

## The Good We Rarely Tell Anyone

- Largest NGO employer in Australia: at least 131, 000, of which 98,500 are women (75%) 3<sup>rd</sup> largest employer: Wesfarmers 201,000; Woolworths 197,000; BHP 102,000.
- 721,000 school children are in the Catholic sector
- 1,710 schools:
  - 1,239 primary schools
  - 350 secondary schools
  - 95 Primary /Secondary Schools combined
  - 17 special schools
- 82,000 staff
  - 55, 287 lay teachers and specialist staff
  - 70% of all teachers and 45% of all Principals are women
  - 26,348 general staff
  - 365 Religious
- There are at least 3,200 volunteer catechists in Australia
- ACU is fastest growing, truly national university, an increase of 42% in the last three with 22,932 students (largest English-speaking Catholic University in the world), producing the largest nursing and teaching graduates in Australia.
- Notre Dame Australia won the Kullari NAIDOC Award for the most successful University in indigenous graduations for the last three years.
- 66 hospitals – 9,500 beds (12% of all hospital beds)
  - 19 public hospitals with 3,100 beds
  - 47 private hospitals with 6,400 beds
- 23,200 residential aged care beds
- 5,393 retirement and independent living units and serviced apartments
- 8 dedicated hospices with palliative care services
- 20% of all medical research is done the St V's or Mercy Healthcare Research Institutes
- Largest welfare provider outside Government
  - 63 member organisations
  - 12, 600 employees
  - 500 different services
  - 1.1 million clients were cared for in 2013
- SVDP is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers.
- Largest provider of trained personnel for the Third World and then AVA and Care Australia.
- *Caritas Australia* raised \$37m for the poor in 2013.
- *Catholic Mission* raised \$18m for the poor in 2013.
- cathnews.com is the most visited religious website in the country
- *Australian Catholics*, now in its 16th year of publication, sells 200,000 copies five times per annum copies per edition (five times a year)
- There are 1321 parishes, including 29 belonging to Eastern Catholic Churches, serving 5.4m Catholics of which 662,376 Catholics worship every Sunday (12.2%), which means we could fill the MCG seven times every Sunday with Mass going Catholics. Of this group 94,150 of these Mass-goers are 13-18. In 1996 there were 764,310 Mass-goers, down 101,367 in 21 years (an average loss of 4,827 per year).
- 3,100 priests in Australia; average age: 68.
- Worldwide numbers are booming 1.2 billion
- In 2011 Census: 68.3% have a religious affiliation; 22.3% No religion; 9.4% did not answer. 61.1% Christian (down 3%); 2.5% Buddhist; 2.2% Muslim; 1.3% Hindu (fastest growing religion); 1.2% other religions. No Religion rose to 22.3% (3.7m in 2006 to 4.7m). 5,439,268 Catholics, 25.3%, (up by 300,000 but down .7% as a percentage of the population from 2006).
- Martyrs are still dying for the faith we hold and the justice we live.

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