

Hope in every step as One Foot Raised raises over \$53,000 for Myanmar

In the week coinciding with the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Australian Catholics of all ages participated in Jesuit Mission Australia's One Foot Raised campaign, to raise awareness, prayers and funds for the people of Myanmar.

With prayerful hearts and a commitment to serve, participants followed the example of St. Ignatius the Pilgrim, who lived with "One Foot Raised" – ready to take action for justice and help those most in need. Participants raised over \$53,000 for people affected by conflict, oppression and poverty and with every step taken, offered their prayers and intentions for the suffering people of Myanmar.

A number of Australian Jesuit schools, Parishes and ministries participated including, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview (NSW), Our Lady of the Way Parish North Sydney (NSW), The Cardoner Network (NSW), Saint Ignatius College Geelong (VIC), Sevenhill and Riverton Parishes (SA), and Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia. Additionally, Xavier College Kew (VIC) will undertake One Foot Raised later in the year.

"This was such a moving expression of solidarity with those communities experiencing suffering and conflict," says Helen Forde, CEO of Jesuit Mission Australia.

"Now with two feet rested and hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate our Australian Catholic community's response to Myanmar's cry for help."

In Myanmar, over 18 million people, including 6 million children, are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance. Internally displaced people are living in temporary shelters built with tarpaulin sheets and bamboo, unsafe from the rain and wind, and the increasing indiscriminate artillery and air strikes from the military.

Jesuit Mission's partners continue to prioritise urgent emergency relief such as medicines, shelter, food and clothing to those who are displaced and trapped. The Jesuits are also providing thousands of children and youth with quality education and formation to make positive change for their country in the years to come.

We continue to pray for peace and justice for all those affected by conflict. It's not too late to make a meaningful difference and support this great cause. Jesuit Mission is hoping to raise \$75,000 for One Foot Raised this year. Sign up or donate now at onefootraised.org.au

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Caption: After a shared prayer for Myanmar, the Jesuit Mission Sydney team walked 10km, including across Sydney's iconic Harbour Bridge.



Caption: A great turn out from all ages of Our Lady of the Way Parish, North Sydney, walking 2-4km in solidarity.



Caption: Sevenhill and Riverton parishes walked the Sevenhill Heritage Trail involving prayers at St Aloysius Church, the Marian Shrine, the Saint Ignatius Shrine and the Weikert family plot in Sevenhill Cemetery – the resting place of Franz and Fransiska Weikert, who brought the first Jesuit missionaries to Australia in 1848.



Caption: Saint Ignatius' College, Regis campus participated in One Foot Raised on St. Ignatius Day, walking in solidarity and writing letters to be sent to the people of Myanmar.



Caption: Students from Saint Ignatius College, Geelong, participated in the 'One Foot Raised Water Relay,' where students walked over 50km inside the gymnasium in solidarity with the young people in Myanmar.



Caption: Your support is empowering children, living on the run in make-shift camps, through quality education.

Supporting Links:

One Foot Raised Home Page

<http://onefootraised.org.au>

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Jesuit Mission works in over 10 countries across Asia and Africa to uphold the innate dignity of people living with the effects of poverty, especially the most marginalised and vulnerable. Funds from our supporters:

- Break cycles of poverty through teaching and education
- Protect the health of communities by providing medical care and programs that improve access to clean water and toilets
- Develop independent, sustainable communities through livelihood training and income-generating projects
- Provide vulnerable individuals with pastoral care, social inclusion and advocacy
- Support refugees in crisis
- Enable effective disaster response and relief around the world, including supporting those fleeing the crisis in Ukraine.