



*A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay*

Monday 27 April 2020

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It was my privilege to greet you all through my online video message at Easter. At the time, I spoke about how we do not ignore the sufferings and burdens of others and that we accompany them with love, hope and joy. I mentioned that we are the twenty first century disciples of Jesus and that we share the Easter joy with everyone that we meet.

In times where we are required to protect our loved ones and our communities by staying home, we are challenged as to how we might share the Easter joy.

I would like you to reflect on your Parish communities and our Diocesan Charity, The Diocese of Broken Bay Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Giving is an act of joy – sharing what we have with our Parish community and people in our Diocese is one way to ensure that the love of Jesus Christ is available to us all. For many in our hospitals, particularly with the restriction on hospital visitors, this can be a time of anxiety and loneliness. While our CatholicCare Pastoral Care Practitioners are not able to sit at the bedsides as they would normally do, they are on the phone to patients, praying with them and providing the support of our faith. Our health care workers in the hospitals are also calling our Pastoral Care Practitioners, as they are on the front line dealing with the consequences of the pandemic on a daily basis. We are grateful that this service, funded by your donations, is available to patients and hospital staff in our community providing this much needed connection and support.

Your donations to our Charitable Works Fund provide financial assistance to five charities in our Diocese. Information can be found here <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/give/charitable-works-fund>

Your Easter Gift to the people in the Diocese of Broken Bay can be made online at [www.givenow.com.au/cwf](http://www.givenow.com.au/cwf) or by contacting your local Parish.

I am deeply grateful for your support and generosity and pray that God may bless you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

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