

The Good We Rarely Tell Anyone

- We are the largest employer outside government in Australia 130,000 (approx.)
- 713,000 school children are in the Catholic sector
- 1,710 schools:
 - 1,239 primary schools
 - 350 secondary schools
 - 95 Primary /Secondary Schools combined
 - 17 special schools
- 82,000 staff
 - 55, 287 lay teachers and specialist staff
 - 26,348 general staff
 - 365 religious
- ACU is fastest growing, truly national university, an increase of 42% in the last three with 22,932 students, producing the largest nursing and teaching graduates in Australia.
- NDA won the Kullari NAIDOC Award for the most successful University in indigenous graduations.
- 66 hospitals – 9,500 beds (12% of all hospital beds)
 - 19 public hospitals with 3,100 beds
 - 47 private hospitals with 6,400 beds
- 22,872 residential aged care beds
- 5,393 retirement and independent living units and serviced apartments
- 8 dedicated hospices with palliative care services.
- Largest welfare provider outside Government
 - 63 member organisations
 - 6, 600 employees
 - 500 different services
 - 1.1 million clients were cared for in 2010
- SVDP is the largest and most extensive volunteer welfare network in the country with 18,209 members and 30,910 volunteers.
- Largest provider of trained personnel for the Third World
- *Caritas Australia* raised \$43m for the poor in 2010 with the smallest margin spent on administration costs
- *Catholic Mission* raised \$18m for the poor in 2010 with the second smallest spent on administration costs
- cathnews.com is the most visited religious website in the country
- *Australian Catholics*, now in its 16th year of publication, sells 200,000 copies five times per annum copies per edition (five times a year)
- There are 1321 parishes, including 29 belonging to Eastern Catholic Churches, serving 5.2m Catholics of which 624,000 Catholics worship every Sunday (12%), which means we could fill the MCG seven times every Sunday with Mass going Catholics. Of this group 94,150 of these Mass-goers are 13-18.
- Worldwide numbers are booming
- Martyrs are still dying for the faith we hold and the justice we live

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The "average" Australian is:

37 years old;

lived together before marriage;

got married at 31 by a civil marriage celebrant;

most probably will not divorce;

have 1.9 (increasingly unbaptised) children;

live in one of the largest houses we have ever built

Carry \$3,100 in monthly debts;

lose \$931 a year gambling;

donate \$207 to charity;

what's the number one domestic item in an Australian home?

A new kitchen

has someone in their family who is chronically depressed/ social depression

on TV we love sport, sitcoms and so-called "reality" and "lifestyle" programmes;

chances are they have ready access to soft or hardcore pornography via DVD, on-line or in magazines;

We read The Australian Women's Weekly, Woman's Day and No Idea

We like The Da Vinci Code and Harry Potter;

What is the 2nd highest selling book of all time?

Trust government and media outlets to tell them the truth;

Go to Church at Christmas, Good Friday and for hatchings, matchings and dispatchings.
