

Message Stick Order Form

Message Stick Information

In Aboriginal culture, message sticks were used as a means of communication with other groups. They were made of wood and came in various sizes, shapes and markings. They were not comprised of writing but of symbols; the messenger conveyed the details. The messengers were usually young men and, as they displayed the message stick to the elders of the groups they passed through, safe passage was granted.



Incorporating the Message Stick into your Parish

Call the ACM to have a yarn about how to do this, however below is a guide:

- Display it in a prominent position in your Church foyer with an acknowledgment plaque
- It should be held with great reverence and processed in as part of the entrance procession and placed near the Gospel, as it contains messages about the Trinity, Community and our relationship with Australia's first people.

Archdiocese of Perth Message Sticks

The Message Stick that you can purchase for \$165 (Inclusive of GST) through the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has been smoked by a Noongar Aboriginal Catholic Elder and blessed by our Bishop or our Aboriginal Catholic Chaplain. Each message stick will be slightly different however will contain the following images:



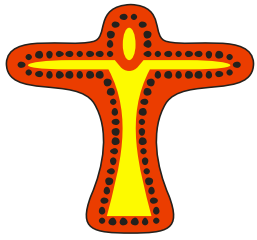
- Aboriginal Symbol for Trinity (3 persons in one)
- People gathering around to listen, learn and share with each other
- Your parish's symbol/logo (must be email to ACM)
- A symbol local to your area or the Waagal to connect to Aboriginal Spirituality (please email to the acm team).

It will take between 1-2 weeks to arrive. We would prefer the message stick to be handed over in person, which we will arrange with you. However, if it is needed to be posted extra charges will apply.

We will send you an invoice, with payments details once an order has been placed For more information contact the ACM Office on vicky.burrows@perthcatholic.org.au or call 93287529.

Order Details

Name		
Parish/Organisation if relevant		
Email		
Telephone number		
Address		
Quantity		TOTAL COST:



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