

ARCHBISHOP'S PENTECOST LETTER TO YOUTH 2014

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



Using the *Archbishop's Pentecost Letter to Youth* in your Parish

Every year, Archbishop Hart writes a letter to young people which is released on Pentecost Sunday. This year's *Pentecost Letter* is inspired by the example of Pope Francis and invites young people to enter into the joy of a life of faith.

You are encouraged to share this year's *Pentecost Letter to Youth* with young people in your parish and other parishioners. This year's letter is accompanied by a series of short video reflections available at www.cam.org.au/YouthLetter and this resource, which includes suggestions for using the letter as part of your parish program. A guide for youth groups and for schools is also available at www.cam.org.au/YouthLetter.

SHARE

- Display the *Pentecost Letter* and accompanying poster prominently in your parish on Pentecost Sunday.
- Ask young people to distribute the letter to other young people arriving at Mass.
- If your parish has a youth ministry, ask the young people involved to prepare a photo board for display in the parish which expresses the joy of their ministry.
- Ask a young person involved in your parish youth ministry to speak at your Pentecost services, with an invitation for other young people to get involved.

REFLECT

- Use the *Pentecost Letter* as an opening reflection in your next Parish Council Meeting.
- Inspired by the Pentecost Letter, encourage parishioners and parish groups to read *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the joy of the Gospel.

PRAY

- Include an intention for young people in your Pentecost services:

For young people in our Parish and the Archdiocese of Melbourne, that they may be open to receiving the joy found in a life of faith.

For our Parish, that we may always witness to the joy of God's love, especially to young people in our community.

- The song in the Pentecost DVD resources is called 'Rising', by Australian Catholic worship artist, Stephen Kirk. You might want to accompany your prayer or reflection with this song or another song from the album. Listen at www.stephenkirk.com.au.



Another appropriate song is 'Happiness' by Roby Curtis, a Brisbane based Catholic musician who was recently featured on Triple J's *Unearthed*. Listen at www.triplejunearted.com/artist/roby-curtis.



Watch the video and read Archbishop Hart's letter at:
www.cam.org.au/YouthLetter