

# PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE



## INDIA JANUARY 2012

In January 2012 we embark on the eighth Pilgrimage of Hope to Kolkata, where we will continue to build on the success of previous pilgrimages working alongside Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters, helping them to serve the 'poorest of the poor'.

The pilgrims will serve with the MC Sisters at Kalighat, a Home for the Destitute and Dying, Prem Dan, a home for the sick and mentally ill, Dayadan, a home for abandoned and mentally ill children and Shishu Bhavan, an Orphanage for infants. Pilgrims will also work at Nabo Jibon, a home run by the Missionaries of Charity Brothers for orphans and abandoned children, and the Loreto School, Sealdah, founded by Sister Cyril Mooney, which is a rooftop school for street children. Many of the children at this school come from the slums of Kolkata.

Quotes from POH11 India Pilgrims:

*"In the week I have been in India, I have had an incredibly rewarding and engaging experience. The service placements have really opened my eyes to the culture and situation of India."* – Dominic Donaldson CCGS Year 12

*"India has been amazing. The people and the culture are just incredible! I'm looking forward to the second half of our service placements and what the next week will bring."* Saxon Norgard CCGS Year 12

*"I think I had possibly the 'best time of my life' at Rainbow Sealdah for 'street children'. I can't wait for the next day."* – Tim Budden CCGS Year 10

*"I feel very lucky to be part of this pilgrimage and I will continue to give all I have."* – Joe Hanna CCGS Year 10

*"Working with the aged and sick is mentally exhausting, but very rewarding at the same time, whereas working with children is physically exhausting but a great experience. Working at Prem Dan has been great medical experience and it has reinforced my want to study medicine next year."* Robert Buttner CCGS Year 12

*"Kolkata truly the city of joy. It still surprises me with the amount of love and happiness that overflows despite its many hardships. Coming back to Kolkata for the second time has been like coming home."* – Zoe Krisnadi St Hildas

*"There has not been a single period in my life where I have had so many moments where I have been completely happy. I want the pilgrimage to last forever!!!"* – Isabelle Dahl St Hildas

Places are open to students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 in 2012 and a group of 15 adults (parents from the schools involved in POH or parish). An information evening will be held on Thursday 28 July, 6.30pm – 8.00pm in the CCGS Senior School Staff Room. The application form is available on the website [www.thepilgrimageofhope.com](http://www.thepilgrimageofhope.com). For further information, please email Brother James at [brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au](mailto:brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au) or phone 0407 399 953. The POH11 India DVD is also available for viewing. Please call in to the office to borrow a copy.

