



Citizen of the Year: Joseph Kielnerowski, Playford City Council, Adelaide.

Citation: Joseph Kielnerowski, a Member of the Society of Christian Doctrine – Preca Community in Adelaide has grown something truly special within our city. Over the past decade, Joe has been busy building a truly unique garden, one which has broken down walls, and opened up a community.

Cooperating with his neighbours, this local leader has managed to pull his street's resources together – creating a larger space for gardening, education on food production, the significance of food security, and most importantly to establish friendships and connections with those who live next door.

Joe's budding idea has blossomed into regularly held workshops for the wider community, including the local of Elizabeth Grove Primary, and Playford International College.

He has also engaged volunteers through Midway Community House to spend their required volunteering hours at his community garden, many of whom attend more frequently than they are required because they simply love being there.

Joe also offered free workshops at Midway Community House so that learning about food production can be accessible to low-income families.



Archbishop Patrick O'Regan visits the Society of Christian Doctrine – Preca Community in Adelaide on 17 November 2023.