Port Pirie Catholic schools make a commitment to Kiribati

The vision of this outreach experience is threefold;

- To provide opportunities for diocesan school staff to connect with, and be moved by, the human face of global inequality and injustice and to deepen understandings of our Catholic Identity and the mission of our Catholic schools.

- To develop a sense of community among staff across Catholic schools in the Diocese of Port Pirie and to assist them in the task of establishing supportive, collegial networks. The outreach experience will introduce staff and enable them to form networks and clusters, assisting them to feel part of a larger diocesan community and foster a greater sense of connectedness and belonging. We aim to have fun.

- To provide participants with additional formation pertaining to principles of Catholic Social Teaching, including Social Justice and Ecological Awareness - reflecting on and developing our understanding of global issues as they affect our own school communities and our Pacific neighbors.

Having recently returned from the inaugural ‘Outreach Experience’, it would be true to say that it was an outstanding success on so many levels. Our Kiribati Commitment Program will continue to evolve over the coming years. There will be future and ongoing opportunities for staff from across our diocesan schools to travel and witness this amazing Pacific country and its people and there will be opportunities for the I-Kiribati Good Samaritan Sisters to visit our diocese and schools. Our partnership is two-way, as we continue to cultivate and grow our cross-cultural learnings, friendships and understandings.

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**KIRIBATI COMMITMENT**

This Partnership Agreement is made on the 23rd day of May, 2015

**BETWEEN**

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan
of the Order of St Benedict

**AND**

Catholic Education, Diocese of Port Pirie

This ‘Kiribati Commitment’ will commence in 2016 and be reviewed regularly by Catholic Education Port Pirie and The Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

The ‘Kiribati Commitment’ program is established to provide an opportunity for young school teacher leaders in the Diocese of Port Pirie to engage in a ‘two-way’ outreach experience in Kiribati.

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