

## Commitment Statement

In committing ourselves to be custodians of these Message Sticks we are making a commitment to continue the journey towards Reconciliation by spreading the message of justice. .

We commit ourselves to treating all people with dignity, for we are all created in God's image and likeness.

We commit ourselves to respecting the ancient Dreaming which has been a part of the spirituality of Australia since before the incarnation of Christ, and is the Aboriginal way of touching the mystery of God.

We commit ourselves to caring for the message stick respectfully, recognising the privilege we have in using another culture's religious symbol in our communities . In doing this we join together with courage and hope as we celebrate a living culture whose faith in the Creator can transform us.

We commit ourselves to spreading the message of Pope John Paul II so that we create a Church that joyfully welcomes the contribution that is made by Aboriginal Catholics.

We pray that our commitment today will bring about unity. That we will come together in forgiveness, love, hope and peace aware that we are all created and sustained by the same Creator Spirit. We ask this in the name of Christ, our Redeemer.

Amen