

A life more just



Sister Mary Denise Coghlan AM, the long-standing director of Jesuit Service and JRS in Cambodia, was officially presented with the Order of Australia at the Australian Ambassador's residence in Phnom Penh last week. Australian ambassador Margaret Adamson presented the award on behalf of the Governor General of Australia to Sister Denise for service to international humanitarian aid'. After working in refugee camps in Thailand in the 1980s, Sister Denise came to Cambodia in 1990 to set up the Jesuit Refugee Service in the country. Her work has continued ever since. Sr Denise said at the presentation that her dream is 'to do something for peace and reconciliation in Cambodia and to make a life more just'. 'And to

help build a world that our God desires', she added. Adamson praised Sister Denise's 'intellectual curiosity', and noted with a smile that the award was also 'a reclaiming of Sister Denise for Australia'.

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