



Our *Catholic* Good Works

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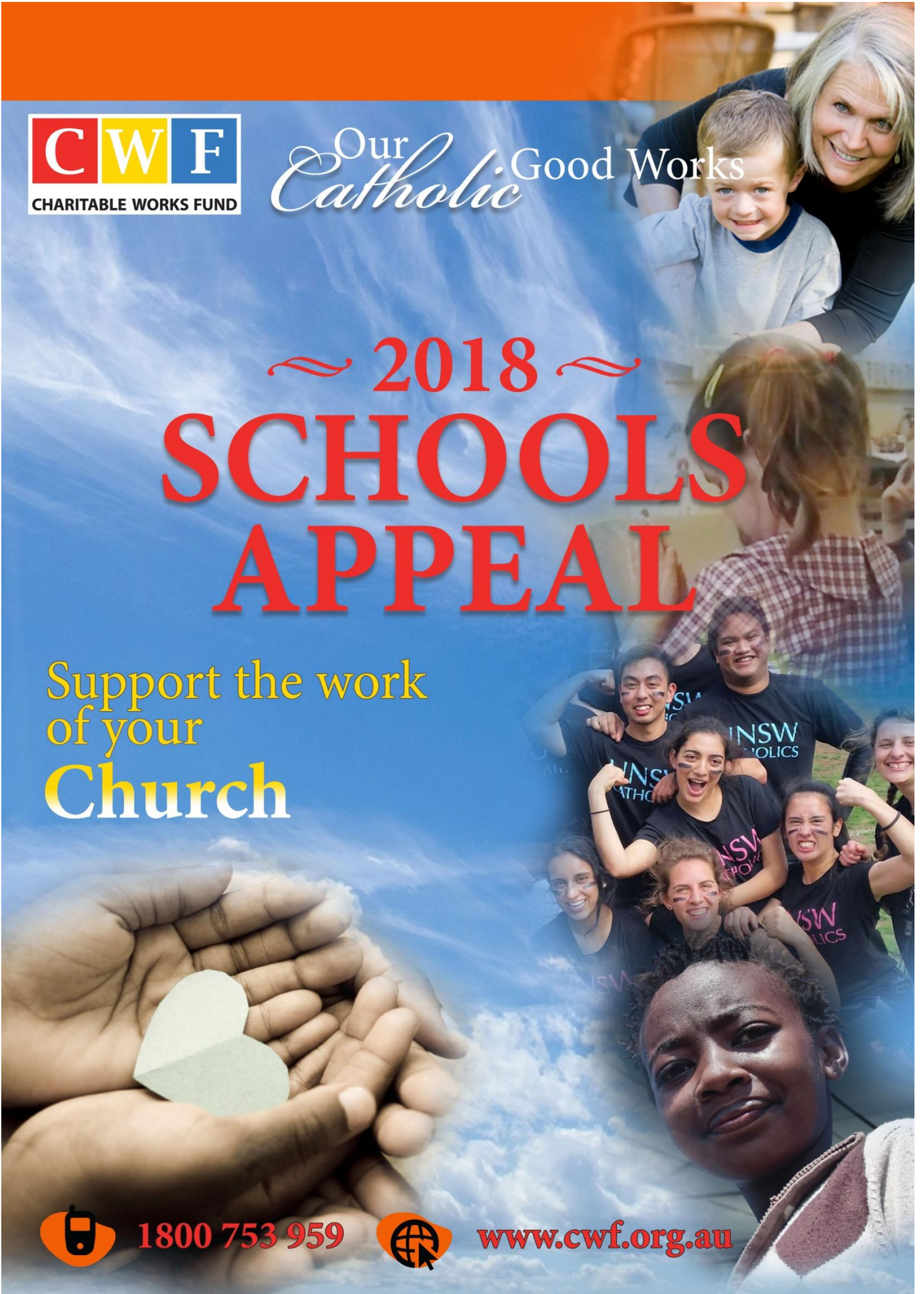
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About the CWF Agencies

CatholicCare

CatholicCare benefits from your donations to the CWF. It provide over 100 social programs that benefit our community.

CatholicCare looks after everyone in your community through the counselling, advocacy and training programs it provides.

- People dealing with grief and personal loss
- Women dealing with issues related to pre- and post-pregnancy
- Women and children suffering from physical violence
- Children coping with separation or requiring foster care
- Young people needing some guidance
- People struggling with gambling addiction
- People who are suffering from an illness (and those affected by it)
- Migrants and refugees who require assistance settling in (including employment training)
- People with a disability requiring employment assistance

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.

Some of these programs many people have come to rely on couldn't continue without the vital funding CatholicCare receives from the CWF.

By supporting the CWF with your donation, you are helping to make a real difference in people's lives.

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Ephpheta Centre

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:

- Ephpheta Centre is open in all ways to the deaf community and everything they have to contribute
- Ephpheta Centre is open to seeking better access for the deaf community
- Ephpheta Centre is open to welcoming everyone

Some of the services it provides include Sunday Mass in 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.

As part of its mission Ephpheta Centre arranges a range of activities for the deaf community (men, women, children and young adults) to engage them in the wider community and foster their sense of inclusion, apart from the personal satisfaction they feel from their achievements.

By supporting the CWF with your donation, you are helping to bring the deaf and hearing communities closer together.

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Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

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

CCD recognises the importance of establishing a strong faith foundation for young children.

Some of the things in which CCD provides assistance:

- Professional training for volunteer (lay) catechists who teach children about their Catholic faith
- Additional training for catechists to progress their qualifications and skills as required
- Supply of quality curriculum focused on faith development
- Parish sacramental preparation programs for catechists

Since it was established in 1958, the scope of CCD's activities has grown considerably – today there are around 2,000 catechists who teach Special Religious Education classes in public schools every week.

There are around 30,000 Catholic school children who benefit from the work these dedicated volunteer catechists do at around 400 schools.

By supporting the CWF with your donation, you are giving our young people – the future of the Church – the opportunity to experience their faith fully and develop a spiritual, Christ-centred life.

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Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) supports our Aboriginal Catholic brothers and sisters joyfully live their faith and participate in Church life.

ACM recognises that Aboriginal and other indigenous cultures have their own unique cultural character – the provision of Mass and sacramental programs recognises and appreciates this uniqueness and have been adapted with this in mind. The counselling and education access services the ACM provides is in line with its mission to look after the person's well-being as a whole.

The work of ACM promotes reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities by encouraging dialogue between them. The wider community develops a deeper appreciation for the issues faced by Aboriginal Australians as a whole.

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Catholic Chaplaincies

Catholic Chaplaincies provides pastoral care for people in need.

Chaplains work in aged care facilities, universities, hospitals, prisons and wherever else they are called to serve in Christ's name.

The work of our Catholic Chaplains – both religious and lay people – include counselling, the provision of the sacraments and Mass and prayers where appropriate.

People who feel alienated from society and experience loneliness find a willing ear in these dedicated chaplains. Chaplains see a person's real worth, even when he/she feels forgotten or neglected.

At universities where lives often lead to different directions, chaplains can be a grounding influence for people in need of friendship and guidance – even if chaplains simply provide the means by which individuals can express their faith.

At hospitals they are often called to administer the sacraments to the sick, or just be a calm caring presence during this difficult time. Loved ones also benefit from easing their emotional burdens through the counselling they receive.

By supporting the CWF with your donation, you are giving our chaplains the opportunity to be a reminder of God's faithful love and gentle mercy.

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Seminaries

Men preparing for the priesthood at the **Seminary of the Good Shepherd** in Homebush and the **Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary of the Neocatechumenal Way** in Chester Hill receive vital assistance with their tuition and learning resources from the CWF.

Seminaries understand that the training of these men is not just about giving them a sound theological education. It is also about nourishing their character and spiritual development and preparing them for this unique vocation.

It is also about sharpening seminarians' pastoral skills so that they can meet the challenges of engaging effectively with their parish and the wider community.

Priests as we know carry out duties beyond the pulpit, so their skills need to reflect the multi-faceted nature of their role as teacher, spiritual counsellor, parish administrator and fundraiser. Our seminarians are given the solid foundation they need to carry out their mission in the Catholic Church.

By supporting the CWF with your donation, you are playing your role in shaping our future shepherds.