

In 1994, the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth established the LifeLink organisation. To provide fundraising and promotional support for selected welfare agencies established or assisted by the Church.

Our logo truly represents who we are designed by year 11 students from Iona College, the logo is formed by joining two 'C's representing the words Catholic and Care, and they join to form a heart.

Our logo is a constant reminder that guided by Faith, we are called to open our arms with love, compassion, acceptance and understanding to our brothers and sisters in need, who reach out to us.

LifeLink currently provides financial support to 10 Church agencies and organisations. These social service agencies provide professional care and practical assistance to thousands of Western Australian families and individuals in need each year. Right here at home in WA.

The Shopfront serves on the front line of need every day, this agency warmly welcomes visitors to their home in Bentley, providing meals, counselling, emergency relief, access to GP's, basic foodstuffs and household items, a place to shower and refresh, linking them with other government and community support services.

Identitywa Disability Services supports people with disability to live fulfilled independent lives. Identitywa Disability Services works with families and individuals to empower people living with disabilities to achieve their goals in a safe, supported environment. Identitywa Disability Services has a more than 40 year legacy of providing quality support to people from birth to over 65 years of age. They will walk with them on their journey for a lifetime.

LifeLink provides funding support for Centrecare Inc. Established by the Perth Archdiocese. Today, Centrecare is a Catholic not-for-profit community services organisation. With over 300 staff delivering more than 72 quality professional counselling, support, mediation and training services throughout the Perth Metropolitan, Goldfields, Esperance and South West regions of Western Australia.

Catholic Outreach assists parishes to develop Care programs, which enable volunteers to provide practical, emergency or short-term support for people in need in their local community, such as meals, transport, visiting, etc. Parish volunteers reach out with love, care, and compassion, and demonstrate in a very positive and tangible way... "Faith In Action".

The Emmanuel Centre - fosters the access and inclusion of people with disabilities within the Catholic Church and provide parishes, clergy, and agencies support to do so.

The Catholic Ministry for People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired seeks to expand accessibility to deaf and hearing-impaired people and to educate the community on the needs of their clients.

Stella Maris first established in Fremantle in 1947, has only recently recommenced service to the Seafarers community this year. This organisation offers pastoral, spiritual, and practical care and support to all seafarers who visit Fremantle Port.

LifeLink helps fund the Emmaus Community, which provides long-term independent community living for people of adult age who live with mental health issues. Emmaus Community provides a real home environment for all who live and visit, including family and friends of resident Community members.

Samaritan Projects - a special agency personally directed by the Archbishop. Responds to emergency or special needs arising in the community. Samaritan Projects funds the Daydawn Advocacy Centre, which supports and assists Aboriginal people at risk of eviction from public or private housing, or experiencing homelessness.

LifeLink has three main annual fundraising sources, the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal, generously supported by parishes, parishioners, businesses, and general community gifts. The Archbishop's Winter Appeal, a direct mail appeal only to existing donors and supporters. The Archbishop's LifeLink Day initiative developed and presented in partnership with Catholic Education WA. This is an annual education and fundraising event specifically for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Perth.

LifeLink raises approximately \$1.2 million each year to help fund and support the Church's social service agencies in this Archdiocese.

Thank you to all who give so generously. Together we can and do make a difference.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our Lifelink Catholic Caring Agencies and how the Church reaches out to care for so many people in need in the community.

Discover more about LifeLink supported agencies and how you can help by visiting our website, www.lifelink.com.au

We hope you enjoyed this special presentation.