

Children from St James in Sebastopol participated in a workshop with Norah McClusky and Sue Searls from Catholic Mission. Norah and Sue shared stories of their experiences working abroad in developing countries where absolute poverty exists. Children prepared and asked deeper thinking questions about our call to respond and what it means to reach out to those in need. They reflected on the Scripture passage from John 10 which states 'I come that they may have life, and have it to the full'.

The leaders guided the children in their learning through the use of chants, movement and observation of videos and photos. The collective discussion provided insight for children and many came away from the workshop feeling inspired by stories of journey, enabled through a sense of mission and fulfilled by sharing in spiritual growth. Children felt ready to take action on the initiatives they had planned themselves and were inspired to get involved in Catholic Mission's 2017 theme 'Sock it to Poverty' (Socktober).

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