

## **Vox Populi - Voice of the People**

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Over the next few weeks parishes in the Diocese will be holding our Pastoral Works Broken Bay November Appeal. Pastoral Works Broken Bay is the pastoral charity of the Catholic community in Broken Bay.

We have two major Pastoral Works appeals each year – November and May.

Where does your donation go and who does it help?

The key focus for our Pastoral Works appeals will be the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) and Hospital Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care Practitioners.

More than 750 volunteer catechists (Catholic religion teachers) in our Diocese who have received specialised training, provide religious education to the 14,000 Catholic students attending public schools in our local parish communities. This is a vital evangelisation role, and a vibrant, enriching and rewarding ministry.

The quality of catechists in the Diocese is second to none, many of whom have provided years of dedicated service. Our team has a wealth of experience and an undeniable desire to share their faith with the children and young people they teach.

Your donations support the training of catechists and the development of teaching and learning materials, including multi-media resources. CCD does not receive government funding, so we are always grateful for your generosity and ongoing support.

Our Hospital Chaplaincy is not always widely acknowledged – unless you find yourself directly involved. It is such an important ministry, providing comfort and care, and the sacraments to those who are vulnerable or experiencing loneliness, illness and isolation. Our chaplains are also a great source of consolation to families and loved ones.

Along with other external contributors, our pastoral works provides assistance to students with disability achieve their dreams, and provides practical support for the deaf community.

In our current financial climate with living costs very much on everyone's mind, it can be difficult to look for that little bit extra for a charitable cause. However charity is not just about giving away old stuff, and volunteering when you have time. It is a continuous effort to make life a little better for others. Perhaps it is not about what we can give but what we

are willing to give.

Whatever your donation it will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish or the wider community.

“For many in our community, your generosity means the Church can be there during times of great need, renewing and rebuilding their lives, and introducing young people to our faith, ” Bishop Anthony Randazzo said in supporting the November Appeal.

“My prayer is that Pastoral Works Broken Bay enables us to reach further and wider in helping our community, and more deeply connects us to our vision and the mission of Jesus.

“My thanks to you and your family for your ongoing support so that together we can make a difference in the life of another.”

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donation envelopes will be available in your parish which can be completed and returned to the parish or you can go online by scanning the QR code



and visiting [bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks](http://bbcatholic.org.au/pastoralworks)

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

– **2 Corinthians 9:7**