



# Sisters of Charity of Australia

## 28<sup>th</sup> General Chapter

### Who we want to be together

Centred in the Cosmic Christ  
Our deepest desire ... be our best selves.  
Be a community of presence - for each other, our Church and our world.  
Embrace our differences, our diversity, in non-judgemental, welcoming, encouraging and supportive ways.  
Respect inclusivity, companionship, reciprocal accountability.  
Affirm the yearning within us and let the barriers go.

## Our Evolving Future

### How we want to be for mission

Our 4<sup>th</sup> vow is our anchor.  
Welcome our ageing as our new freedom and our vulnerability as opportunity not barrier.  
Embrace deep listening (Dadirri).  
Take up the invitation of our indigenous sisters and brothers for healing, justice, inclusion.  
Name, claim and reframe all that we already do and are.  
Work together for our marginalised earth.  
Risk-takers ... fearless ... we have the freedom to risk all.  
Embrace mistakes/stumbles as a way into the 'more'...  
To 'fall' is not to fail...  
Speak out and act, where injustice hurts the marginalised, people in our Church, and each other.  
Be inclusive, boundary breakers for mission.  
Recognise we are at a graced moment in time.  
hold the scales of justice - for ourselves and our earth.

### How we provide for our unfolding future

Ensure our patrimony is directed to authentic expression of our 4<sup>th</sup> vow both locally and globally.  
Embrace the richness and gift of our colleagues, partners and collaborators .. be inclusive, expansive.  
Participate in CRA Governance Collaborative.  
Engage in creating our Living Will/distribution plan - ensure that our patrimony is directed to those whom we are oriented to serve.  
Be authors of our own future.





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### **DIRECTION STATEMENT**

**We, Sisters of Charity, seeking God in all things,  
commit to a culture of encounter and collaboration.**

#### **OUR WAY OF LIFE**

We hear the call for us to be an inclusive community of presence  
for each other, our church and our world.  
We commit to deep listening and open-hearted, respectful encounters.  
We will be 'more' for the greater glory of God.

#### **WOMEN OF CHURCH**

We are Ecclesial women who embrace the fullness of our baptismal identity  
in a wounded and bruising church.  
We will be courageous and prophetic risk-takers  
in the search for healing and wholeness with and for the people of God.

#### **OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COMMON HOME**

We hear the cry of creation in living our 4<sup>th</sup> Vow.  
In the face of climate emergency, we embrace a moral imperative,  
and claim our responsibility to be informed, to educate, to advocate and to act.  
In a spirit of deep listening and learning we commit to a more just future.

