

We welcome your inclusion and participation in our **'call to action'**. With **Catholic Social Teaching** as our guide, let us walk together as one to make a difference in our communities – to **think globally but act locally** – within our families, parishes, school, work, civic and leisure communities and beyond...we welcome you on our shared journey: www.jedo.perthcatholic.org.au

The Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO), within the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Western Australia, reads the 'signs of the times' through the See-Judge-Act process. This process of discernment is also guided through the leadership of His Holiness, Pope Francis, internationally; the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) nationally; and our Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Timothy Costelloe SDB, more locally.

In this process of discernment, we are called to *see with the eyes of Christ, judge with the heart of Christ, and act as Christ would today*. This means that if we see a situation that seems unjust, we are called to assess the situation or form a judgement – through analysis and theological reflection, including prayer; so we act with Jesus central to our thoughts, feelings and actions: that is, our head, heart and hands.

Archbishop Timothy expressed this notion beautifully in his Ash Wednesday Homily 2015:

"In prayer, we are invited to gaze more closely on the face of Christ, so that we might come to know Him more fully and, in knowing Him, come to love Him more deeply and, in loving Him, serve Him more faithfully as His disciples".

With your inclusion and participation, may we continue to be guided on the JEDO journey to serve God in justice and peace with "the loving and merciful gaze of Christ" as our moral compass and ray of hope.



"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of His love is no longer felt and the desire to do good fades"

- Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium # 2)

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God" - Pope Francis

Project Compassion Launch 2015

Focused on the theme *Food for Life*, Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB launched the 2015 Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal on Sunday 15 February at St Mary's Cathedral. The Archbishop said that, "Through the aid and development programs sponsored by Caritas, [we will] empower the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life." He then went on to speak of how "Project Compassion is focused on giving people hope, and does so in a way that deeply respects the dignity of people's right to self-determination".



From left: Natalie Weir, Janet Palafox, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Janeen Murphy, and Kerry Troost



This year Project Compassion is expecting to raise \$11 million. This enables Caritas Australia to continue to work with their partners around the world to empower vulnerable people to establish sustainable food sources and develop income streams for life. Part of the funds raised in this year's Project Compassion will also support ongoing development programs and rehabilitation in Vanuatu & Nepal.



From left: Carol Mitchel and Janeen Murphy

The Hidden Jewels of the Catholic Crown

On Thursday the 19th of March, Agency Directors, volunteers and committee members were invited to attend the Catholic Social Teaching (CST) presentation held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Highgate. Participants were invited to reflect on some of the key principles of CST so we can live more justly - within our professional and personal lives. The session was co-facilitated by Janeen Murphy, WA/NT Global Education Advisor, Caritas Australia and Carol Mitchell, Director of the Justice, Ecology and Development Office (JEDO).

Another co-facilitated session will be held in June with a focus on charity and justice.

Thank God for the gift of Sport

At the Perth launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC) Social Justice Statement last September (2014), 'A Crown for Australia: Striving for the Best in our Sporting Nation', the transformative capacity of sport to lead us toward justice and peace was discussed with the [Ten Steps Towards Being a Good Sport](#) being one of the resources outlined and promoted. We were also reminded of the statement by Nelson Mandela that *sport 'has the power to unite people in a way that little else does and it can bring a message of hope'*.

At the launch, James Parker, Manager of Marketing and Communications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, shared his experiences working at the 2012 London Olympics and how the transformative power of sport also facilitated ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue while he was working at the Vatican. Given this experience and understanding, it is probably no surprise to many of you that he was one of the organisers for the **ecumenical event held at St Mary's Cathedral** (on Sunday 17th May) **to thank God for the gift of sport**. Speakers at the service included cricketer Justin Langer AM, NBL basketballer Shawn Redhage, and the [How Ridiculous Guys](#) (who perform sporting stunts in the name of Jesus). The event was hosted by Christians Together in Sport that has representatives from the Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Free Churches, Pentecostal, Salvation Army and Uniting Church.

Read The Record's article on this event [here](#).

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CELEBRATION OF Sport
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL
17 VICTORIA SQUARE PERTH WA
SUNDAY 17TH MAY 2015
2:45PM FOR 3:00PM
JUSTIN LANGER
ALONG WITH PERTH'S LEADING SPORTS MEN AND WOMEN
NIC NAITANUI WEST COAST EAGLES | SHAWN REDHAGE PERTH WILDCATS
BRETT, SCOTT, KYLE & DEREK HOW RIDICULOUS GUYS
INFO: 0417 904839 / 0477 365618
FREE ENTRY • EVERYBODY WELCOME
HOSTED BY CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN SPORT
ANGELICAN • BAPTIST • CATHOLIC • CHURCHES OF CHRIST • FREE CHURCHES • PENTECOSTAL • SALVATION ARMY • UNITING

ACRATH, Human Trafficking and Slavery



From left: Sr Lucy van Kessel & James Parker, Communications and Media Manager for the Archdiocese of Perth

Sr Lucy van Kessel also spoke at the launch of the 2014/15 Social Justice Statement. She began by noting the soccer match at Olympic Stadium in Rome on the 1st of September 2014. Pope Francis instigated this Inter-religious Match for Peace that had current and past players involved: Buddhist, Christian (Catholic and Protestant), Jewish, Hindu, Muslim and Shinto. The transformative power of sport was noted; however, the exploitative potential of sport was also discussed through the lens of human trafficking – more specifically, sex trafficking and labour trafficking.

It was stated that *“opportunistic traffickers see major sporting events and thousands of people flocking to sports venues as a chance for huge profits with little risk of being caught. Human trafficking is business and traffickers take advantage of this... All of us need to come together, even in sports events, to see human trafficking as a crime against the dignity of the human person. The profit must be squeezed out of the supply and demand, to be replaced by justice and hope”*.

ACRATH, Human Trafficking and Slavery:

Did you see the Slavery-Free Easter Chocolate article within the Archdiocesan e-Newsletter (19th of March 2015) asking people to sign the Fairtrade Australia petition calling on supermarkets to double the amount of certified Easter products in 2016? : www.signwithmary.com.au. For your information: Mary delivered a petition with over 13,000 signatures to Coles and Woolworths – so thank you if you joined us and many others in signing this petition so more slavery-free Easter chocolates will be available for purchase next year and beyond.

For slavery-free chocolate, look for these certification labels: Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.



Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia comes from cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been trafficked or forced to work in exploitative conditions? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 500,000 – 1,500,000 children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa alone. Given Fair Trade Fortnight (began Saturday 9th of May), it is a great time to pause and reflect on what this means: The World Fair Trade Organisation outlined 10 Principles (go to the [link](#) for more information).

ACTION: Talk with at least 5 of your friends about slavery-free chocolate and Fair Trade.

It is also a time to give thanks and support (donations are gratefully received) for the work of **ACRATH: Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans**; and other people of good will working to end human trafficking and slavery-like conditions. www.acrath.org.au



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People are NOT for sale

Following practitioner training (to identify and respond to modern slavery) co-facilitated by ACRATH (WA) and the Freedom Partnership (Salvation Army and others) last November, the West Australian Freedom Network is now emerging. There will be more details about this network in later JEDO Newsletters.

Pope Francis stated that *“human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society; a scourge upon the body of Christ”*.

Human trafficking and slavery-like conditions emerge when economics prevail over the human leading to exploitation of those who are vulnerable. This can be due to poverty, social isolation, mental health challenges, addictions and much more. It can include forced labour, marriage and migration, deceptive recruiting, debt bondage and sexual servitude to name a few. Alarmingly, an estimated 35.8 million men, women and children are trapped in modern slavery. This is one of many reasons why Sunday 8th February was proclaimed as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking. His Holiness, Pope Francis stated:

“Pray, reflect and act against human trafficking as objects for the sale of organs, for recruitment as soldiers, for begging, for illegal activities such as the production of narcotics, or for disguised forms of cross-border adoption, for use as ransom held by terrorist groups, and above all for use as sex slaves”.

For the World Day of Peace Message in January this year, Pope Francis wrote: ‘No longer slaves, but brothers and sisters’. (This can be accessed via Issue 2 JEDO Newsletter; within the Social Justice Diary).

With all of these messages, we are urgently being called to read the signs of the times: to see, judge and act; so we can move from our head, to our heart and our hands.

JEDO networking

Reconciliation WA and Constitutional Recognition

On Wednesday the 10th of December 2014, the JEDO Director attended the Reconciliation WA and Yokai Celebration sundowner event that was held at the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery at the University of Western Australia. This event was to highlight the work achieved throughout 2014.

On Friday the 13th of February 2015, the JEDO Director also attended the National Apology Day afternoon tea that was held at WACOSS and hosted by Reconciliation WA and The Aspiration Initiative (TAI). This was to acknowledge the 7th anniversary since the Prime Minister of the time (2008), the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP stated:

For the pain, suffering and hurt of these Stolen Generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry. To the mothers and fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry. And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry. We today take this first step by acknowledging the past and laying claim to a future that embraces all Australians.

Reconciliation WA is also promoting Constitutional Recognition. The Recognise Campaign states "It's time to recognise the first Australians in our Constitution and ensure there's no place in it for racial discrimination": www.recognise.org.au If you want to support this action, like the Justice, Ecology and Development Office, please consider including the following in your email signature block:



For more information, you can hear Aunty Pat Turner talk about Constitutional Recognition and Sovereignty via the ANTaR website link: <http://antar.org.au/campaigns/constitutionalrecognition>

ANTaR is a national advocacy organisation dedicated specifically to the rights - and overcoming the disadvantage – of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. They also have information available on the [Change the Record](#) campaign for smarter justice and safer communities; and about the closure of remote Aboriginal communities in WA: [WA Community Closures](#).

Ursula Frayne Year 10 Retreat, Tuesday 28th April - God's Good Creation



From left: Nigel Hayward and Carol Mitchell

It was a pleasure to witness the enthusiasm of the Year 10 Ursula Frayne students and their peer leaders at the recent retreat focusing on God's Good Creation. There were many environmental stewards or warriors in our midst on that day! It was also wonderful to share the day with my colleague, Nigel Hayward, the NEEN (National Energy Efficiency Network) Regional Leader, for WA (NEEN is a part of Catholic Earthcare Australia). Thanks to the College Campus Minister, Ms Davis for the invitation. I felt especially privileged to share some of my experiences as a former Mercy school student (Mercedes College). I reflected on how such Mercy foundations have led to my varied social justice work leading to my current role with JEDO. The retreat was held at the Redemptorist Monastery in North Perth.



From left: Vicky Burrows and Christine Pitman (Aboriginal Education Consultant, CEO)

JEDO Advocacy

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees (Sunday 29th May):

The peaceful walk through the streets of Perth started from St George's Cathedral. Our focus was for *compassion not punishment* for refugees and asylum seekers, and to let them know - *they are welcome!* Thanks to Désiré Mallet for some of the photos.



JEDO Committee of Management—News, updates and changes

Meet a JEDO CoM Member— Vicky Burrows

Background

Vicky has a Bachelor of Politics and International Relations and has worked extensively in the areas of youth development, leadership, education and Aboriginal affairs on a local, national and international level. For 6 years Vicky worked for the Australian Young Christian Students as Perth Coordinator and National Coordinator, where she sat on the Australian Catholic Youth Council. After her time with the YCS, Vicky moved back to Perth to take up work within the community, Aboriginal affairs, volunteering space. In 2013 Vicky was part of the team that implemented Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience into Perth and now works for Reconciliation WA and is a Pastoral Care Worker at Banksia Hill Detention Centre and Bandyup Women's Prison. She is on the Board of Useful Inc and Vice President of the Youth Affairs Council of WA. In 2015 she is completing the Catherine McAuley Award and the Australian Catholic Bishops' Young Women's Interfaith Fellowship, whilst also completing her Masters in Theological Studies.



Why did you join JEDO?

Our Catholic faith calls us to engage with the world to help bring about justice, peace and compassion. As a former member of the Catholic Social Justice Council and Project Officer, I was excited to hear about the initiation of the new office of Justice, Ecology and Development and have the opportunity to draw upon my understanding of the workings, strengths and challenges of Catholic Social Teaching in the Archdiocese of Perth. I believe that Catholic Social Teaching is the church's best-kept secret and see the work of JEDO having the ability to share this great secret of ours!

What are you passionate about?

My passion lies in people, seeing a world where the value and dignity of all people is felt and expressed. I want to be part of creating healthy, supportive communities that value the most marginalised and create opportunities for the future. I also love dancing, singing and acting and in my spare time you will see me combining all three!

If your friends and Family could describe you in THREE words, what would they be?

Happy, Caring and Compassionate.

Changes to the JEDO COM

I would like to acknowledge and welcome new members:

- ◆ Fr Peter Daly OMI;
- ◆ Sr Margaret O'Sullivan IBVM; and
- ◆ Our representative for Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB, Mr Peter Higgins (CEO)

**We will have more to share with you about our new members in subsequent JEDO newsletters...
Watch this space!**

For your information, the JEDO Committee of Management meets five times a year, on a two monthly basis.



JEDO DIARY

9th February 2015

ACRATH Meeting: Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans; Held at the Ruah Training Room

10th February

ESJR Meeting: Ecumenical Social Justice Roundtable Meeting; Held at the Uniting Church office in East Perth; Included planning for the Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees

12th February

Perth Freedom Network (Links with ACRATH): Meeting held at Red Cross in East Perth

13th February

Reconciliation WA and The Aspiration Initiative (TAI): Networking afternoon tea to acknowledge the 7th anniversary of the Australian government Apology to the Stolen Generation

18th February

St Charles Seminary: JEDO Director spoke to the Seminarians about JEDO and Catholic Social Teaching; followed by lunch with the Seminarian community

26th February

Edmund Rice Network Sundowner: Held at Aquinas College

5th March

Emerging Alliance Meeting: Held at the Newman Siena Centre in Doubleview with some other Catholic Social Justice Agencies

13th March

Asylum-seeker and Refugee Network: Planning session held at the Archdiocesan Finance Office (AFO), Northbridge

19th March

Catholic Social Teaching: JEDO Director co-presented/facilitated the AFO Professional Development session with Janeen Murphy from Caritas—The Hidden Jewels of the Catholic Crown

29th March

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees: Walk from St George's Anglican Church through the streets of Perth (Western Australian author, Tim Winton, spoke at the event. [Read his speech here](#))

13th April

ACRATH Meeting: Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans; Held at the Ruah Training Room

14th April

ESJR Meeting: Ecumenical Social Justice Roundtable Meeting; Held at the Quakers meeting house in Mt Lawley

17th April

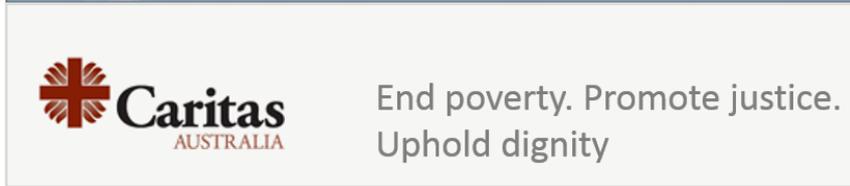
Refugee & Asylum-Seeker Catholic Working Group Meeting: Held at the Edmund Sullivan Room, AFO

28th April

Ursula Frayne Catholic College – Yr 10 Retreat: Focus on *God's Good Creation*; JEDO and NEEN/Catholic Earthcare Australia involvement; Held at the Redemptorist Monastery, North Perth

“Our preferential option for the poor must mainly translate into a privileged and preferential religious care” - Pope Francis (EG # 200)

“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel” - Pope Francis (EG # 114)



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