Friday 12th February 2015

Dear Parents,

Every year during Lent Catholic Schools support Project Compassion which is run by Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace. Without it, Caritas Australia could not do the vital work they do. In 2015 Project Compassion raised $11.57 million to help the world’s poorest communities.

The theme for Project Compassion 2016 is “Learning more, creating change”. As Pope Francis says “Education is an act of hope”, so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

A Project Compassion box has been attached to this note. Please encourage your children to support this cause through their contribution of whatever is manageable – a few dollars each week, forgoing something that they perhaps don’t really need, to give to those who are in need.

In Religious Education classes the students will be examining the stories of people whose lives can be dramatically improved with this support. They will consider what they could give up during Lent and put its value into the Project Compassion box. (eg. Ice blocks or chips at the tuckshop, buying Apps, new toys, soft drinks, lollies or chocolates just to name a few.)

All boxes should be returned to school in Week 9, the week before Easter or at the latest, in Week 10.

We thank you for your support in this project.

Yours Sincerely

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