Project Compassion 2021







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Dear Principals and Religious Education leaders.

As we enter the new year and a new Lenten season for Project Compassion, Caritas Australia would like to convey our gratitude to your school for its contributions under very difficult circumstances in 2020.

Caritas has always tried to make a teacher's life easier with video and digital materials to support Catholic Social Teaching and social justice during Lent available from our website, and 2021 heralds a new initiative of inviting teachers to register their classes for one or more of the 90 Zoom sessions with our subject matter experts, hosted by one of six Caritas Animators.

These sessions are timed to support access from every time zone across Australia and give equitable access for regional and remote students to quality educational engagement. It is our hope that these virtual immersions will bring the stories of Caritas' work to life in the hearts and minds of students as we respond to the needs of the poorest of the poor.

We want to make your teachers' lives easier by pointing out resources that will assist them with their planning and preparation and provide opportunities for students to engage with real people 'in the field' who work with the most marginalised. Communicating this opportunity to your teaching staff is our next challenge!

To this end, I ask that you pass on this information to your staff, directing them to our resources and our website (lent.caritas.org.au/virtualimmersions) to book:

- 1. 30 minute Lenten Q&A sessions with our subject matter experts, aligned to the story for each week.
- 2. Post-Lenten school sharing sessions, whereby students share 4 slides over 4 minutes about CST and their fundraising efforts with other schools across Australia.

Yours in Christ.

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