



Archbishop's Winter Appeal

for LifeLink 2005

“Guided by Faith ...Service through Action”



Dear Friends

It is hard to believe that it is now ten years since I started LifeLink.

So much has been achieved.

During this time, I am very pleased to say that LifeLink has become widely known and well supported throughout the entire Catholic Community. Parishes and parishioners have been very generous, and I am grateful that they continue to respond each and every year.

Schools throughout the Archdiocese have warmly embraced LifeLink, and come up with innovative new ideas for showing their practical support each year.

I see LifeLink as very important for our young people. It helps them see that we have many needs right here at home, and that our Faith calls us to respond to those needs. Exposure to the work done by the LifeLink agencies makes our young people understand how difficult life can be for many, and how they rely on the generosity and support of others in their struggles.

I am sure that our school leavers will carry with them the message that Jesus gave us:

“To love God and to love one another”.

When LifeLink commenced as the fundraising arm for social services agencies funded by the Archdiocese, there were 9 agencies assisting some 25,000 people in need. **Today, LifeLink extends financial support to 13 agencies that directly help over 60,000 WA families and individuals each year** - indeed, a number of our agencies have served the community for over three decades.

I want to take this moment to reflect not on what we have yet to achieve, but what we have already achieved... together!

“Together, we can make a difference” is the message that I include in all my appeals for LifeLink. It is my call to action to our Catholic Community. (Insert Name) your continuing, generous, and positive response to my appeals is appreciated and acknowledged, and most certainly, continues to help us make a difference - Thank you!

As I launch my annual Winter Appeal for LifeLink, I call on your generous support once again, so that people in need will be comforted by the knowledge that they are cared for, and are not alone.

May God bless you.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,



The Most Rev Barry J Hickey,
Catholic Archbishop of Perth



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A Message from LifeLink's Manager...

On the opposite page, Archbishop Hickey expressed his appreciation for the invaluable assistance you continue to provide for our LifeLink social service agencies.

As His Grace said "much has been achieved". You would have also read that over the past ten years, LifeLink agencies have been called on to help more and more people in need within our community, each and every year.

Our "mission" therefore continues. When we say that your donation makes a difference, it really does. I thought you might like to know...

How we use your donation? **I am very pleased to say that every single cent, of every dollar we receive, is directed wholly towards the work of our LifeLink agencies.** No administration or fundraising costs are deducted from your gift – these are provided for separately by the Archdiocese.

How and who does your generosity help? Your donations help our **i.d.entity.wa** agency provide much needed respite care and support for families caring for a child with disability.

It provides our **Centacare Employment & Training** agency with equipment and staff to help over 2,000 long-term unemployed people back into rewarding employment each year. It helps **Father Paul Baczynski at our Cross Roads Community** agency reach out to people battling drugs and other addictions, and provide love and support to their families.

It makes a difference to our **Anawim** agency which provides secure medium-long term accommodation and support for women escaping domestic violence.

Mr friend, because of **you**, LifeLink continues to help care for over 60,000 people each year, right here in WA. As we officially launch the annual Archbishop's Winter Appeal for LifeLink today, I ask you to please give generously.

We need to raise a minimum of \$150,000... If you have not donated to this appeal before, I ask that you consider doing so this time. Even one or a few dollars will help our agencies.

Please, complete the donation form at the bottom of this letter, and mail your gift today. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible, and official receipts will be provided.

Thank you.



You can donate securely online at www.lifelink.com.au

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Manager, LifeLink.



Your LifeLink Social Service Agencies

- Centacare Employment and Training
- Djooraminda
- The Living Centre (formerly HIV/AIDS Pastoral Care Ministry)
- i.d.entity.wa
- Catholic Migrant Centre
- Emmanuel Centre
- Centrecare
- Natural Fertility Services
- Catholic Association for Deaf & Hearing Impaired People of WA
- Anawim
- Cross Roads Community
- Samaritan Projects

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Yes, I will comfort people in need this Winter

Please accept my donation of (please tick one box only)

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 \$60
 \$30
 \$500
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Thank you and God Bless

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