

## THE WORKS OF THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of the Southern Cross carry out a wide variety of works which vary from State to State. Some of the works are included below:

### In Australia:

- Annual Mass for deceased members.
- Formation Programme written each year to be used by Branches throughout Australia to develop the spirituality of members and the knowledge of their Faith.
- Anzac Day Mass – Provision of Ushers and assistance with invitations and seating.
- KSC Education Foundation (established by KSC (WA) in the early 1990s) – provided over \$70,000 in 2006 to assist 41 teachers in the Catholic School system to attain qualifications in the area of Religious Education and Theology. \$8,000 of scholarships went to seminarians from the Redemptorist Mater Seminary studying at UNDA.
- Southern Cross Charitable Trust – donations made to the Sisters of St Joseph through the Mary MacKillop Foundation to help the disadvantaged and to Centacare (Qld) for assistance to people with disabilities through Soubirous Place.
- Sponsorship of an award in the Rock Band section of the Performing Arts Festival in Perth for Catholic Schools and Colleges.
- Australian Defence Force Project – the Order has provided 10,000 specifically designed prayer books and single decade rosaries to Catholic members of the Australian Defence Force.
- Australian Defence Force Support – The KSC provides support to all Catholic Defence Force Families and Military Chaplains as required.
- Working with aboriginal elders and young boys in WA.
- Financial support to committee arranging exchange of seminarians between the Perth Archdiocese and a Greek Orthodox seminary.
- Assistance to St Charles Seminary (WA) to overcome an urgent maintenance problem.
- Assistance to a Presentation Sister in WA to publish and promote a faith education and development program for young children that involves participation of Parish/School/Family.
- Financial support to Bishop Bianchini to assist aboriginal youth in his Diocese.
- Sponsorship of Fr Peter Hung Manh Tran C.Ss.R to publish his book “Advancing the Culture of Death: Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide”
- Working with Southern Cross Care (Australia) in the provision of aged care facilities throughout Australia.
- KSC was represented on the **WYD08 Communities Advisory Committee for World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney** and was greatly involved in the project including the Vocations Expo.
- Assisting voters to make informed choices at elections by obtaining the views of political candidates on matters of morals and ethics – abortion, same sex marriage, etc. – and facilitating public forums to meet candidates.
- Promoting the “Keep Christ in Christmas” campaign throughout Australia throughout the year.
- Visiting detention centres for asylum seekers.

- Established Priests Support and Education Funds to assist clergy and seminarians in a number of States – fundraising is generally carried out through annual dinners.
- Creation and sponsorship of the **Festival of Faith in Sydney** – to showcase the organisations and works of the Catholic Church.
- Mobile phones for jobseekers – Canberra
- Australia Day Mass – Organisation and Assistance
- Golf Tournaments for Members
- Barney’s Picnic for Members
- Retired Members Group
- Monthly Branch Meetings for Members
- Monthly State Council Meetings – Sometimes in Country Areas
- State Conferences for Members and Wives
- National Triennial Conferences for Members and Wives (Special Programmes for Wives)
- Collection of recycled paper and cans.
- Assistance with Christmas Bowl Appeal sponsored by the SA Council of Churches (KSC-SA).
- Preparation and distribution of regular State Newsletters to all members in Australia and to all IACK (International Alliance of Catholic Knights) organisations overseas.
- Helping the Josephite Sisters in a project to have a framed picture of Mary MacKillop sited in every church throughout Australia (KSC-WA initiative).
- Presentation of Rosary Beads to all First Communicants (KSC – WA initiative) in certain parishes.
- Installation of stained glass window depicting a Christian Knight in St Thomas’ Parish in Claremont, WA.
- Preparation of submissions to Government on matters affecting morals and ethics.
- Support for Southern Cross Bioethics Institute in SA.
- In partnership with Notre Dame University Australia – organised a seminar on Ethics in Business for invited business leaders in Perth and the Alumni of the University.
- Annual Prayer Crusade for Vocations (particularly aimed at providing Military Chaplains for the Australian Defence Force).

### Overseas:

- Tools for East Timor – Huge project to provide 3 shipping containers of good quality tools to enable students in East Timor to learn trades to help themselves and their people.
- Running Water for St Peter’s Junior Seminary, Tanzania - \$10,000 from KSC (NSW) to help extend water pipes to three dormitories. KSC(NSW) had been helping the seminary for three years previously.
- Pakistan - \$5,450 in support to Fr Anthony for his work to provide a safe environment for Catholics in the area. All IACK Orders were asked to contribute.
- KSC is represented by the Supreme Knight at all meetings of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights (IACK) held every 2 years in different countries.
- Twinning Arrangements have been established with the Knights of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Mauritius and joint projects are being arranged.