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"We must give young people opportunities to develop habits of the heart. Spirituality is not just about being. It is about doing; doing good things." Garth Wynne, Headmaster of Christ Church Grammar School

"It was Marcel Proust who reminded us that we don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us." Murray Guest, co-founder of the Pilgrimage of Hope

**MORE INFORMATION**

Further copies of the brochure and application form can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage of Hope website: [www.thepilgrimageofhope.com](http://www.thepilgrimageofhope.com)

Further detailed information is available, including a DVD showing our service work in Kolkata. Please email Brother James at [brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au](mailto:brjames@ccgs.wa.edu.au) for further information.

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**PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS 2005 - 2009**

The following schools have participated in previous Pilgrimages.

 CHRIST CHURCH GRAMMAR SCHOOL CLAREMONT WA	 THE ARMIDALE SCHOOL ARMIDALE NSW	 BISHOP TYRELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE NEWCASTLE NSW	 WESTMINSTER SCHOOL ADELAIDE SA
 PRESBYTERIAN LADIES' COLLEGE ARMIDALE NSW	 BRIGIDINE COLLEGE SYDNEY NSW	 PETER MOYES ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL MINDARIE KEYS, WA	 NEW ENGLAND GIRLS' SCHOOL ENGLAND NSW
 FIRBANK GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL MELBOURNE VIC	 ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE ALICE SPRINGS NT	 ST HILDA'S ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, MOSMAN PARK WA	 ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE SYDNEY NSW
 SEYMOUR COLLEGE GLEN OSMOND, SA			



These words are the motivation behind a bold and imaginative project which sees Australian school students leave in January 2010 on the pilgrimage of a lifetime.

## PILGRIMAGE

In January 2010 we embark on the sixth Pilgrimage of Hope to India. The focus is service to others and the expectation is that the Pilgrims will gain much from reflecting upon this "experience of a lifetime".

Building on the success of five previous Pilgrimages of Hope to India, Pilgrims will work for three weeks alongside Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters helping them to serve the "poorest of the poor". This will take the Pilgrims to Kalighat, a Home for the "Destitute and Dying", to Prem Dan, a Home for the sick and mentally ill, to Dayadan, a Home for abandoned and mentally ill children, Shishu Bhavan, an Orphanage for infants and involvement with Kolkata Stations Mission.

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 (The Rainbow School), founded by Sister Cyril Mooney, which is a rooftop school for street children. Many of the children at the Rainbow School come from the slums of Kolkata.

The Pilgrims will have the privilege of joining with Mother Teresa's modern day disciples in orphanages, schools and homes for the dying. They will also work with Loreto nuns and Silesian brothers in schools and in places of special care.

The Pilgrimage plans to depart Australia for India on Saturday 2 January 2010, returning on Tuesday 26 January 2010. Dates may change slightly once flight arrangements are confirmed. A detailed itinerary will be issued to all participants prior to departure.



## THE COST

The cost of the 2010 Pilgrimage of Hope will be approximately \$4,950.00. This may change, as we are currently negotiating a contract with a new hotel.

Costs include:

- All international airfares
- Breakfasts, dinners and most lunches
- Travel and medical insurance
- All accommodation in India
- 24-hour access to Pilgrimage Doctor, Psychologist, Chaplain and professional support staff
- Donation to the Rainbow School and Loreto Sisters
- Most sightseeing activities
- Qualified guides during all sightseeing and tourist activities
- Official group uniform (including four long sleeved shirts)
- Official Pilgrimage medallion
- DVD of Pilgrimage photographs

The expense does not include:

- India visa \$95.00 (each school will co-ordinate the purchase of visas for their students)
- Vaccinations (arranged through your family GP. The Pilgrimage Doctor will provide a list of recommended vaccinations)

Places are limited to 75 pilgrims. This includes support staff. Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2009 are invited to apply. As a result of a request from parents of past pilgrims, a small number of places on the 2010 pilgrimage are reserved for adults.



## Levy

As with past pilgrimages, each school will contribute to or fundraise for a levy that will cover costs associated with the professional support staff. The levy for 2010 is \$500.00 per pilgrim.

It is an honour to be included on the Pilgrimage. It is also important to understand that it is not just for the privileged few! It does seem appropriate that there might be an element of sacrifice involved in the preparation. This might mean Pilgrims going without in the 12 months lead up to departure. Birthday presents and Christmas presents could be directed towards Pilgrimage expenses.

## Support Staff

Each school, Pilgrim and their parents will receive regular updates from the coordinating team (Pilgrimage Co-ordinator, Pilgrimage Administrator and Travel Co-ordinator, Doctor, Counsellor and Chaplain) to ensure everyone receives the same information. On arrival in Kolkata, the Pilgrimage will commence with a day's orientation programme, and include adequate time for team building.

## Talk to Past Pilgrims

Students and staff who participated in the previous Pilgrimages of Hope have many experiences and stories to share. It is beneficial to get a first hand account from them and each Pilgrimage of Hope School staff member can provide contact details for past Pilgrims.

## BROTHER JAMES

The Pilgrimage of Hope arose out of a vision by Brother James, an Anglican Religious Brother, who is the School Counsellor at Christ Church Grammar School in Perth. Brother James has extensive experience working with young people and believes that there is a great yearning on their part for a spiritual experience that is sustaining. "They need something they can feel; something that will draw from them some commitment. They want to make a connection between those ancient aspects of a meaningful life; faith, hope and love". He observes that true education is about something that goes well beyond ideas, He is fond of the old quotation: "Tell me and I may forget. Show me and I may remember. But involve me and I will understand."



Archbishop Henry D'Souza with Brother James

As Brother James says, "We take young people to another world, another world of meaning, where all their categories about comfort are challenged. They are taken out of an unsatisfying comfort zone and work with compassionate, practical, faithful people who are making a difference in the lives of those Mother Teresa called 'the poorest of the poor'. This will be deeply confronting but it draws out of the young pilgrims something quite wonderful. I have been strengthened and inspired to see how they have responded when tested. It gives me great confidence in the goodness of young people as it empowers them with knowledge that service to others is the way in which a happy life may be lived."

