Caritas Australia’s 2016 Professional Development program

Caritas Australia offers professional development courses which align with Australian Curriculum framework and the Religious Education Curriculum P-12 (Archdiocese of Brisbane, 2013)

**Target audience:** School staff (primary and secondary)

**Workshop details:** Options include:
- twilight PD sessions,
- full staff, year level or faculty staff
- Cluster workshops with teachers from neighbouring schools

**Cost:** Nil

All participants will receive complimentary teaching resources
1. Laudato Si and “Our Common Home”

In the “Holy Year of Mercy”, Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si* (“Praise be to You”) - On the Care of Our Common Home, calls us to look into and examine our hearts, live with a vision to transform our lives and societies, embrace human needs and take action for solidarity. At this interactive workshop participants will be examine *Laudato Si’s* core themes and be introduced to Caritas Australia’s new advocacy campaign, “Our Common Home” and the accompanying teaching and advocacy resources. Teachers will engage in interactive cross-curriculum mapping activities and advocacy strategies in support of climate justice.

2. Charity and Justice

This interactive session introduces the concept of global citizenship and offers opportunities to analyse the difference between the charitable response (fundraising) and action for justice (change). In the light of Catholic social teaching, participants consider the importance of awareness raising, actions of solidarity, reflection and action for change particularly applicable in the school environment. Strategies to embed a justice action framework in the school’s’ ethos will be workshopped.

3. Caritas’ JUST VISITING immersion resource

Caritas’ new “Just Visiting” resource uses Catholic Social Teachings as a framework for implementing best practice in the area of global education, service learning and student immersion travel. It was developed in the spirit of reflective practice and is designed to enhance capacity to participate and understand the social mission of the Church. Participants will workshop strategies to support the design, evaluation and audit framework for school partnerships and student immersion programs.
4. “Catholic Social Teaching” Toolkit

Caritas has produced an interactive, online Catholic Social teaching toolkit for primary and secondary schools. Teachers will engage in interactive cross-curriculum mapping activities utilising an inquiry approach. The core CST principles and their relevance to present day situations, school policies and practices are also considered. Showcased resources align with the Religious Education Curriculum P-12 (Archdiocese of Brisbane, 2013) and the directions taken in the Australian Curriculum. More than 1200 teachers in Brisbane Catholic schools have attended this workshop. This session also offers excellent formation for teachers as well as curriculum support for schools which may be undergoing validation.

5. Resourcing new teachers to Catholic Education, through the lens of Catholic Identity.

This interactive workshop is specifically designed to support 1st and 2nd year teachers embed Catholic identity into their work plans. Cross curricular (P-12) teaching resources, which align with the Australian Curriculum framework and the Religious Education Curriculum P-12 (Archdiocese of Brisbane, 2013), will be showcased and explored. This is a “hands on” workshop and all participants will receive complimentary teaching resources.

6. Embedding a social justice perspective

A Caritas education consultant is available to visit your school and workshop staff re embedding global social justice issues and Catholic Social Teachings cross-curriculum and as a school ethos. Caritas’ free P-12 educational resources will be showcased during these sessions.

NOTE: Workshops can be tailored to a school’s needs.

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