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On behalf of Bishop Steve Lowe's Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland, we express our heartfelt sorrow upon learning of the sudden passing of Fa'anānā Efeso Collins, Green Party Member of Parliament, in Auckland this morning. We especially extend our prayers and aroha to Fia, Efeso's wife, and whānau at this sad time.

Vicar for Social Impact and Communications, Loraine Elliott, remembers Efeso as a man of strong faith who was the first to 'put his hand up, volunteer and support,' the Justice and Peace Commission Electoral Forum, that was held at the South Auckland Parish of St Anne's, Manurewa in September of last year.

The Electoral Forum effectively presented party policy and debate from candidates representing four of the major New Zealand political parties as a prelude to the general election in October 2023. The Electoral Forum was jointly hosted by Caritas Aotearoa and facilitated by St Anne's Manurewa parishioners, and young participants of the 'Social Welfare and Antipoverty Committee' of the Justice and Peace Commission, Auckland.

The Justice and Peace Commission remembers Efeso for his enthusiasm, humour, wit, deep faith, spirit of justice, and readiness to muck in and get the job done. His inspiration for life and justice will be sadly and sorely missed.

May eternal rest grant unto him, and let perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace.

I runga i te tika me te rangimarie | In justice and peace,

**Kathleen Ngaronoa Card**

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