

Caritas Australia meets the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See.

Kirsten Sayers, Interim CEO at Caritas Australia and Damian Spruce, Associate Director of Advocacy at Caritas Australia have met with the Honourable Keith Pitt, Australian Ambassador to the Holy See.

Kirsten Sayers said of the meeting, "We appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Hon. Keith Pitt as it afforded us the opportunity to discuss many issues of importance to the Catholic church and Caritas that align strongly with Australia's international agenda. From addressing the impacts of climate change and global debt on the world's most vulnerable, to the protection of humanitarian personnel."

This year, a new debt justice campaign has been launched by Caritas Internationalis, which seeks to build on the hugely successful Drop the Debt campaign in the year 2000. It does so by calling for the reform of international financial structures that generate massive debt burdens on developing countries and replace them with a fairer system. Caritas Australia will participate in this campaign around the 10-year anniversary of the historical papal encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

"Being a Holy Year, 2025 is a crucial time for Catholics around the world to strengthen their connection to the Holy See. As part of that, we look forward to work with the Hon. Keith Pitt to bring about greater equality, justice and care for our common home."

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