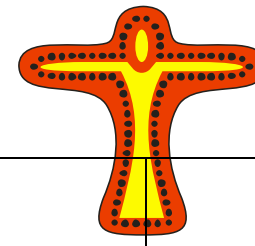


**Building Relationships with our Aboriginal Community  
Checklist/Reflections for our Parish**

*Inspired by the words of JP II "You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others" we reflect on the 7 ACM Messages and how our Parish is and can do more to live these out. This document is just a starting point.*

<p><b>Reconciliation</b> To advance the movement towards Reconciliation within the Catholic and wider community.</p>	<p>Attend CFE &amp; ACM Catholic Cultural Awareness Trainings</p> <p>Engage in the World Vision Church Reconciliation Action Tool Kit</p> <p>Implement the ACBC Acknowledgment to Country and Welcome to Country Resource in our Parish</p> <p>Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday &amp; NAIDOC Week in your Parish</p> <p>Show the ACM Reconciliation Video during Reconciliation Week</p>	<p><b>Growing in Gospel Faith</b> To share and make known Jesus within the Aboriginal Community through the Catholic Church.</p>	<p>Invite Aboriginal Catholic's to share their faith with your community.</p> <p>Are there ways for you can make it easier for Aboriginal families to attend Church/other Parish activities?</p> <p>Connect the messages in our Sunday Mass community to the messages of Reconciliation. See NATSICC Website for advice.</p>
<p><b>Healing</b> To support the journey of healing within the Aboriginal community.</p>	<p>Commit to learning about our Past History.</p> <p>Acknowledge Sorry Day</p> <p>Pray for Aboriginal People who lost their lives in war, colonial interacts during All Souls Day.</p> <p>Support community healing initiatives.</p>	<p><b>Living God's Mercy and Justice</b> To work with the Church to put into action the Mercy and Justice of God through pastoral care, spiritual care and service to the Aboriginal community.</p>	<p>Are there ways our Parish outreach ministries can better engage with the Aboriginal community? Such as Vinnies, Catholic Outreach etc.</p>
<p><b>Growing in Culture</b> To work with the community to express the living word of Jesus in ways that speak to Aboriginal minds and hearts.</p>	<p>Learn about Aboriginal Catholic Theology/Spirituality.</p> <p>Find out what symbols you can incorporate into our liturgy (Priests, Alb, Clothes, Music, Symbols?)</p> <p>Consider having Aboriginal Christian Art in your Church?</p>	<p><b>Our Community, Our Story</b> To tell, share and be inspired by the story of the Aboriginal Catholic Community.</p>	<p>Learn about how Aboriginal community is part of our community's story?</p> <p>Get to know the Aboriginal (Community, church, history) story in your area. Do we tell it?</p> <p>Attend and engage with Aboriginal community events in your area.</p> <p>Does the ACM visit/connect with any Aboriginal families in your area, whom you could visit with them?</p>
<p><b>Leadership &amp; Gifts</b> To work with community to recognise and nurture the God given gifts of the Aboriginal Community and for</p>	<p>What ways are Aboriginal people offered opportunities to lead in our communities?</p> <p>What gifts/ skills can the Aboriginal community offer your community?</p> <p>Is there an Aboriginal community organisation in our</p>	<p><b>Connect with the ACM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have a Meeting with the ACM Team</li> <li>- Invite us to attend a Sunday Mass and Share</li> </ul>



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area that we could walk along side in supporting their vision?