

## *Epiphany Working with Humanitarian Refugees*

At Epiphany we have discovered that the government assistance to refugees that enables them to establish themselves in this country leaves some gaps where extra help is needed. Also, it is one thing to help people settle in to Australia but it is another to help them understand Australian ways and culture and explore this wonderful city of Melbourne. With refugees from Burma and Sudan settling into Hoppers Crossing, and being compelled by the love of God to help them, we have set up two programmes. Donations made to these programmes are tax deductible.

## *Epiphany Refugee Settlement Programme*

A family who has just arrived needs to open a bank account and then register with Centrelink for their social security benefits, which can then take over two weeks to come through. Families do get a furniture and clothing allowance. A family of 6 used their furniture allowance to buy beds and other essential items but were only able to have a 2-seater couch in the lounge room. They had to sit on the floor when guests came. This programme seeks to get newly arrived families to the bank and Centrelink and to purchase food for the family before their Centrelink payments start. It also assists with extra clothes where the grant is not sufficient or where the supplied clothes are inappropriate from a cultural perspective. Supporting this programme allows us to meet a family's immediate needs in their first few weeks.

## *Epiphany Refugee Community Development Programme*

This programme builds on our Settlement Programme and is an ongoing programme helping the newly arrived family understand Australian culture and Australian ways. This is achieved through seminars that discuss the differences between their culture and the Australian culture and the publication of a booklet based on these seminars. On a low income and trying to establish themselves, the cost of driving lessons can be prohibitive. Through this programme we can subsidise driving lessons. Supporting this programme allows us to meet the ongoing needs of a family until they are established in their new country and to provide the pastoral support needed.

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 Epiphany Refugee Community Development Programme

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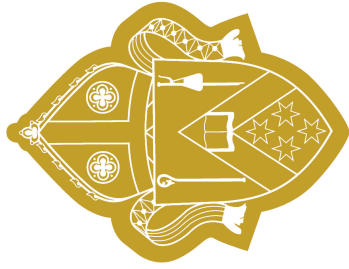
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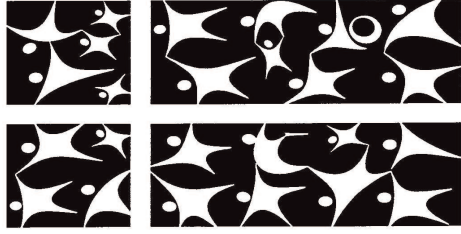
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