



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

6 June 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Re: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 3 July 2022

I am pleased to recommend to parishes and schools the 2022 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday resources that have been compiled by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). These resources have helped us to celebrate the gifts of our First Australians in the Church for many years.

The theme of the resources reminds us that we all have a responsibility to care for our community members and those outside our own groups. We must work together for the betterment of all. For parishes, the liturgical suggestions will assist in creating a rich celebration that embraces the beauty of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture in our Church. The youth activities that NATSICC has created in partnership with Edmund Rice Education Australia encourage students to begin their own journey of exploration into the history of our Great Southern Land and to seek out ways in which they can Get up! Stand up! And Show up!

As you come together across Australia on Sunday 3 July – on all homelands – please know that your presence is helping to create the Church that Jesus wants her to be.

Yours sincerely,

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