



Acknowledgement of the Country

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Sunrise in Alice Springs on 2/05/2023

HOLY SPIRIT IN THIS LAND

Holy spirit in this land
Reach out and touch us
as You can.

From the high, high mountain
To the deep, deep Valley
Holy Spirit in this land



Utnenge akngerre apmerele
aneme

Apetyaye ayenge mwarre
iletyeke

Utnenge akngerre ngkwenhe
pwarrtyeme

Atyenge alkngenthe
imernaye

Utnenge akngerre apmerele
aneme

Utnenge akngerre
pwarryeme

Ngwenhe alkngenthe
antyetheme

The akangkentyele ineme

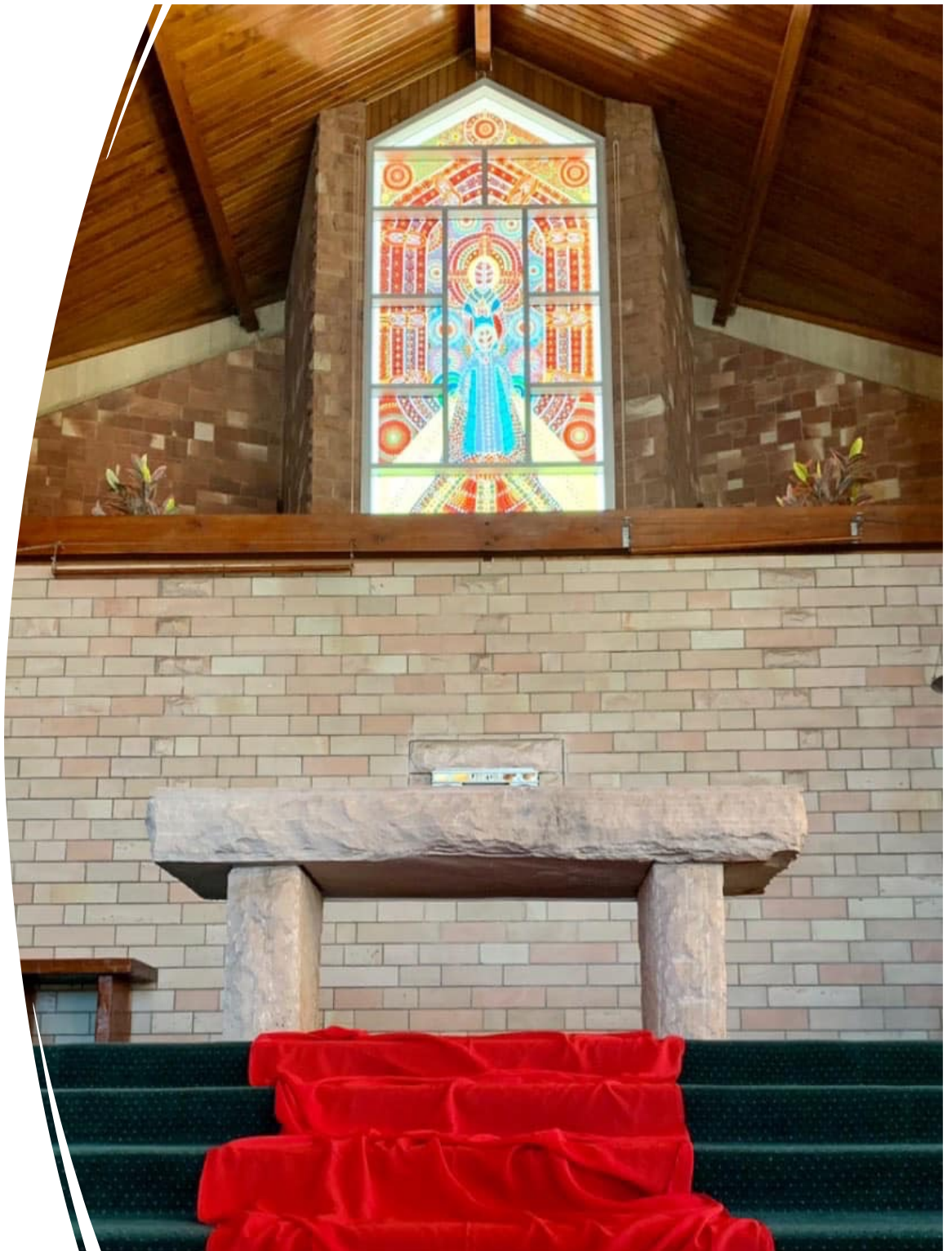
Atyenge lyete atnyeneme

Ingwenthe arrpenhe anteme
antheme

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Catechist Project in Central Australia



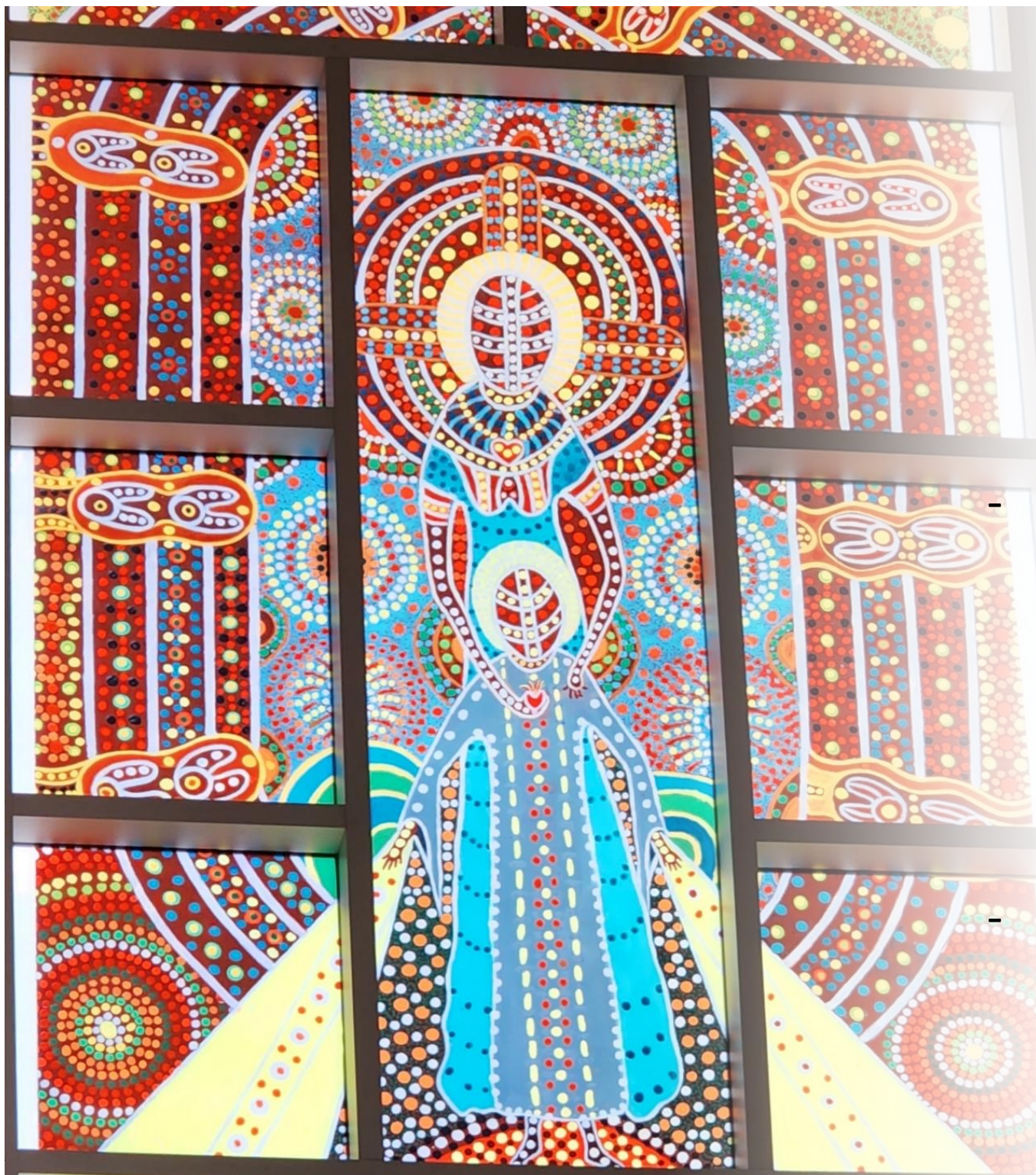


Basic guidelines for nomination

- Committed to the Catholic faith: A baptised person and regularly participates in Sunday masses.
- Serves the community:

These services are often shown through:

- a) Ring up the priest and ask him to pray over the sick or to visit the sick member of the community in hospital.
- b) Encourage others to go and see the priest to pray over them.
- c) Communicate with the priest when there is a funeral in the community and when certain family in the community needs the baptism for their children.



d) In-charge of bringing water, salt, oil to be blessed by the priest for the use of the community.

e) Preparing the place for mass.

- Community group:
Nominees are from different camps and outstation communities also from different families and skin groups.

- Nungalinya Student:
If possible the nominee should have finished at least the certificate 3.

APPROVAL FROM THE ELDERS

- The meeting will be held by the elders and the priests to discuss whether these candidates are suitable to be the leaders in the communities. The elders can also nominate people whose name might not be on the suggested list.
- Once approved by the Elders, a letter will be sent to the Bishop with the approved candidates' names. Letter will be co-signed by the elders and the priests.

INVITATION TO TAKE UP THE RESPONSABILITY

- The bishop will then write the letter to each candidate asking them whether they will accept the responsibility.
- The letter signed by the bishop will also address each candidate why they have been chosen, for what reason they have been chosen, the process that they have to go through to serve his or her community.

THE APPROVED CANDIDATES

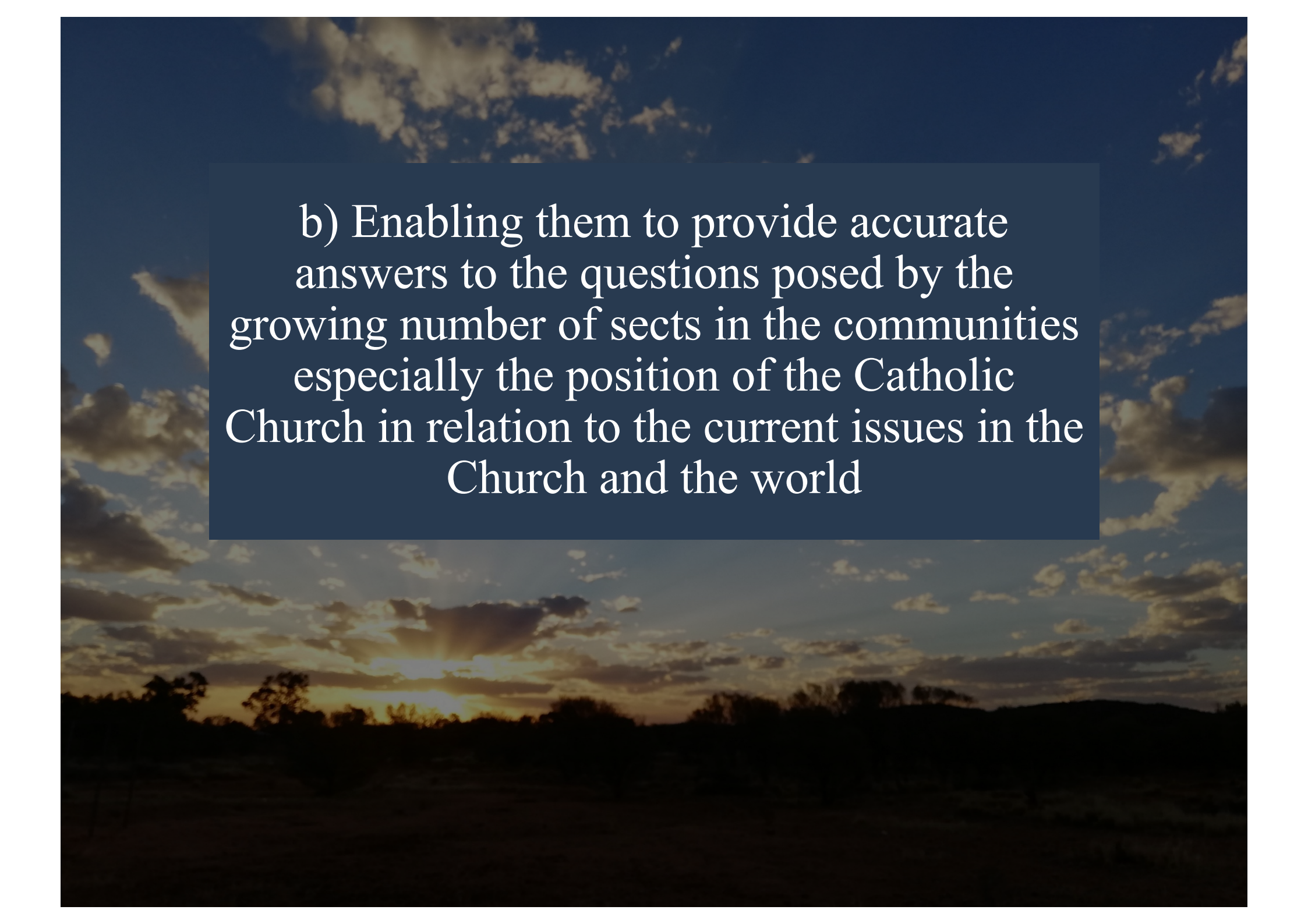
- Once the candidates say yes, their names will be made known to the faith community during the Sunday masses.
- A special Sunday mass will be celebrated, by the Bishop, priests and the community members, to commission these candidates, where they will make their promises to responsibly take up the process put in place to become the Catholic leaders in their communities and the whole community will pray over them.
- Discussion to find the suitable Arrernte word for “Catechist,” or equivalent word for Aboriginal Catholic Leaders in their communities.

Aim of the Formation



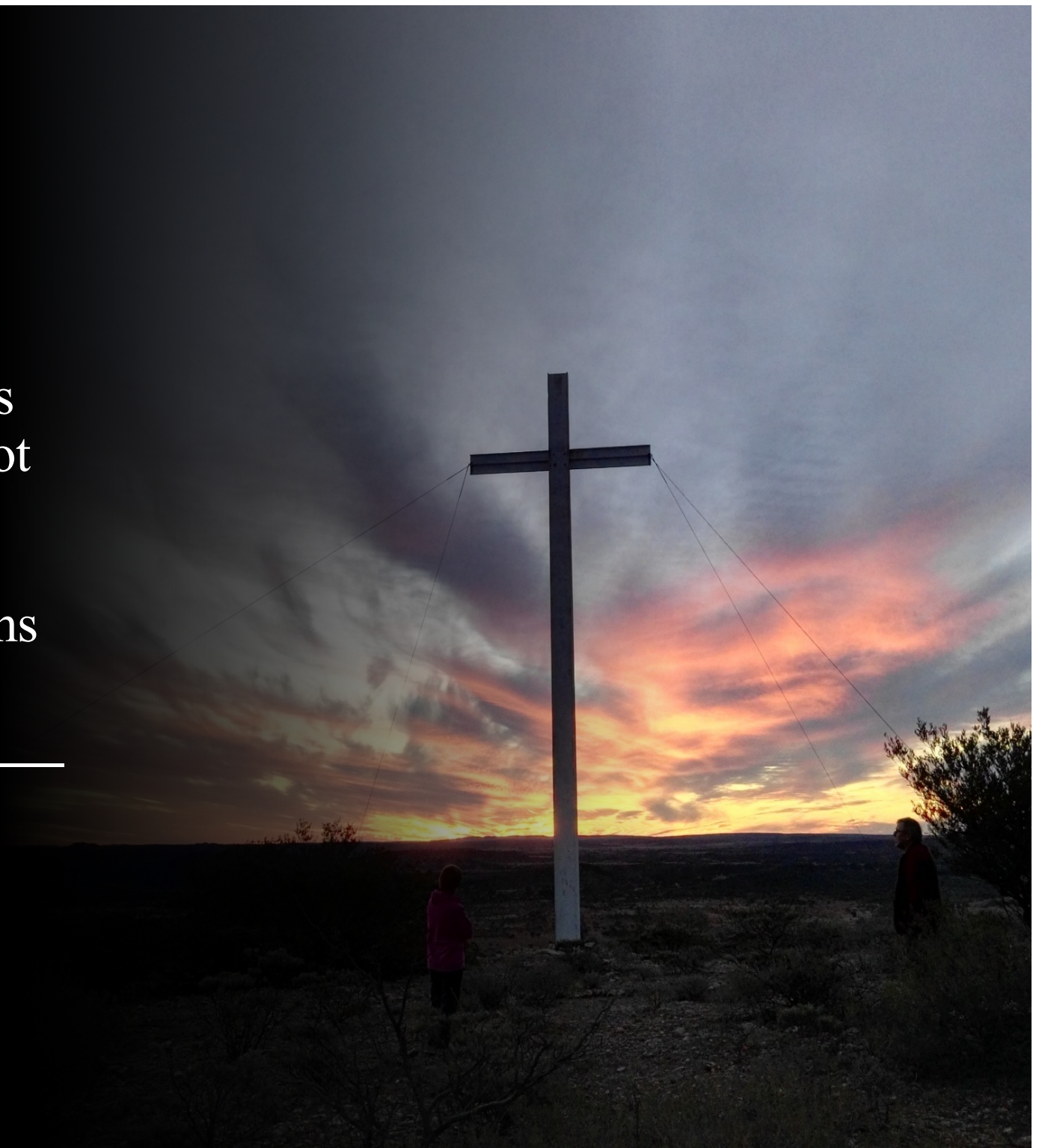
a) Empower
the catechists
to perform
their role as
Catholic
leaders in
their
communities

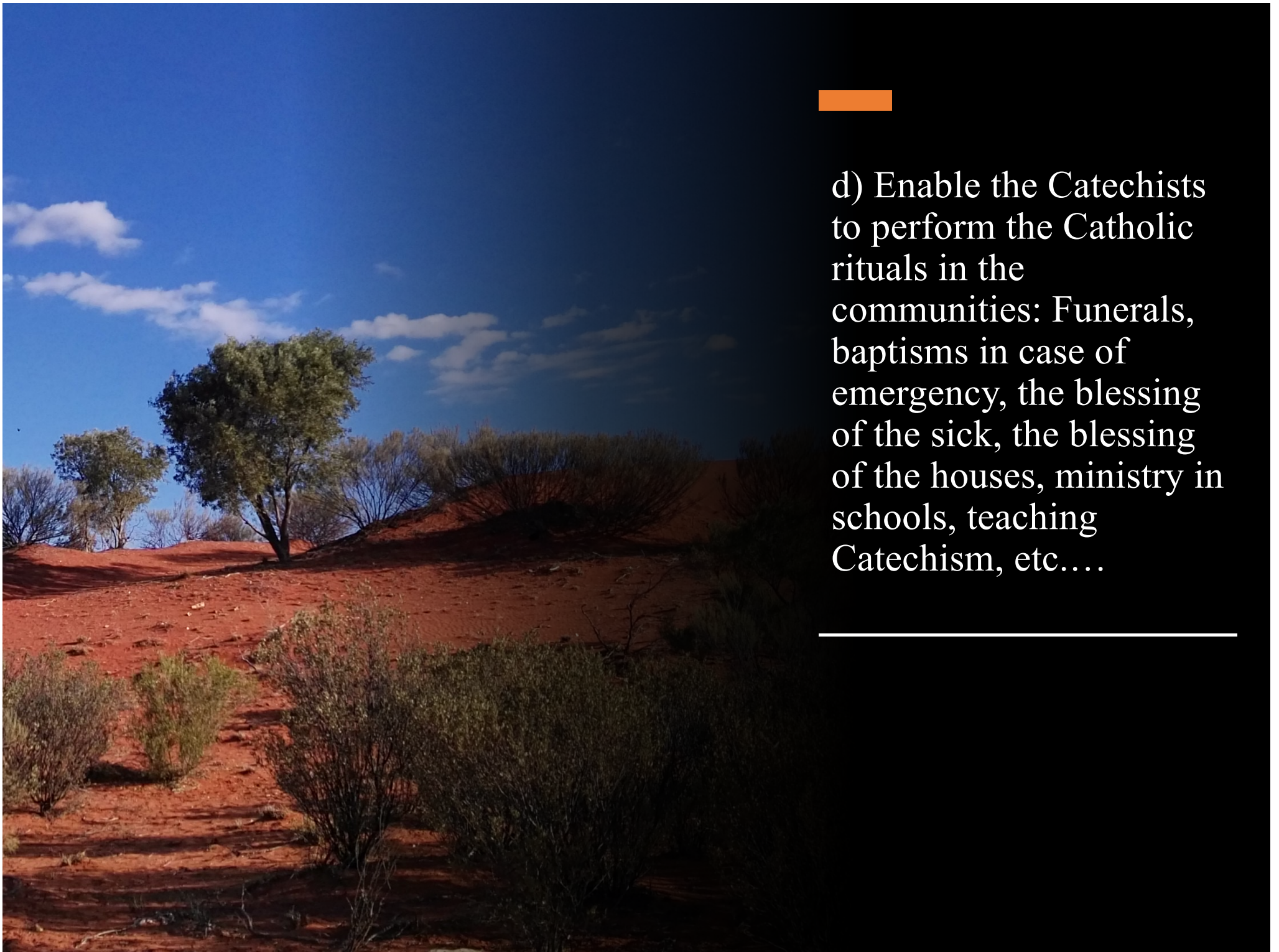




b) Enabling them to provide accurate answers to the questions posed by the growing number of sects in the communities especially the position of the Catholic Church in relation to the current issues in the Church and the world

c) Enable the
Catechists to run
prayer services, the
communion services
when the priest is not
around, and involve
in the Sacramental
Preparation Programs





d) Enable the Catechists to perform the Catholic rituals in the communities: Funerals, baptisms in case of emergency, the blessing of the sick, the blessing of the houses, ministry in schools, teaching Catechism, etc....

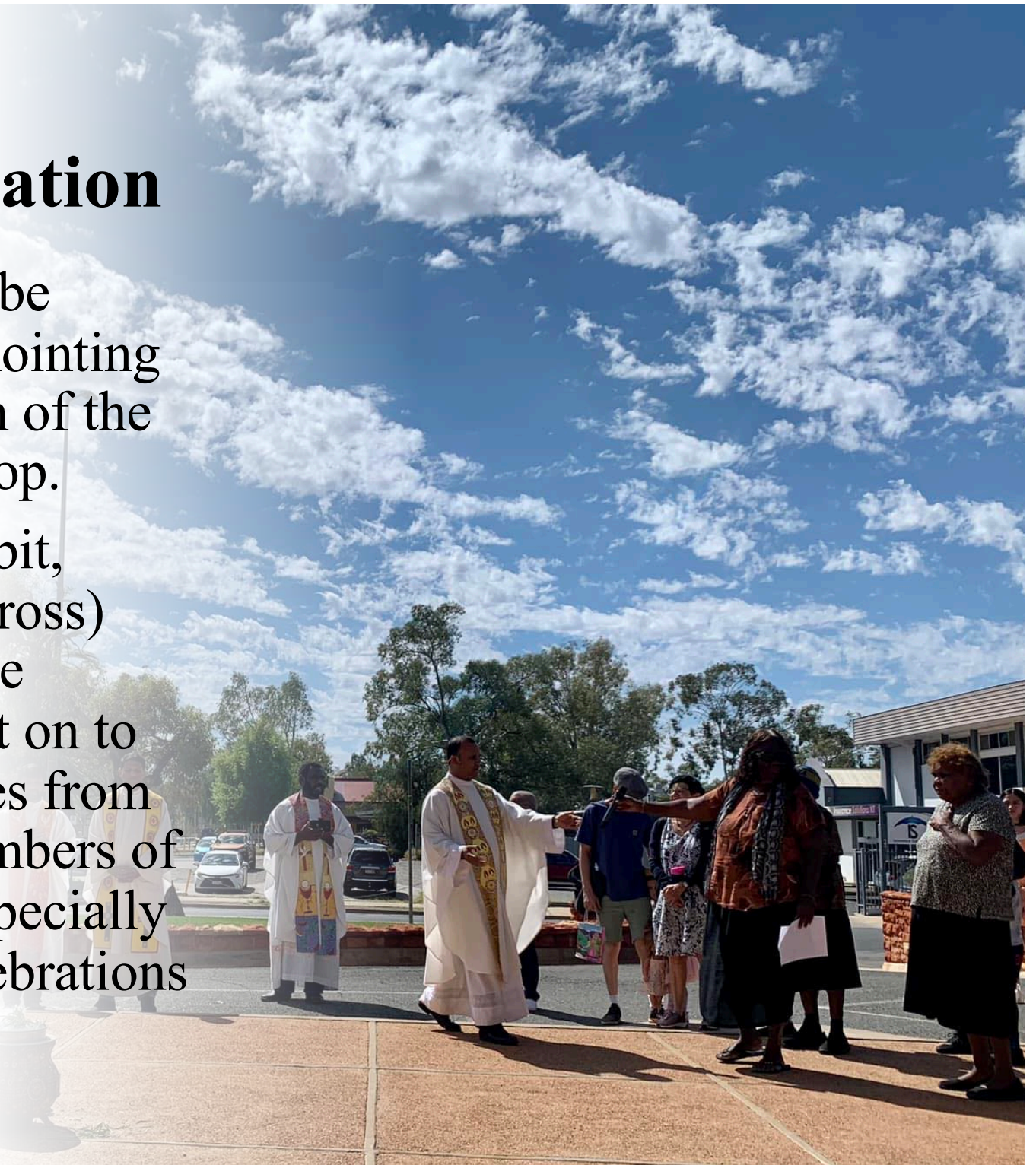
Basic courses to be undertaken by the Candidates

- a. Bible (history and how to use) & Lectio Divina
- b. Liturgy (Liturgical Calendar, rituals)
- c. History of the Catholic Church
- d. Sacraments
- e. Other relevant Courses as recommended by the Diocese



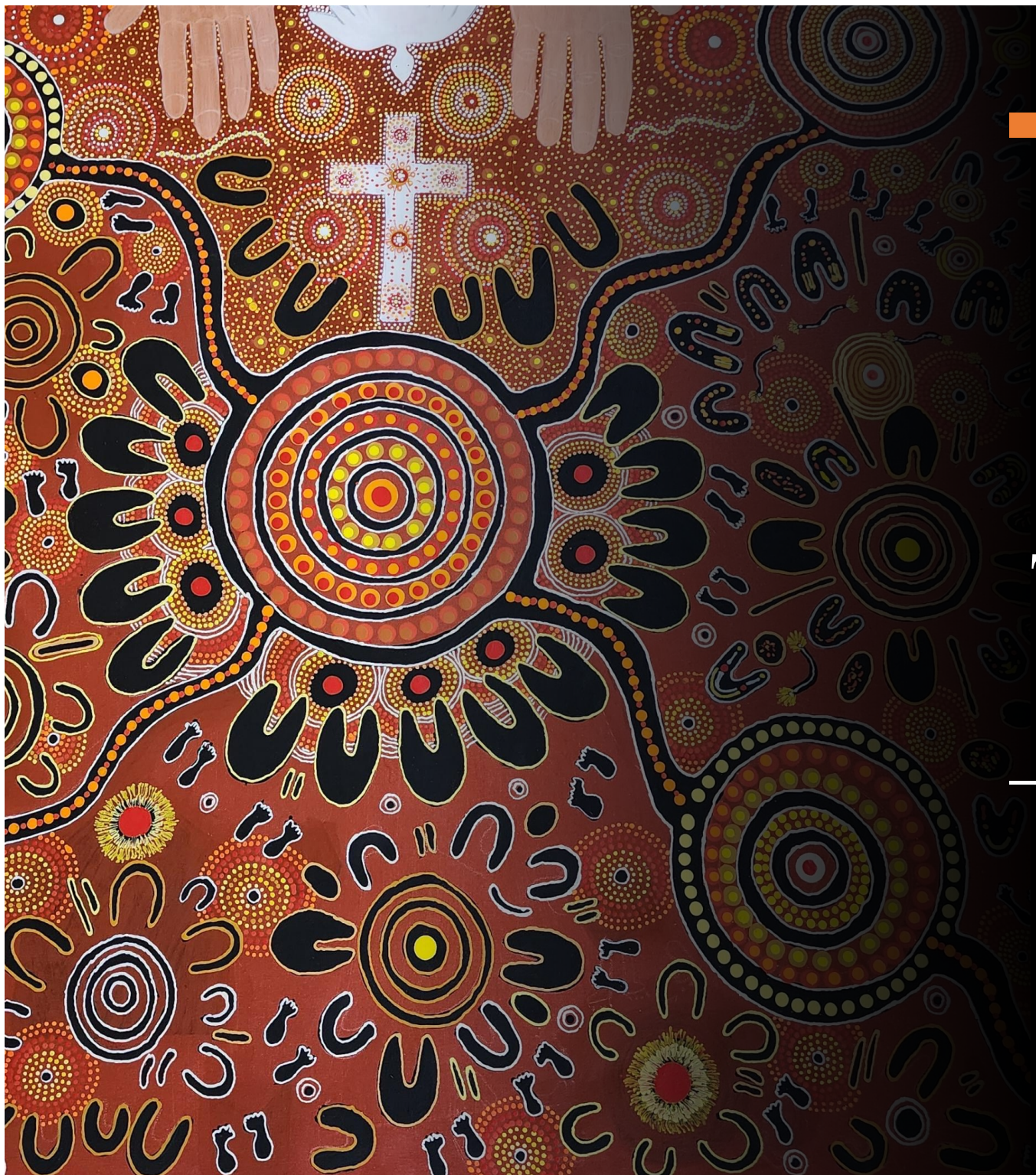
After the formation

- Special mass will be celebrated with anointing and the imposition of the hands by the Bishop.
- Alb (or special habit, symbol, tunic or cross) will be given to the Catechist to be put on to identify themselves from the rest of the members of the community especially during church celebrations in the community.



- Bible and Catechist ritual book (Ritual book is being put in place with simple English and prayers in the local language if possible) that will help the Catechist to do the Catholic rituals and services in the communities.





The Story of the Painting



The leadership in our community.

(By Dolores Furber)

- We have our Catechist program, leadership gathering and meeting to create the leader in our community. We gave a name for the word “Catechist” in Arrernte **TYERRTYE AKNGERREPARTE**.
- We also gather each Thursday for our prayer meeting and sharing idea and preparing for Sunday’s liturgy/masses. We prepare choir and liturgy. We prepare children and adults for the sacraments and also other special occasions.
- We as leaders and elders are always asking and inviting our young people to join us so they can learn from us and from the church so that they can be our next leaders in the church. It is hard to bring the young ones to involve in the church but we always have hope and pray that one day God/Ngkarte will bring them back to the church. Our biggest dream about our leadership in our community is that one day our faith, our catholic faith can be passed on to the next generations and they can continue to be faithful to their faith as well.

Story of the Painting

- Tracks and circles represent the land and our country that our ancestors have travelled. Just like Jesus have travelled with His followers and preaching the word of the Gospel.
- We also have our elders and young ones all painted up for dancing. There is clapping sticks, dancing sticks and coolamons with ochre paints and waving bands and also foot prints.





- There are also other elders sitting around and singing in circles.
- The dots represent all nations coming together in our parish.
- Together we come as church and learn about faith and culture from each other.



Leadership

(By Paula Turner)

- God (God Father, God Son, God Spirit) is the heart of the leadership.
- God is the Great leader.
- This great leader is presented by the Tyerrtye Akngerreparte (Church Leader)-Catechist.
- Tyerrtye Akngerreparte are God's leaders or church leaders.
- They speak to other people about God's way.
- We are the church represented under the cross by Mary, John, and other women.

Translations in Arrernte language

- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory be
- The Apostles Creed
- I confess
- Whole of the New Testament
- Part of the Genesis, Part of Exodus and Book of Ruth



Our Father in Arrernte



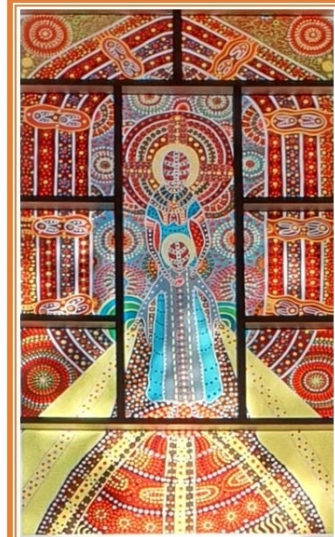
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alkerele aneme,
impene anthurre arritnye
ngkwinhe aneme,
ngkwinhe altyerre
apetyeme, alakenhe
anetyenhe ahelhe
nhenhele apmere
ngkwinhe arteke. Arlte
nhenhenge merne
anwernenhe anthaye.
Akngeye alhwarrpe
anwerneke awelhaye,
anwerne arrpenhek-areye
alhwarrpe awelheme
arteke. Anwerneke
iwerre mwerre imernaye.
Anwernenhe akngarti-
waye akurneketye.
Akngeye apmere ngkwin-
he, alkngenthe ngwinhe,
pwarthyeme, lyete, ante
akwete anthurre.
Akngeye apmere
ngkwinhe, alkngenthe
ngwinhe, pwarthyeme,
lyete, ante akwete
anthurre.

Alakenhe re



Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Catholic
Community Alice Springs

Art by Wenten Rubuntja



Hail Mary in Central Arrernte



Mary meye anwernekenhe
Ngkarte ngkwenge aneme.
arelhe mapenge ngenhe
anyente akngakeke,
unte ampe inyenetyenhe, Jesus
arritnye,

Arelhe mwerre anthurre unte
anema Ngkartekenhe meye,
angkentye mwerre anwerneke
angkaye akurneketye. An-
werneke angketyeke
alkngwirremeketye lyete ane
utnengele imperle-alhemenge.

Alakenhe re



Ngkarte Mikwekenhe Catho-
lic Community Alice
Springs

Art by Kathleen Kemarre Wallace

Ngkarte Jesus Apetyaye

Ngkarte Jesus petyaye

Ngkarte

Jesus come

Tyenhe urtakerte werne

Into my heart

Angkwerre iwetyeke

To heal me

Iltye ngwinhele

With your hands

Mwerre iletyeke

To make me good.

Ngkarte Jesus apetyaye

Ngkarte

Jesus come.

Ngkarte ayenge akngartiwaye

God turn me around,

Ngkarte ayenge akngartiwaye

God turn me around,

Utnenge ngkwinhele

with your Spirit.

Atyenhe itethe

My life

Kurne anemelenge

is not good enough.

Ngkarte ayenge akngartiwaye.

God turn me around

Ngkarte ayenge alhewaye

God cleanse me,

Ngkarte ayenge alhewaye

God cleanse me,

Utnenge ngkwinhele

with your Spirit.

Atyenhe itethe

My life

Mwerre anteme

is good now.

Ngkarte ayenge alhewaye

God me cleanse