



media release

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80 Octogenarians Celebrate with CatholicCare

On Sunday 1 March, over eighty octogenarians will gather at an event at the Cardinal Knox Centre in East Melbourne to share in the celebration of CatholicCare's 80th anniversary.

Established in 1935, CatholicCare Melbourne works on behalf of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, providing support for families across Melbourne and Geelong. CatholicCare's work in the community is inspired by the vision that everyone – and in particular those who are most vulnerable and disadvantaged – should be supported to live 'life to the full'.

"CatholicCare Melbourne has a very proud history – with a tradition that harks back to its earliest days of pioneering social work practice," said Fr Joe Caddy, CEO of CatholicCare.

"Over the years we have expanded our reach, developing innovative programs and demonstrating best practice along the way. Eighty years of caring for the community is a wonderful achievement; CatholicCare is delighted to be able to share in the celebrations with over 80 of our supporters who also share this special milestone."

Fast facts:

- Catholic Social Services Bureau (now known as CatholicCare Melbourne) was established by Norma Parker and Connie Moffit – two women who are regarded as the founders of social work in Australia.
- Originally established to support families during the Depression, CatholicCare has continued to provide support to vulnerable families; providing services that aim to strengthen relationships and keep families together.
- For eight decades CatholicCare has responded to the changing needs of our communities; delivering support for some of the most marginalised, including: refugees and asylum seekers, prisoners, and people impacted by drug and alcohol issues.
- CatholicCare are experts in family-focused care and provide a range of counselling, education, community and pastoral services. We support people regardless of their religious belief or background.
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Interview and photo opportunities:

- Interview: Fr Joe Caddy, CEO CatholicCare
- Group photo: Fr Joe Caddy, CEO CatholicCare and 80 octogenarians

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