## Archbishop's 2022 Winter Appeal for 🦃 LifeLink



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I prepare this message in support of my annual Winter Appeal for LifeLink, my thoughts are very much on our forthcoming Easter celebrations, which for people of faith, is a joyous time of renewal and restrengthening.

At Easter, we are reminded of God's love for us through the sacrifice that He made in offering His only Son so that we may be saved. We are called to reflect on what it means to be 'a person of faith' and what steps we must take if we hope to walk in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.

As we have come to expect, Pope Francis lights the pathway for us to follow in his recent Lenten Message. He writes, **"Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours.** 



During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by **giving joyfully** (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who *"supplies seed to the sower and bread for food"* (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others.

While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us, and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37).

Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely.

Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalised (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 193)".



## The Holy Father reminds us that it is in the action of demonstrating our faith, that we will truly see and experience God's love for us.

When we reach out to help our brothers and sisters in need – the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the isolated and lonely, the abused and abandoned, and the sick – we demonstrate our love for God in a very real and tangible way.

We can all be a part of reaching out to help people in need throughout Western Australia through our collective support for the Church's welfare agencies.

Our LifeLink Catholic Caring Agencies fulfill a mission of care to those most in need in the community ... providing emergency housing, counselling support, emergency food and accommodation, employment and training programmes, migrant and refugee assistance, disability and respite support, support for women escaping domestic violence and more.



**37,000 Western Australian families and individuals each year** depend on LifeLink being there at their time of need... **and we depend on YOU** to help us continue to do so.



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(Insert name) as I officially launch my Winter Appeal for LifeLink 2022, I ask you to give joyfully to help support our sisters and brothers in need – right here at home in WA!

**Please, give generously to my appeal.** I know many people may be experiencing hardships themselves as a result of rising fuel costs, the significant price increases in buying the weekly groceries, paying electricity bills and other household expenses. Whilst it is challenging to think of those in need whom we don't know, and haven't met, when we ourselves may be struggling ...it is so vitally important that we do so.

My hope is that together we will raise a **minimum of \$300,000** to help people in need this Winter. Please, complete the donation form below and mail your gift in the envelope provided today. Donations are tax deductible and receipts will be issued.

Let us continue to draw strength from God's abiding love for us.

Let us also continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and the suffering of its people. Our hearts break at the senseless violence which has engulfed our brothers and sisters so far away. May they draw strength from our prayers and our love.

Yours sincerely in Jesus Christ,

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