



# THE PRIESTS SUPPORT AND EDUCATION FUND

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*Cancellation of the 2020 Knights of the Southern Cross  
Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and  
Education Fund*

To our Patrons, Sponsors and Supporters,

*On behalf of the Organising Committee of the Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund, it is with sadness that I inform you of the unfortunate but necessary decision to cancel this year's KSC Archbishop's Dinner, due to the current social restrictions imposed on us by the State and Federal Governments due to the ongoing COVID-19 virus situation, and the uncertainty of what those conditions will be in August. It was originally planned for us to host the KSC Archbishop's Dinner on Friday August 21 at Moonee Valley Racecourse, with our guest speaker to be none other than the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend Peter A. Comensoli. Unfortunately, this will now not go ahead.*

*When the current COVID-19 situation grew to significant concern, most organisations suspended their activities right away, even those months down the track. After consulting with Archbishop Comensoli, and with his encouragement, the Organising Committee continued to plan for the Dinner, in the hope that circumstances would improve in time for the hosting of the Dinner. We surmised that after these trying months, Catholics throughout Victoria would like something to look forward to, and with the Archbishop's Dinner being one of the pre-eminent social gatherings on the Victorian Catholic calendar, we had hoped that this would be so. I asked my Committee to continue planning, even though the likelihood of the Dinner not going ahead grew everyday. Their dedication to our cause was such that they continued to work with the same enthusiasm they had before this situation began, having worked since January to this effect. I am extremely proud of their efforts, even though the Dinner will now not go ahead.*

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*While the Dinner will not proceed for 2020, we hope to continue to support the cause for which the Dinner is held- the education of Victoria's seminarians studying at Corpus Christi College Carlton for the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale, and of those seminarians and priests studying for chaplaincies within the Australian Defence Force, via the Military Ordinariate of Australia. Since 1999, the KSC Priests Support and Education Fund has raised over \$1.2 million for these seminarians, which has assisted with subsidising textbooks and other materials for their studies. For those who have already received the 2020 Archbishop's Dinner Booking Form, while it will not be possible to book tickets for the now cancelled Dinner, it can now be used as a donation form for those who wish to and are able to make a donation to the Fund. The form will also be included with this letter. I understand the financial difficulties the current situation has brought upon so many people, so I ask that if you are able to do so, that you can make a donation of your choosing. Any and all donations will be highly valued, especially under these difficult economic circumstances. A cheque will be presented to Archbishop Comensoli for our seminarians at an event at Corpus Christi College Carlton sometime later this year when circumstances allow.*

*I would like to thank the ongoing support of all the patrons, sponsors, and supporters who have made the previous 21 Archbishop's Dinners such wonderful events. While it is regrettable that we will not be able to meet in such circumstances this year, we look forward to seeing you again for next year's Archbishop's Dinner.*

*May God Bless you all and keep you safe during these difficult times.*

Sincerely

**Carmine Miranda  
Chairman  
Knights of the Southern Cross Priests Support and  
Education Fund**