

# Enabling Communities EVERYONE HAS A PART TO PLAY



## Resources Overview

All resources can be found online at [www.caritas.org.nz](http://www.caritas.org.nz)

BACKGROUND



Find out more

POSTER



Raise awareness

PRAYERS



Pray each day

ACTIVITIES



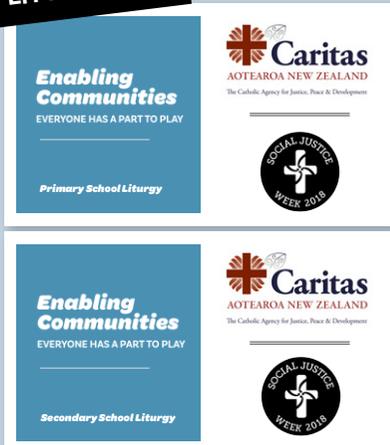
Learn in class

STORIES

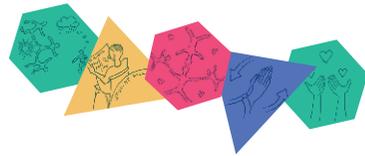
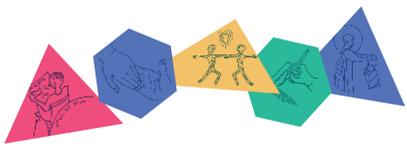


Be inspired

LITURGIES



Come together



## How to use these resources

Social Justice Week 2018 runs from September 9-15 and focuses on disability and inclusion. All education resources can be found at [www.caritas.org.nz/social-justice-schools](http://www.caritas.org.nz/social-justice-schools).

Short **prayers** are available to be used each day. These have been written to cover all levels and provide different perspectives on disability and inclusion.

**Stories** are also provided as great examples of enabling everyone to play their part. These come in a variety of formats including both text and video.

A wide range of **activities** are available to help students engage in the topic. These cover all levels and can be adapted to suit the needs of students.

A short **liturgy** is available for classes or schools to use during the weekly assembly or Mass.

**Background information for teachers** is also available to provide a basic understanding of the topic and some of the related issues.

As we take time to focus on disability and inclusion during Social Justice Week, may each of us be challenged to respond to promote community and participation.

## Key messages

- Those of us with disabilities are people first, and gifts in ourselves, having something to offer others in terms of insights, experience and understanding of God and life.
- As followers of Christ, we are called to engage with people with and without disabilities, to ensure inclusive attitudes and practices and full participation. This provides a foundation for true belonging.
- The disability community is diverse – there are many voices and considerations. No one person or group can speak for people with disabilities.
- Many disabilities are hidden and as a result we need to be aware of what people are going through beyond what we can actually see.
- When disabled people are left out, society disables them.
- Disability doesn't mean inability. Often people living with disabilities develop significant strengths or abilities in order to manage more effectively with particular impairments.
- When people come together and include each other, all can lead full and happy lives and contribute to society.
- People with disabilities need to be actively involved in activities and decisions relating to them.

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