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New
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Dear friends in the Jewish Community,

We are aware that on the evening of September 9, you and your community will begin the celebration of Rosh HaShannah, the Jewish New Year. On behalf of the Catholic community of Melbourne, we wish you a year filled with sweet moments, blessings and shalom.

At the Annual Jewish and Catholic Friendship Dinner in Melbourne earlier this year, we focused together on listening to young people. This is so important for both our communities as we learn together and share the riches of our traditions. May we be faithful in our listening and open in our learning. We learn from Psalm 78 the importance of the next generation:

He established a decree in Jacob,
and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children;
that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God.

May we together be instruments of making God's name known and honoured.

L'Shannah Tovah

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