

Social Justice Report 3rd February 2021

1. On 27th January I received an email from Dr Sandie Cornish in response to my email to the ACBC regarding the changes to the Office for Social Justice (December report 2020). The body of her email is below:

...The work is more necessary than ever but resources are extremely limited, so creative partnerships will be important and we will need to let go of things that have been good in the past in order to seek new ways of making an impact.

It will be very helpful if people in parishes around the country could follow, like and share our social media content online and in parish communications, and encourage people to sign up for Social Justice Trends. Our website and its online calendar <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/events/> will be a hub for information dissemination and ideas for action, and I am looking to further develop our podcast The Revolution of Tenderness <https://anchor.fm/office-for-social-justice>. There will for instance be a series of podcast reflections on Fratelli Tutti throughout the year.

In an effort to generate a revenue stream to support our work, we invited those who can afford to do so to become financial Supporters <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/supporter/> Any other ideas for income generation would be welcome as that is not my skill set!

What would best help you and your fellow parishioners to know and live out of the tradition of Catholic social thought and action? It is always good to hear what issues people are looking for information or guidance on, and what formats and media are the most useful, even if I may not be able to take up such advice in the short term.

Thank you for your support.

Before responding to Dr Cornish, I would be grateful if the PPC could consider her questions at the PPC Meeting: *What would best help you and your fellow parishioners to know and live out of the tradition of Catholic social thought and action?*

- Do we need to learn more about Catholic Social Teaching? If yes, then which aspects do we need to learn more about?
- How should we develop our understanding of CST principles and what help do we need from the Office of Social Justice for this?

What issues are people looking for information or guidance on? Some ideas might include:

- Improving social housing
- Closing the gap on Indigenous inequality
- Tackling Socio-economic disadvantage for welfare recipients
- Support for an ageing population
- Stewardship of creation
- Reducing global poverty

What formats and media are the most useful

2. **St Josephine Bakhita** St Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery. On her feast day we pray for all those affected by the crimes of modern slavery and human trafficking, and for the people who volunteer and work to eradicate this crime. Resources are available from the Parramatta Diocese website to celebrate her Feast Day.