

Dear friends,

Can you remember when we all regularly referred to New Zealand as “Godzone”? It was a very common expression on our lips when the Catholic Care Foundation was first established in the Waikato 25 years ago. We didn’t even think much about what we meant when we used the phrase – “God’s own”. We just knew we lived in the best little country in the world where people were cared for – no matter their colour, creed or station in life. This was the country for families and children, for old and young, rich or poor, fit or disabled.

Let’s turn our community into a “Godzone” again for the silver anniversary of Catholic Care Foundation in the Waikato. Over the past 25 years, with your help, Catholic Care Foundation has supported people who need the very basics of life – food, shelter and clothing – and we have supported our community’s children by helping to put their feet on the right path for the future.

Most of the projects we support are looked after by volunteers – food banks, night shelters, Habitat for Humanity, community centres, family support work, refugee support, hospital and prison chaplaincies, youth bereavement and youth ministry projects – which means your money goes directly to those who most need it. Just a small amount keeps God’s work and Word alive among those who are struggling in your own community in our Diocese, from Huntly in the north to Turangi in the south, and from Raglan in the west to Gisborne in the east.

Jesus still speaks to us today when he said: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” These are God’s own.

Please consider what you can give for God’s own...either a single donation, a bequest or just a little bit on a regular basis....and thank you for your support for our ministry.

God bless you
Yours sincerely in Christ

Bishop Denis Browne
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