

Media Release

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Pilgrims 100 reaches 100 members and raises \$100,000 for Myanmar

Pilgrims 100 has reached two major milestones, welcoming its 100th member and raising \$100,000 for Jesuit Mission Australia's work in Myanmar.

Launched by St Ignatius Norwood parishioners in South Australia in partnership with Jesuit Mission Australia, the collective giving group has grown into a community of 100 members committed to making a tangible difference.

The milestone was marked at a special celebration, where members gathered to reflect on the group's impact. Fr Mark Raper SJ, an Australian Jesuit and former Superior of Myanmar, shared a video updating members on the ongoing crisis in Myanmar.

"The country is at war. It is perhaps forgotten with all the other terrible wars going on around the world at the moment and the people feel forgotten," Fr Mark said.

He shared that a young Jesuit priest was recently injured by a landmine, a parish in Banmaw Diocese had been bombed twice by the military, and another priest was stranded after an airport was hit by a drone strike.

Fr Mark said support from Pilgrims 100 is helping deliver critical education to displaced communities in Myanmar.

"With almost four million displaced people, education is vital. Your support is helping us provide emergency education to young people in extremely difficult circumstances," he said.

Since its launch six years ago, Pilgrims 100 has supported nine Jesuit Mission Australia projects across Cambodia, Laos, Timor-Leste and Vietnam, directly impacting more than 40,000 people.

Pilgrims 100 was founded by James and Genevieve Hill at St Ignatius Parish.

"Our hope is that Pilgrims 100 will be a strong supporter base with a continuing presence for Jesuit Mission here in South Australia," they said.

Each member donates \$1,000 annually and the group votes for their preferred project every year, supporting sustainable initiatives with long term impact. Funds are managed by Jesuit Mission Australia, with members receiving regular updates on project outcomes and the opportunity to visit the projects.

Australians are invited to join Pilgrims 100 and be part of a growing community helping empower marginalised communities around the world. To learn more or become a member, visit <https://jesuitmission.org.au/pilgrims>

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Pilgrims 100 Signup Page:

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/pilgrims>

Programs by Country Page – Myanmar

<https://jesuitmission.org.au/our-impact/programs-by-country/>



Caption: Fr Mark Raper SJ shared a video update from Myanmar with Pilgrims 100 event attendees.





Caption: Students at Campion Institute in Myanmar share their gratitude to supporters in Australia.

About Jesuit Mission Australia

Jesuit Mission Australia works in over 10 countries across Asia 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.