## WHO WE ARE Bearers of Christ's love



**9** Local Government Areas: Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Wingecarribee, Wollondilly, Camden, Campbelltown and Liverpool and **29** parishes.

Nearly **24%** of this region's

which means that we offer

population are Catholic

ministry to over 197,000

people. **8th** largest diocese in Australia.





400 volunteer catechists
teaching Special
Religious Education
(SRE) to around
7,500 students in 130
government schools
each week.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF

Celebrating Mass in over **55** churches, in **20** languages for over **12,500** people every weekend.



Over **50** active and retired clergy in our diocese, and **7** seminarians, the highest intake in many years.



We produce *Mass for You at Home*, a free-to-air televised ministry viewed by over **40,000** people around Australia each week.



46 schools, educating over25,000 students every year.1 in 5 students in the region are educated in our Catholic schools.





One of the largest and most extensive volunteer networks in the region including over **2,500** volunteers in our parishes.



Over **15** chaplains working alongside our people living with disability, our youth, aged, non-english speaking, prison, juvenile justice, hospital, *Mass for You at Home* and university communities.

**6** CatholicCare sites offering social services to over **17,500** people every year.



One of the biggest employers in this region, with a workforce of nearly **3,400** people.



We are present at most of the important milestones in the life of a Catholic person ... at times of great sadness and at times of great celebration.

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