

1902: Sr. M. Agnes Fitzgerald worked with Aboriginal people in a camp known as “the Gully” Blackheath. The Sisters also ran a Bush Sunday School in Katoomba for Aboriginal children.

1970’s: Sr. Conrad Direen offered Pastoral care to Aboriginal people who came to the St. Vincent’s Hospital Sydney

1971: Sr. Ignatius Jenkins worked and walked alongside the Aboriginal Community in Redfern. She was highly respected. She worked some nights in the Redfern Medical Centre supporting Shirley Smith (Mum Shirl).

1989: Sr. Margaret Costigan received a bequest to commence a ministry to work with Aboriginal people. She set up an Aboriginal Awareness program in conjunction with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC), which obtained grants in developing Project Dreaming Trail, and Project Dreaming Tracks.

1998: Sisters Anne Louise Hemingway and Josephine Hodges engaged with the Aboriginal Catholic Community in Cherbourg through visiting residents at the aged care hostel, hospital and respite unit, also conducted Sunday school, preparation for the sacraments and pastoral services.

2000: The Sisters of Charity Foundation was established and grants provided to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students for educational and artistic purposes.

2014: Sisters of Charity Community Care funded an artist in Wilcannia to engage with Aboriginal children in creative work.

2015: Sr. Leone Wittmack the only Sister of Charity to work and live in the NT began as General Manager for Mission and Culture at CatholicCare NT. She works closely with Aboriginal people where CatholicCare provides its services in both the Urban and remote communities. Leone walks alongside 300 committed staff, 35% of whom are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.