



Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

“Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation” Pope Francis

Monday 12th February 2018

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 2017 Project Compassion raised over \$11 million to help the world’s poorest communities.

The theme for Project Compassion 2018 is “For a Just Future”. This year, Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives. For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been privileged to work together with our neighbours – our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in First Australian communities and in many other countries. Working with our partner agencies in those communities, we have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person.

As Pope Francis says ***“We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.”*** Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*.

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 dollar each week, forgoing something that they perhaps don’t really need, to give to those who are in need. Our small change can make a collective difference for others. Fasting, almsgiving and prayer form three aspects social action that your children will learn about over Lent.

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.)

We ask that all boxes be returned to school in Week 10, the week after Easter Sunday.

We thank you for your support in this project.

Yours Sincerely

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