



#WeSayNoToCruelty

PHOTO CAMPAIGN



Wednesday 1 August to Sunday 26 August

The Catholic Justice & Peace Commission of the Archdiocese of Brisbane invites parishes, schools, agencies and groups to send a clear message to our Federal Government and Members of Parliament on the issue of people seeking asylum: we say no to cruelty.

Catholic individuals and groups in south-east Queensland and around Australia are encouraged to take part in our month-long campaign by following these simple steps:

- Gather a group of parishioners, students, staff or group members together and ask them to cross and raise their arms above their heads
- Take a photo of the group in this powerful pose, symbolising solidarity with those seeking asylum and a rejection of our Government's cruel treatment
- Share the photo on social media using the hashtag #WeSayNoToCruelty
- Email the photo to cjpc@bne.catholic.net.au with your parish, school, agency or group name and we will post it on our A Movement of the Heart Facebook Page as a public witness to the Gospel; OR
- Share your photo and the name of your group directly on our A Movement of the Heart Facebook Page; OR
- Post the photo and the declaration on your own Facebook profile

Other ways to get involved:

- E-mail your photo and a copy of the declaration to the Minister for Home Affairs, Mr Peter Dutton, and tell him that you are opposed to the cruelty with which his Government's policies are treating people seeking asylum;
- E-mail your photo and a copy of the declaration to your local Federal MP and any of your State or Territory Senators and tell them you oppose the Government's cruel measures;
- Print your photo and a copy of the declaration and deliver them personally to your local Federal MPs office and ask for an appointment to share your concerns;
- Send the photo and the declaration to your local newspaper or radio station and tell them you are joining many other Catholics in sending this message to the Federal Government.

Make sure you also try to replace the cruelty of Federal Government policies by donating money or goods to agencies and groups providing direct support to the approximately three hundred people seeking asylum in south-east Queensland who are facing destitution because of Government policies and actions.

We also encourage you to include prayers for people seeking asylum facing destitution at Masses, assemblies and meetings during the month of August.

This campaign will run from 1 August to Migrant & Refugee Sunday, 26 August.

At the conclusion of the campaign, the Catholic Justice & Peace Commission will print all photos received and deliver them to The Home Affairs Minister's office.

Thank you for your support!