



Reach out. Give life.

Youth & Schools Engagement Officer Fixed Term Full-time 12 months | Melbourne location

- Full-time fixed term (12 months) position based in Melbourne, VIC.
- Build on the success of **Socktober** initiative in schools and communities around Australia.
- Work within community engagement in a creative and innovative role in National Office.

This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas.

Reporting to the Diocesan Director for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, your primary duty is to engage youth and schools across the VIC/TAS Region in our revamped **Socktober** initiative as well as engage youth in mission and evangelisation.

During World Mission Month in October each year, Catholic Mission invites schools to participate in **Socktober** following our *head, heart and hands* model: encouraging a learning mind, an open heart and hands for action. **Socktober** builds on Pope Francis' recent initiative *Sport at the Service of Humanity* and challenges children to experience their faith in action. **Socktober** is a whole of community engagement tool and builds an understanding of mission in a face to face approach as well as an online and offline approach. The international game of soccer is used as a vehicle for understanding mission using our unique **Socktober** educational and fundraising platform: www.socktober.org.au. With over 1700 Catholic Schools across Australia, **Socktober** has the potential to engage schools in mission in a way that is interactive and fun. A broader engagement of **Socktober** into soccer clubs is an opportunity to grow into the wider community. Working across multiple key stakeholders, this position is responsible to take **Socktober** into the regional settings supporting diocesan teams and schools in developing engaging **Socktober** event days in October to provide an enriched experience of the work of Catholic Mission.

To succeed in this role you will need to: Be eligible to work in Australia; Have knowledge and experience of principles and techniques of fundraising, social marketing and social media within the not for profit sector; Be a natural organiser and be able to confidently manage competing deadlines, multiple tasks and a broad range of stakeholders; Passionate about engagement within the school environment including teachers, parents, students and broader school community; Have good time management and attention to detail; Have tertiary qualifications at degree level in a relevant discipline (eg, in education, theology, fundraising or sales/marketing); have excellent communication skills including active listening, presenting, facilitating and telephone; Have your driver's licence and be prepared to travel within the VIC/TAS region; Be prepared to work a flexible schedule; Be able to adapt to dynamic circumstances quickly and respond with energy.

Due to the essential breadth of involvement with catholic schools, religious education coordinators, clergy and the Catholic Church's evangelisation activities, this position is identified as requiring a Catholic who will have an understanding of, appreciation for and commitment to promoting Catholic principles, values and global mission; understand the structure of the Catholic Church; hold an affinity for Catholic values and beliefs, principles of justice, human rights and Catholic Social Teaching.

Catholic Mission supports their employees with a number of benefits such as time-in-lieu and flexible working arrangements, as well as a salary package commensurate with your experience that includes the ability to arrange salary sacrifice depending on your circumstances. There is an Employee Assistance Program, above-award holiday breaks and an annual performance development and review program. You can look forward to becoming part of a growing and dynamic team.

If you're looking for a role where your energy, enthusiasm and passion will be rewarded, your ideas embraced and where you can genuinely help change the world while building your professional career, please send your application to employment@catholicmission.org.au today, including a cover letter of no more than two pages, along with your resume of no more than two pages, demonstrating how you meet the requirements of the role. For a position description, please refer to: <http://www.catholicmission.org.au/about-us/work-with-us>. For a short video on what it's like working at Catholic Mission, please refer to: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/about-catholic-mission/about-us#our-people>

Please note: The successful applicant is subject to a National Criminal History Check and a Working with Children Check (and the Vulnerable); Only those selected for an interview will be contacted within 2 weeks of the closing date.

Our Mission

As the Pope's international mission agency we respond to the call to love God and to love our neighbour by forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayer. We share in God's mission to reach out, give life by sharing our personal and financial resources to: (a) proclaim the Gospel, (b) serve people in need, and (c) act for peace, justice and creation, in partnership with local churches so that all may have life in Christ.

Closing Date: Wednesday, 19 Feb 2020.