

HOLY SPIRIT ST. FRANCIS PARISH
SACRED HEART SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP
MEETING 1 FEBRUARY 11TH 2025
Sacred Heart Church Foyer 7:30 - 8:30pm

WELCOME: To our first meeting of the new year and to Gabrielle who is joining us.

PRAYER: ST FRANCIS

Apologies: Martin Hyde

PRESENT: Barbara, Colette, Marilyn, Gabrielle, Kevin, Mary, Heather, Martin,

COFFEE: Barbara; a good discussion. 10 Christmas coffee's sold . Coffee for Wednesday & Sunday cost to be shared with the parish, to be negotiated, as it is specifically for scholarships. Box for donations to pay for coffee on the table. A minimum order to be purchased. Still \$8 a packet.
Please try & buy / sell the coffee!



INDIGENOUS ISSUES: Marilyn / Social Justice Statement ??

Victoria is the only state to continue to be in the process of having a Treaty. 1% of our population is Indigenous, 1/3rd are incarcerated in prison! Not good enough!!

The Archbishops Social Statement 24/25

Thank you Marilyn for preparing this conversation: and yes as you say, we are already doing the things the Archbishop suggests!

We should all support campaigns for Justice issues on a personal level.

The young have enough / too many choices making life confusing for them.

BASP: Colette

Food Collection and household items fro be put in th pink basket in the foyer! There is a list of required items on the notice board by the pink basket. Washing powders, long life milk, men's products, deodorants, soaps. Basmati rice. Oil

NO tinned food until requested!

Gift cards for Coles, Safeway, Woolworths, Myki tickets for travel to work !

Residency Visa's are still a disheartening problem; too long a queue!! Only 2,000 have been given! An anxious wait for those in need.

FINANCE:

SCHOLARSHIPS: Fidelio, has asked for assistance to live at the Youth group house in Dili so he is close to the group he has built up, and the hospital where he is volunteering to gain knowledge to improve his skills in Bio Medical science. I suggest \$500USD per 6months to cover rent, food and study.

Antonasia- nursing, received rent and Uni fees through

Ir. Conceicao, we sent her the money.

3 Year 12 students are going well in their studies

3 Primary school Volunteer teachers, \$75 per month. We give Mary McKillop Today in TL \$75 pm for 3 Volunteer teachers, primary teachers.

Request for a girl from Fr Jose, assistant priest in Remexio : Sidonia who wants to do Midwifery. I asked for for a list of things we need to be able to send money if we can afford it. The Uni, costs, Burser, Bank details.

Fr Giovanni, ex PP, has asked us to support 3 secondary teachers in his parish of Turiscai .9 teachers are having trouble getting government funding \$130 per month, he wants us to cover the costs of 3 @ \$130 per month. We will do one.

Are there any parishioners who would like to sponsor a student ??

REMEXIO: Heather, I'm still waiting on Norberto to complete the floor and roof over the playground, he always has an excuse!

Mana Manuela's house has to have the interior completed.

Florinda's house ?? Florida & her son have moved into the house, the kitchen & bathroom are to be completed.

We gave Ir. Conceicao, The Domenican sisters, \$3,000.00 USD for Compassionate Care and Antonasia's uni fees & rent.

Imaculada (Civil EGINEER) has work in Aileu with the municipality, thanks to Camilo who is an administrator in Remexio. She says she loves her work; Great news !

4 Boxes are at DIK Rotary Footscray awaiting shipment with sports uniforms from Sacred Heart school, Books for school studies, letters for yr 12 students from Kilbreda College after my letter writing activity in Yr 11 last year in Remexio & some toys from Colette.

.RAFFLE: Feast of the Sacred Heart June 27th, draw Raffle Sunday 29th

Prizes: Essendon signed Footy Jumper, Painting , Gym Voucher, &800 Southland Voucher THANK YOU :)) 1more prize is required.

Laptops for Remexio? Follow up ?? Both Ir Conceicao & Fr Feliciano want to establish Computer labs in their respective schools; so good working laptops are required...any help here??

ANY OTHER ISSUES ????

Christmas dinner was enjoyed by those who were able to attend. Thank you!

STAMPS: Barbara: Mary MacKillop is collecting stamps to raise funds for their projects, so please scour your drawers for any stamp used or not to donate. A box will be on the kitchen counter of church.

NEXT MEETING : March WEDNESDAY 12TH 6:00PM

