

Student Faith Stories

Guide for students and teachers

An exciting new website will soon be launched by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), which will explore the ways in which students are engaging with their faith in our Catholic schools.

We are inviting and encouraging students and teachers to choose an aspect of their school's life that is related to the students' experience of faith, and then tell this story by creating a simple, short video for publication.

For further information or to register your interest, please contact the Catholic Mission and Identity team at MACS on studentfaithvoice@macs.vic.edu.au.

What sort of things could your story look at?



Students engage with faith in many ways, so we don't want to put limits on what you could do.

The following aspects of school life are common areas in which students engage with their faith, but there are many others – all of which could inspire your video submission:

- charism of the school
- prayer and liturgy
- youth ministry and parish engagement
- social justice and integral ecology
- retreats or reflection days.

Examples of these might involve students:

- participating in a hands-on project as part of the Religious Education curriculum
- creating a school song or an artwork related to a theme being celebrated in the school
- embracing the challenge of Catholic social teaching through a social justice event
- creating a school liturgical celebration.

How could your story be developed?



The outcome we are asking for from schools is a short video (or other media type), under five minutes' duration, that explores the following questions:

- What did you hope to achieve at the beginning of your project?
- How did you develop your plan?
- How did your project grow and change? What issues did you solve along the way?
- How did you engage with your faith? How did the project engage the faith of others?

What are some ways that your story could be presented?



How the story is presented is entirely up to you. Be as creative as you like, and have fun with it.

Please do not feel that you need to produce a professional media presentation. It will depend on the resources in your school and the skills of the students involved. A smartphone and a basic editing app will be enough to tell your story. Other school resources might help, but they are not necessary. The [Quick and easy tips for creating a great video or photo](#) guide is available on the REsource website <https://resource-macs.com> under *School Resources* / [Student Faith Stories](#) to get you started.