

# Holy Spirit Province

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends in the Passionist Family

**To all affected by the bushfires – you are not alone!**

On this Sunday morning, after the shocking day yesterday, and the days and weeks before that, I know we are all actively engaged in supporting every family affected by the devastating fires, and all those who are fighting them. For many of us responding to appeals and the offering of our prayers and concern is all we can do. Letting those affected know they are not alone is all we can do.

Many of us have a personal connection through family or friends in the areas where the fires are raging. (I have one sister for whom the fires are presently one kilometre away. Another who was up all night as the fires approached). So many of us have similar stories. Through our Passionist Family Groups we also have a personal connection – they are present in a number of the regions under threat or already destroyed. But our hearts are with everyone already affected and still at risk.

In our communities and parishes we have been offering prayers and masses. Our parishioners and mass communities, Passionist Companions, and Family Groups have been involved in appeals and fundraising. We have been involved in collecting food and clothing and care parcels. St Anthony in the Fields, birthplace of the Family Groups are having a massive appeal this morning for supplies for families and fires.

I have received emails from our Passionists around the world asking how we are and promising their prayers

With such difficult and dangerously uncertain times still ahead, we continue to do what we can, along with the rest of country. And whatever needs to be done, I know we will do our best to do it together.

In Christ Crucified

**Tom cp**

Provincial Superior