

### **FRATELLI TUTTI-some insights!**

Whenever *the spirit moves* the Pope he sometimes responds by writing a letter called *an encyclical* for the people of the world. This letter is the consequence of his observation and response to some of the issues in the world that he wants to comment on. It's to be appreciated as a learned commentary and nothing more!

Pope Francis has now written 3 encyclical letters. The first letter was *Lumen Fidei* – the light of faith, the second was *Laudato Si* – on the care of the earth and his third is *Fratelli Tutti*- on the importance of human relationships.

Father Patrick McInerney is an Australian born Columban missionary priest he has recently produced an excellent summary of this 144 page letter, *Fratelli Tutti*, below are some insights;

*\*There are definite shadows in our world that are causing people to suffer in their relationships with others that need to be addressed.*

*\*The Good Samaritan parable is a template for all people to follow in effectively addressing the needs of suffering people.*

*\*All politicians need to have a priority of being charitable to all people and remember that human dignity needs to be upheld.*

*\*It's an important challenge to address past injustices and mistakes before finding ways not to repeat them.*

*\*All religions are meant to serve the needs of people and never to be a source of division.*

The words of Pope Francis are inspiring, now the spirit to apply them is before us all! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*