

The Good We Rarely Tell Anyone

- Third largest employer in Australia: Wesfarmers, Woolworths, the Catholic Church, CBA, Federal Public Service, BHP, NAB, Rio Tinto, Westpac and ANZ – at least 221,000, of which 165,750 are women (75%).
- 770,018 students are in the Catholic sector (up 12,018 from 2020): 1,751 schools; 1,239 primary schools, 402 secondary schools, 102 k-12; 8 special schools.
- 98,000 staff: 71,287 lay teachers and specialist staff; 70% of all teachers and 45% of all Principals are women; 26,348 general staff; 365 Religious.
- There are at least 3,645 volunteer catechists in Australia
- ACU is fastest growing, truly national university with 32,000 in 2020 down from 34,834 in 2019, producing the largest nursing and teaching graduates.
- Notre Dame Australia, 12,394 students and keeps winning the Kullari NAIDOC Award for the most successful University in indigenous graduations.
- 80 hospitals – 10,500 beds (12% of all hospital beds); 25,000 residential aged care beds in 550 facilities; 7,000 retirement and independent living units and serviced apartments; 8 dedicated hospices with palliative care services; 20% of all medical research is done the St V's or Mercy Healthcare Research Institutes; 83,300 employees.
- Largest welfare provider outside Government; 49 members; 12, 600 employees; 500 different services which cared for 1 million clients in 2020.
- SVDP is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers.
- Largest provider of trained personnel for developing countries, and then AVA and Care Australia.
- Caritas Australia raised \$34m for the poor in 2020.
- Catholic Mission raised \$15m for the poor in 2020.
- cathnews.com is the most visited religious website in the country
- Australian Catholics, now in its 31st year of publication, sells 120,000 copies five times per annum copies per edition (five times a year).
- There are 1321 parishes, including 29 belonging to Eastern Catholic Churches, serving 5.26m Catholics of which 578,000 Catholics worship every Sunday (11%), which means we could fill the MCG almost six times every Sunday with Mass going. 92,334 were 13 – 18 year olds. In 1996 there were 764,310 Mass-goers, we are losing an average of 6,087 per year.
- 3,100 priests in Australia; average age: 69.2
- Worldwide numbers are booming 1.34 billion
- Martyrs are still dying for the faith we hold and the justice we live.