

A word from our Caritas Diocesan Director, Fr Rom Hayes

Well, the Sandhurst supporters of Caritas Australia's Project Compassion remained faithful and generous.

In spite of all the obvious difficulties, our Sunday communities and our schools have found ways of promoting and ways of giving which have shown remarkable results. A much greater portion this year was donated online.

The diocesan total reached 393,000 dollars. The diocesan total last year was 496,000 dollars. I think all would agree that in 2020 this is a mighty effort given the times in which we are living.

It is evident that we, the people of Sandhurst, take seriously our Lenten Project Compassion and see it as our faith put into action for the poorest of the poor.

It should be noted that the great results of Sandhurst each year are due in no small way to so many who give from their small incomes. Their generosity is a great inspiration to us all.

I know that the receiving communities of Caritas overseas programs are keen to send their thanks and promise of prayers to all contributors.

We all know that so much of Project Compassion is the work of committed laity. Mention should be made of our Parish Representatives. They are the feet on the ground that make things happen.

Finally, we all want to acknowledge and thank Kerry Stone. She is indefatigable. I think all day and every day she is working on something related to Caritas. Her husband deserves a word of thanks. I believe he is largely responsible for all the house-keeping!

Blessings and Peace to you all,

Rom

