

SOCIAL JUSTICE

# ART EXHI BITION

2022

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT – *CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR*

In the 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, Pope Francis reminds us that encounter, dialogue, and listening with an open heart enable God's transforming love to move more powerfully in the world.

Yet when faced with complex interrelated crises – the pandemic, the ecological crisis, the economic crisis, hunger, threats to peace and security – we can find ourselves overwhelmed by information or bogged down in disagreements about details. In the Statement we hear the true stories of people's experience, look at reality through the eyes of those most affected, and listen with an open heart to the stories that they tell.

Our task is to listen to people, to the earth, and to all of God's creation, since every created thing is interconnected, this speaks of the wellbeing of each part and of the whole and reveals something of the Creator. The Statement draws from Scripture, from the theological tradition, from Catholic social justice teachings and from the wisdom of the world, including insights of the First Nations peoples. All these are placed in dialogue with human experience.

This year, the Statement offers some theological foundations for a genuinely Christian response to the *Cry of the Earth and Cry of the Poor*: creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life. Our hope is that these will ground and inspire comprehensive and effective responses not only from the Catholic community, but from all who want to care for our common home in this time of great need.

Artists are invited to create a work based on the themes found in the Social Justice Statement. Works can be 2 or 3 dimensional no larger than 1 x 1 metres.

Name, title of work, school, parish and phone number clearly labelled on the back. This information, plus a 150 word (maximum) artist statement, must accompany the work and be emailed before 29 April through to [rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au)

### **Entries close Friday 29 April**

Delivered to Catholic Schools Office reception,  
841 Hunter St, Newcastle West 2302

### **Exhibition date Saturday May 14**

**Location** TBA

**Time** 2pm– 5pm

### **Categories**

Stage 3, Stage 4, Stage 5, Stage 6, Adult

### **For more information contact**

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