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Christmas Now & Forever

This Christmas season the Redemptorists are pleased to present you their 2019 Christmas offering: [Christmas Now & Forever](#).

This year's theme is based on Pope Francis' call for the world to enter into a more human experience, an "Emmanuel experience". The message brings out the power of embracing ones vulnerabilities and welcoming the inclusive gospel of a God who is with us in every age and culture. This e card is available in: English, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Bahasa, Sinhalese, French, Portuguese and Ukrainian.

"Christmas Now & Forever's unique ability to be accessed in multiple languages provides a constant message for a multicultural, multilingual country such as Australia. In a Church where members do not always share common backgrounds or languages, this message serves as a unifying reminder that God is with us, and that together we are called to build inclusive communities based on his love for all of humanity." Says Matthew Howard Leader for Digital Mission for the Redemptorists of Oceania.

The musical accompaniment is titled Christmas Call, a modern take on a Christmas classic. It was written by our mission partner Niamh O'Neill which she performed with the Redemptorists and Redemptorist Youth Oceania, in New Zealand.

Matthew points to the music as another innovative feature of this Christmas message. "The holistic approach to this e card sees even the background music being shaped to the message. This Redemptorist take on a Christmas classic has Redemptorist youth, clerics and mission partners coming together to raise their voices as one to proclaim the coming of the Prince of Peace. This track, Christmas Call, is published on over 150 streaming and download platforms, including [Spotify](#), [Apple Music](#) and [Deezer](#)."

Music and carols are not new to the Redemptorist congregation which was founded by St Alphonsus Liguori in 18th century Italy. St Alphonsus fully understood the power of music in mission and in 1732, he penned the popular Italian Christmas song, Tu Scendi dalle Stelle, which is still heard around the world revealing God to millions.

You can access the Christmas card [HERE](#) . You can access Christmas Call as well as our Spotify Christmas playlist by clicking [HERE](#)

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