

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink 2008



LifeLink
Catholic Charities Australia

In Thoughts and Deeds... show you care this Christmas

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My Dear Friends,

One of the sayings of Jesus that has affected me the most is this:

"whatever you do for the least of my little ones, you do for me".

He was talking about all those 'little' people who have no status, no wealth, no home, no freedom and little hope in our society.

Jesus is telling us they belong to God. Therefore, the dignity of every person must be honoured at all stages of life.

Our task is to build a society which recognises and embraces this truth, a society which cares for the homeless, the disabled, the addicted, the mentally disturbed, and all those for whom life is a confusing and overwhelming struggle.

Peace comes, when each one of us shows respect and kindness to all of the 'little ones' we meet in life.

As I launch my 2008 Christmas Appeal for LifeLink, I ask you to think of the "little ones" in our community, and to give generously.

LifeLink agencies truly do such wonderful work in our community. This is only possible, as a direct result of your generous and ongoing support.

LifeLink reaches out to **35,000 Western Australian families and individuals** each year, delivering \$35 million in welfare services right throughout the State.

Whilst the majority of this funding is provided through various State and Australian Government service contracts, there remains an **annual shortfall of over \$1 million** which the Archdiocese provides to the LifeLink agencies.



Djooraminda helps care for children who can no longer live in their own home due to physical or other abuse issues, such as violence.



i.d.entity wa supports people with physical and intellectual disabilities, providing assisted-living, respite care and other vitally important services.



The Shopfront helps visitors by providing food, clothing, accommodation and emergency relief for homeless, people with mental health issues, addicts and families struggling to provide even the most basic of needs.



Centrecare provides low cost housing for families in crisis, specialist assistance to migrants and refugees, as well as a wide variety of counselling and supportive programs.



Centacare Employment Services provides training and skills development for long-term unemployed and disadvantaged people.

This Christmas, I ask you to open your hearts and give generously to my Appeal for LifeLink; let's show we care in both thought and action.

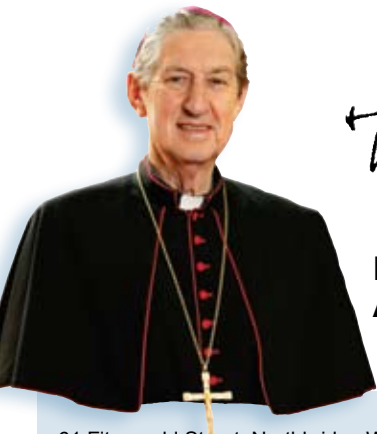
We need to raise a minimum of **\$500,000** to support LifeLink in its 'mission of care' for our community.

Donations are tax deductible and official receipts will be provided for all contributions received, where a name and address is provided.

I wish you, your family and loved ones a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas.

May God bless and watch over us all, and grant us peace in His world.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,



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PS: Secure Credit card donations are welcome online at:

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