

Good news in action

I "give thanks" to God for supporters like you and for all who provide the practical support necessary to fulfil our vision. –Bishop Brian Mascord



PARISH AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES



50+ active and retired clergy and **7** seminarians



315 Masses celebrated in **20** languages each week



2,500+ volunteers in various roles across parishes in the diocese



\$10,000 in gift cards distributed to flood affected communities of Camden, Bowral/Mittagong, Albion Park, Kiama, Kangaroo Valley and Sussex Inlet

(This project was funded by the Diocese of Wollongong Bishop's Flood Relief Appeal)



An additional **\$8,350** distributed to the Shoalhaven Rising From the Ashes Storytelling and Healing Space, Milton

(This project was funded by the Diocese of Wollongong Bishop's Bushfire Relief Appeal)

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Around **8,000** students in local diocesan Catholic secondary schools will be visited by Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong in lunchtime concerts and talks, after school youth ministry events and via reflection days this year



The annual LIVE Festival held at the WIN Entertainment Centre is returning this year in September, for the first time since 2019 and is expecting **600+** students



1,300+ Year 6 students in all diocesan Catholic primary schools will attend "Activate", a Confirmation program



Diocesan Youth Groups have successfully been re-established in the Macarthur and Illawarra regions



Resumed the annual father and son "Growing Good Men" camp

CATHOLIC CARE PASTORAL MINISTRIES



Covid parish wellbeing support including: Over **300** welfare/check in calls to parishioners, clergy and secretaries

Covid-fatigue support information distributed to all **32** parishes



250 children, seniors, people living with disability and families in need in our diocese received a Christmas gift through the *Gifts of Hope Appeal*



Hosted **4** "Be Connected" technology training programs for seniors across the diocese



Supported the social wellbeing of parishioners in **13** parishes through senior friendship groups and other social networks

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



70,000+ people listen to our *Journey Podcast program*, broadcasted on **30** radio stations each week



50,000+ Advent and Lenten programs distributed each year worldwide



Supporting a growing number of parishes that are embracing a deliberate culture of invitation and welcome through Catholic ALPHA



Weekly production of *Mass for You at Home* for Channel Ten and Foxtel in 2022 with weekly estimated audience of **40,000+**



Quarterly networking meetings with members and guests of *Catholic Business Connections, Wollongong*



\$50,000 in donations to Diocese of Lismore for flood affected communities.

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SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (IN STATE SCHOOLS)



over **8,000** students in **140** schools



450 trained and resourced catechists

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