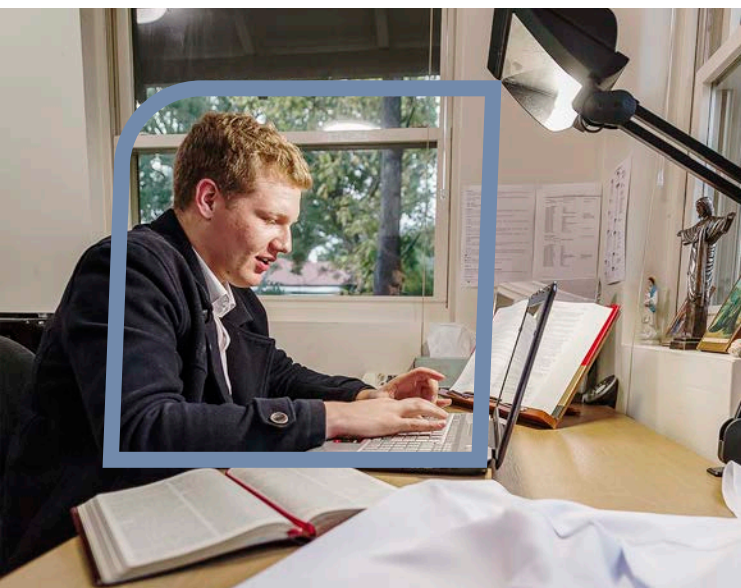


Seminaries

The CWF assists with the training, development and education of our Seminarian students by funding their tuition and access to learning resources.

The Seminary of the Good Shepherd (Homebush) and the Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary of the Neocatechumenal Way (Chester Hill) seek to provide an environment that nurtures the calling that a man experiences for service in the priesthood.

The support our future priests receive from the seminaries covers character development, pastoral skills and academic training to prepare them to carry out their mission in the Church.



A Monthly Pledge for the CWF

The CWF relies on the continuing generosity of its supporters to help fund its vital social and training programs. A pledge or regular gift to the CWF is one effective way you can help deliver its mission.

How Your Pledge Helps:

- Your pledge is a regular source of income for the CWF.
- Your pledge assists us with predicting expected income for the year to help us with our fundraising budget and is a reliable reporting tool.
- Your pledge is receipted automatically and only once a year (the end of the financial year); it's less administration work for us so more of your donation goes towards those who benefit from your gift.
- Your pledge is credited to your local Sydney parish, helping it to fulfil its financial responsibilities.
- Your pledge is easy to set up – simply contact our office and tell us when you'd like to start and how much you'd like to contribute. **You can change or cancel your arrangement at any time.**
- Your pledge of \$2 or more is tax deductible so you get this benefit too, apart from knowing that you've helped other people.

A Gift in Your Will for the CWF

A bequest or gift in your Will is another important way you can help the work of the CWF.

If you're unable to donate regularly then this could be another option for you.

A gift in your Will can take on many forms. You can –

- Make a gift of a specific monetary amount of your choosing
- Make a gift of particular belongings such as books or jewellery
- Make a gift of a particular property you own
- Make a gift of a specified part of your estate (such as a percentage of your estate)
- Make a gift of that part of your estate that remains after you have provided for any loved ones
- Make a gift of your whole estate

Your Will is important, so we recommend that you seek professional legal advice when making or updating one. We also understand the importance of providing for your loved ones first – all we ask is for you to consider a small gift in your Will to the CWF – even a small percentage of your estate can make a big difference in its ability to deliver its mission.

Ask for a complimentary copy of the Wills Guide or to talk to someone from the Development and Fundraising Office for more details. Our staff are available during business hours by phoning **1800 753 959** or emailing **bequests@sydneycatholic.org**.

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.”

1 John 3:17-18



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