

# Advocacy

**Engaging in advocacy is a way of acting for justice and participating in the transformation of the world, to bring about peace and justice for the entire planet.**

Jesus referred to this as bringing about the 'reign of God'. This year we highlight campaigns that will help the children of Ghana avoid slave-like conditions in the production of chocolate; and update you on our ongoing campaigns in other areas, including the detention of children globally and the impact of mining in the Philippines.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognises that every child has the inherent right to life.

It also recognises other rights, such as that of every child, including those with a mental or physical disability, to enjoy a full and decent life in conditions which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the child's active participation in the community. Every child's right to education is enshrined in the Convention, as is protection from economic exploitation or performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with their education or be harmful to their health or their physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development.



## 360 Virtual Reality Resource

**Mission in 360** allows staff, students and parents to be immersed in the world of people who are living in developing countries and are striving to

***"have life ... to the full."***

John 10:10

Through the magic of 360 degree virtual reality goggles, students are transported this year to Ghana, where they can experience life at the Nazareth Home for God's Children.

- **Mission in 360** provides a deep and engaging experience which can then be linked through scripture, tradition and Catholic Social Teaching.
- **Mission in 360** can be used in a variety of classroom settings and curriculum areas. There are many ways you can invite students to reflect on their own experience of their home and school.
- For us to understand other people's situations and perspectives we need to try to walk in their shoes. **Mission in 360** allows you to be at the centre of the life of children in countries supported by Catholic Mission through your school.

***"Our students are somewhat sheltered living on the Gold Coast, so being able to highlight the way others live in countries overseas is invaluable and a great exercise in creating a sense of solidarity."***

Katherine Janovsky –  
Assistant Principal at St Michael's College in Merrimac, QLD



## About Catholic Mission and the Extraordinary Missionary Month

Catholic Mission supports children, communities and Church leaders around the world, including remote Australia. Grassroots needs are identified by local Catholics to give all people the opportunity for a full, enriched life—physically and spiritually—regardless of race, religion, gender or stigma.

Catholic Mission's 2019 World Mission Schools Resources are inspired by Pope Francis' call for an Extraordinary Missionary Month this October, which will be a worldwide occasion of prayer, sharing stories of mission, formation and charity.

**"Baptised and Sent:** The Church of Christ on Mission in the World" is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the Extraordinary Missionary Month.

Our Baptism calls us to stand with all people of goodwill to build a world where everyone can have "life to the full".



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## 2019 World Mission Schools Resources

[catholicmission.org.au/wmm2019](http://catholicmission.org.au/wmm2019)





# Ghana

This year, students across Australia are encouraged to not only learn about Ghana and the work of the Church there, but to do something extraordinary for mission through their fundraising, advocacy and prayers.

In Ghana there are many children who go to school, hang out with friends and family, and do fun things like sport. Distressingly, some children, especially those with a disability, struggle to have their basic needs met, such as food, clean water, healthcare and education.

Thankfully, the Nazareth Home for God's Children in the Diocese of Yendi in Ghana is a haven where children of all ages are loved and cared for unconditionally. Sister Stan Therese Mumuni, the Home's founder and director, has dedicated the last ten years to running the home, which currently cares for 78 boys and girls, providing them with safety, nutritious meals, healthcare and education.

Sister Stan ensures the children receive quality education so that they may one day gain employment and provide for themselves. Her dream is that they will return to their home community and show how the love and support of the Church has empowered them to develop and reach their goals.



The Nazareth Home for God's Children is one of the many critical initiatives established by the Catholic Church in Ghana to develop and nourish the country's most vulnerable young people. Without the tireless efforts of Sister Stan and other religious and lay missionaries around the country, many children will lose out on all that life has to offer.

The survival of these programs and the quality of life these children and young people experience rely so much on the support your school community can provide today.

Here are some examples of how fundraising donations can help children like those at the Nazareth Home for God's Children:

\$37	can help to build new classrooms in a remote school, which will provide children with a safe learning environment.
\$164	can cover the cost of providing nutritious food for the 78 children at the Nazareth Home for God's Children for one day.
\$276	can support the cost of building a youth centre, which can host formation programs and faith activities for children.
\$610	can cover the cost of vital medicine for one child at the Nazareth Home for God's Children for one year.

Fundraising is an excellent way for students to reach out in support of their Ghanaian brothers and sisters, helping them access a safe home, education, health and love.

Go to [catholicmission.org.au/wmm2019](http://catholicmission.org.au/wmm2019) for resources and information!

## Fundraising ideas



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### Fundraising ideas include:

- Host a **'Rock your socks off'** dance party, either during a lunch break, or maybe an after-school disco fundraiser with a gold coin contribution.
- Hold a **'Walk in someone else's shoes' day** and bring in clothes to donate to a charity, share the clothes with classmates and wear something that is not your own for the day.
- Hold a **'Tech-free' day** and research education around the world using books and storytelling (ask parents, grandparents, teachers, aunts etc.). Make a children's book and sell these.
- Hold a **Movie day**, with a movie that focuses on issues such as supporting vulnerable children, and ask for donations.
- Hold a **Trivia event**, find out as much as you can about Ghana and make up questions for children to answer. You can sell tickets to raise money.

For more information on Ghana visit: [catholicmission.org.au/Ghana](http://catholicmission.org.au/Ghana)

Please contact your local Catholic Mission Diocesan Director or phone **1800 257 296** should you need any extra information or resources, and to inform us of your fundraising activities. Your Catholic Mission Diocesan Director will also be able to provide suggestions for making your fundraising more effective in your school.



Prayer



Loving God,

We pray for the children who are cared for at the Nazareth Home for God's Children, and for Sister Stan and all the staff who work there.

We ask that you bless them with your grace, love, mercy and compassion.

Please continue to guide the staff in their mission, outreach and solidarity with the children and communities they serve.

Amen

