

Passionist Family Group Movement

A Ministry of the Passionists



A Message from the National Coordinating Team

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In Australia we have come to regard our homeland as 'the lucky country' as the vast majority of us have, especially in the recent past, enjoyed a very safe and comfortable life.

The discovery and spread of COVID-19 threatens that lifestyle in a way which is without precedent.

As members of the Passionist Family Group Movement we have our faith and community to sustain us and give us hope while we await the development of a vaccine which, in time, will enable us to resume our former lifestyle even though life may never be quite the same again.

As members of the National Coordinating Team, we are concerned for the wellbeing of everyone in our Movement.

The rapid spread and virulent nature of the virus necessitates that we make immediate, substantial changes to our lifestyles as Passionist Family Group members.

We urge each of you to:

- Implement all government directives with respect to the conduct of PFG activities;
- Continue to stay in touch with individual group members by whatever means possible, especially the frail and elderly;
- Stay in touch with and continue to support your Parish Priest and Parish community.

As we face this challenge, we are reminded of the small communities in the early Church where people banded together and loved and supported each other in an often-hostile world. In this present crisis, our Passionist Family Groups can play an important part in ensuring that no one in our Family Groups is isolated and unsupported.

We are also reminded that, in the past, Family Group members have been innovative in finding new and novel ways to be a 'family for all'.

As we look forward to the time when we can meet again in person, blessings and take care.

Gwen and Russell, Frances and Michael, Mary and Dennis and Brian.

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