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## **Project Compassion 2022**

Dear Monsignors, Fathers, and supporters of Project Compassion,

For many decades now, Project Compassion has been an integral part of the celebration of Lent in Australia. It is the major fund-raising activity of Caritas Australia each year and enables Caritas to support a wide range of critically needed projects around the world.

Not only does Project Compassion give us a very effective vehicle for assisting those in need, but it also works to shape our life as Church to reflect the missionary outreach and service to which Jesus calls us.

Over these last two years, those assisted by Caritas have been particularly impacted by COVID. This year's Project Compassion theme, For all Future Generations, reminds us that our contribution not only assists their lives, but also helps move towards long-term solutions to global issues.

Despite the challenges of COVID restrictions, Project Compassion has continued to receive strong support in the Sandhurst Diocese, which I appreciate very much. I am confident that this will continue to be the case, and I warmly commend the 2022 campaign to you.

Yours sincerely,

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