

You Are the Backbone of Our History



Thank you to everyone who shared a memory through our recent supporter survey. The reflections featured here are just a small selection of the many stories received, each helping bring our 75 year history to life and celebrating the friendships, faith and generosity that have shaped Jesuit Mission since 1951.

"Our family started supporting the mission in India in the first year, 1951, as my brother went to St Ignatius Norwood."

"I remember the first Jesuit Mission Bazaar at Riverview in 1952 and I won three hams on the Chocolate Wheel! Have been contributing every since."

"My late mother was a supporter of the mission in India. I started reading the mission magazine early in life. It made an impression that has stayed with me for seven decades."

"My father contributed to missionary work in India in the 1950s. His witness influenced my life as a Catholic in assisting migrants and refugees."

"My mother always supported Jesuit Mission. That is why I have continued in memory of her and her wonderful example for the less fortunate."

"My parents never drove and my father pushed me in my pusher up the hill in Power Street Hawthorn to Xavier College to attend the first Maytime Fair."

"Having grown up in India, I studied in a Jesuit school and college and spent four years living in the Jesuit community. Their dedication and service left a lasting impression."

"Very fond memories of being taught at St Patrick's, East Melbourne, by pioneering Jesuit Fr Lou Lachal SJ. Oh dear, so many years ago."

"At school in Hawthorn, we would hear from the Jesuit missionaries visiting from India and support Jesuit Mission through fundraising and mission boxes."

"I participated as a volunteer teacher in Bokaro Steel City from 1973-1978 and worked with Jesuits John Moore, Tom Keogh, Phil Crotty and many others."

"Visiting the Jesuits in Hazaribag was life defining. The people, the stories and the legacy of the Australian Jesuits continue to inspire me today."

"I visited the mission in India in 1968 and helped out at Hazaribag and Bokaro Steel City. I am also familiar with the Jesuit Centre in Battambang, Cambodia. Years ago, I spent time at the Asian Bureau established by Fr Mark Raper SJ."

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