



Appeal overview

BRING HOPE TO NEELA AND HER FAMILY



2022 Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Thank you for choosing to support the work of Catholic Mission this year, and for sharing the important and vital work of missionaries around the world with your parishioners.

Catholic Mission, as the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, works on behalf of Pope Francis to support Church-run mission programs around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of Australians like you, last year we were able to support life-giving programs like the Mother and Babies Home, run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand, where pregnant women and mothers from vulnerable and disadvantaged backgrounds are given a helping hand to create a brighter future for themselves and their precious babies. Without your help, Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters could not continue this critical program, especially with the impact of the pandemic.

But there is still work to be done in many other Church-run programs around the world.

This year, we invite parishioners to support families from disadvantaged backgrounds through programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Ethiopia.

Due to ongoing droughts and failed harvests, many families in the rural township of Emdibir are unable to provide enough food for their loved ones. In collaboration with the local community, Fr Habtesilassie Antuan and the Church dream of building a goat rearing centre, which will provide nourishing goats' milk for families in need and nutrition programs at local health clinics.

However, the Centre can only be built with partnership and support. Through this appeal, Catholic Mission invites parishioners to be part of this life-changing mission program from the beginning, and by doing so, commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ.

We look forward to your parish partnering with us to support this life-giving work in Ethiopia, along with many other Church-run mission programs around the world.

Running a Church Appeal for Catholic Mission

Below is a guideline to help your parish run a successful Catholic Mission Church Appeal.

Ahead of Appeal Weekend

1. Download and familiarise parish staff with Church Appeal resources.
2. Display the poster in your parish in the weeks leading up to your Church Appeal.
3. Include **bulletins** in your parish newsletter and social media prior to the appeal.

Appeal Weekend

1. Include **bulletin** in your parish newsletter and social media during the week.
2. Place one appeal envelope and pencil in the pews for each parishioner expected at Mass.
3. Place the Catholic Mission poster on the pulpit on the appeal weekend.
4. Download and test the video before Mass to avoid any internet/playback issues (if using the provided appeal video).

Weeks after the Appeal

1. Include **bulletins** in your parish newsletter and social media after the appeal.
2. Finalise all collections, fill out and return provided Summary Form to your local Diocesan Director.

Parish Resources

You can find and download all of the following resources to help your parish run a successful Catholic Mission Church Appeal at catholicmission.org.au/parishes. Alternatively, you may receive or request a USB from your local Diocesan Director.

	Appeal Video	A powerful story of the missionary work of the Church reaching out to those in need in Ethiopia. We encourage you to play this for your parishioners at each Mass.
	Speakers' Notes	To assist in preparing key themes and messages for the appeal presentation.
	Parish Bulletins	To be placed in your parish newsletter and social media in the weeks before, during and after the appeal.
	Homily Notes and Prayers	Notes to assist with the homily and prayers for Mass.
	PowerPoint Presentation	To assist speakers that may be sharing the appeal at your parish.
	Summary Form	For parish staff to fill out and return to your local Catholic Mission Diocesan Director after the collection.
