

Catholic Mission Myanmar

Healing a nation through education

Church Appeal 2018 + January 2019

After six decades of internal conflict and political struggles, Myanmar is moving towards a new age of democracy. Led by Cardinal Charles Maung Bo S.D.B., the Catholic Church has prioritised education as the key stepping stone to peace.

By supporting schools with teachers who are well-trained with child-centred education, as well as supporting the construction and renovation of schools, children in even the most remote parts of Myanmar will have better access to quality education.

Ballarat Diocese involvement

Catholic education in the Diocese of Ballarat made a commitment in 2013 to partner with Catholic Mission Melbourne and with the Bishops of Myanmar in a long-term project to walk with Myanmar educators and Church leaders towards a sustainable Catholic education system in Myanmar.

The Ballarat diocese works with Catholic Mission and staff from the Episcopal Commission for Education (ECE) in Myanmar designing and facilitating training tasks for the foundation staff for new Catholic schools in Myanmar.

The role of the teacher trainers and leaders will be to work with Catholic Mission and staff from ECE Myanmar during Terms 3 and 4 this year. Their role will be to further develop existing training modules and to design new training tasks for pre-service and early-career teachers. These will align with the priorities discerned by the senior staff in Myanmar in collaboration with the third project team and Catholic Mission. The project team will travel to Myanmar in January 2019 to deliver the training alongside senior staff in Myanmar.

Ballarat East involvement

During January 2019, Ballarat East teachers Kathryn Lynn (St Alipius Parish School) and Monique McGrath (St Francis Xavier Primary School) will venture to Myanmar along with a further 4 teachers from across the Ballarat Diocese to continue this important partnership.



Father Lucas (Hakha Diocese, Myanmar) visited St Alipius for a meet and greet prior to the 2019 trip.



St John's School, Hakha Diocese, Myanmar



2016 Myanmar Project

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news...' *Isaiah 52:7*