

# Catholic Migrant Centre

1992 – 2008

**Other Names:** • Former Child Migrants Program

## Details

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The Catholic Migrant Centre was established in 1984 by the Archdiocese of Perth to deliver a range of immigration-related programs from a small office in Victoria Square in Perth. In 1992, Sr Tania de Jong was appointed to help former child migrants access records about their childhood and trace family in Britain and Malta, using records inherited from the Catholic Episcopal Migration and Welfare Association (CEMWA). In January 2002, Sr Flo O'Sullivan was appointed to the role, and the program was extended to include referrals to general welfare support services, advocacy, outreach and computer education for former child migrants. This program was funded by the Christian Brothers with contributions from the Sisters of Mercy and the Poor Sisters of Nazareth in Western Australia. In 2004 the Catholic Migrant Centre became part of Centrecare. The Former Child Migrants program continued until 18 December 2008.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Related Organisations

- [Sisters of Mercy, Perth Congregation \(1846 - 2011\)](#)  
The Sisters of Mercy provided funding for the Catholic Migrant Centre.
- [Sisters of Nazareth \(1888 - current\)](#)  
The Sisters of Nazareth provided funding for the Catholic Migrant Centre.
- [Catholic Episcopal Migration and Welfare Association \(1947? - 1970\)](#)  
The Catholic Migrant Centre's 'Former Child Migrants' program used the CEMWA records as the basis of its family tracing and records access service.
- [Holy Spirit Province of the Christian Brothers \(1967 - 2007\)](#)  
The Christian Brothers provided funding for the Catholic Migrant Centre.

### Resources

- Community Affairs References Committee, [Lost Innocents: Righting the record - Report on child migration](#), 30 August 2001

## Records

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### Records held by other organisations

- [Catholic Archdiocese of Perth CEMWA and CMC Files \[Former Child Migrants\], Catholic Archdiocese of Perth \(c. 1928 - 2008\)](#)
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