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HEALTH AND INTEGRITY IN CHURCH AND MINISTRY

An ecumenical conversation on the task of
rebuilding and renewal after the Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Preliminary Program

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Please note: This Preliminary Program is subject to change.

| Day 1: Monday 27 August 2018 | |
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| 09:00 | Welcome |
| 09:30 | Session 1 – Introduction: How did we get here? (And where are we?) This context-setting session will examine the combination of systemic factors that contributed to the child sexual abuse crisis in the Catholic Church internationally and in Australia, and at the problem of overcoming continuing resistance to change in the Church. Keynote paper: Professor Desmond Cahill OAM, Emeritus Professor of Intercultural Studies, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University, Melbourne Interlocutors: Robert Fitzgerald AM, former Commissioner, Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Joan Isaacs, Survivor Dr Kathleen McPhillips, Senior Lecturer in Sociology and Anthropology, University of Newcastle, Vice-President, Australian Association for the Study of Religion |
| 11:00 | Break |
| 11:30 | Session 2 – Theological implications This session will explore the theological – and especially ecclesiological – implications of the child sexual abuse scandal and the theological learnings to be gained from the Royal Commission. For Catholics, given the range of systemic failures which have been identified, it is clear there has been a significant disconnect between the ecclesial ideals outlined by the Second Vatican Council and the lived reality. Is there any possibility of reconciling these tensions within the existing ecclesial framework, or is a major theological overhaul necessary? Keynote paper: Professor Richard Lennan, Professor of Systematic Theology, Boston College Interlocutors: Dr Kevin Lenehan, Associate Dean (Postgraduate and Research) and Senior Lecturer, Department of Systematic Theology, Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, Melbourne Bishop Alison Taylor, retired Anglican bishop and doctoral student, University of Divinity, Melbourne Dr Ben Myers, Director, Millis Institute, Christian Heritage College, Brisbane, Research Fellow, Centre for Public and Contextual Theology, Charles Sturt University, Canberra Professor Isabell Naumann ISSM, President and Professor Ordinarius, Ecclesiastical Faculty of Theology, Catholic Institute of Sydney, Member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Dr Brendan Reed, Parish priest of Deepdene and Balwyn and Camberwell parishes, Archdiocese of Melbourne, and adjunct lecturer in Systematic and Pastoral Theology, Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity. |
| 13:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | Session 3 – Collateral damage One of the more difficult and sensitive issues arising out of the child sexual abuse scandals has been the damage and hurt caused to the rest of the ecclesial community by the perpetrators of the abuse and those church leaders who failed in their responsibilities to victims, the Church, and the wider Australian community. This session will reflect on the hurt suffered by their colleagues the damage to the Church's reputation and the prophetic project of the religious institutes and will look for signs of hope and a way forward. Keynote paper: Dr Megan Brock RSJ, Congregational Leader, Sisters of St Joseph of Lochinvar Interlocutors: Br Peter Carroll FMS, Provincial Superior, Marist Brothers Monsignor Anthony Doherty, retired Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney Dr John McManus, consultant psychologist |
| 15:30 | Break |
| 15:50 | Session 4 – Ongoing pastoral care needs of victims, their families, and affected communities (panel discussion) Is there a need for a national strategy – or strategies – for the ongoing care of victims, their families, and affected communities? What is the difference between good pastoral care and indifferent or poor pastoral care? Where in Australia is pastoral care of victims of child sexual abuse being done well? Panellists: Maureen O'Hearn, Coordinator, Healing and Support, Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Fr Kevin Dillon, founder of Lifeboat Foundation Geelong Mrs Mary Monagle, parent of a survivor and wife of a survivor Professor Robert Orsi, Professor of Religious Studies, Northwestern University Rev Joe Johns, Deacon of the Anglican Diocese of Willochra |
| 17:00 | Close |
| 17:00 | Welcome reception for conference participants. Catering by ASRC Catering, a social enterprise of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. The welcome reception will conclude at 19:00. |

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Day 2: Tuesday 28 August 2018

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| 09:00 | <p>Session 5 – Implications for Governance</p> <p>The Royal Commission called on the Catholic Church to undertake a national review of the governance and management structures of dioceses and parishes, including in relation to issues of transparency, accountability and the participation of lay men and women. This paper examines what reforms are necessary but also asks whether there is more to good governance than putting the right structures and regulations in place.</p> <p>Keynote paper: Susan Pascoe AM, Chair, Community Directors Council, President, Australian Council for International Development, former CEO, Catholic Education Commission of Victoria</p> <p>Interlocutors: Maria Kirkwood, Director, Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Sale Peter Johnstone OAM, Convenor, Australian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform, Deputy President, Catholics for Renewal, Chair of Council, Jesuit College of Spirituality, University of Divinity Rev John Cox, Executive Officer, Uniting Church in Australia's Royal Commission Task Group Ming Long, non-executive Director and Chair of Audit and Risk Committee for AMP Capital Funds Management Ltd, Non-Executive Director Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, and member of the Finance and Audit Committee of the University of Sydney Natalie Acton, Director, Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills NSW</p> |
| 10:30 | Break |
| 11:00 | <p>Session 6 – Canon Law</p> <p>In thinking about practical governance reform in the Catholic Church what are what are the obstacles and opportunities within existing canon law?</p> <p>Keynote paper: Professor Rik Torfs, Professor of Canon Law, Catholic University Leuven</p> <p>Interlocutors: Professor Ian Waters, Senior Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Moral Theology and Canon Law, Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity, Melbourne Very Rev Dr Brendan Daly, lecturer in canon law, Good Shepherd Theological Seminary, Auckland Garth Blake SC AM, Chair, Professional Standards Commission, Anglican Church in Australia, Chair, international Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission, Chair, Anglican Church's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Working Group, Member National Council of Churches in Australia Safe Church Network</p> |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 | <p>Session 7 – Implications for Ministry</p> <p>What are the implications of the child sexual abuse crisis and the key learnings from the Royal Commission in relation to religious and pastoral ministry? What today is effective ministry? What models of formation and what structures of accountability might best promote healthy lifestyle, and integrity and effectiveness for those in ministry? What might the different Christian faith traditions have to learn from each other about their various approaches to ministry?</p> <p>Keynote papers (joint presenters): Janiene Wilson, clinical psychologist, Lecturer, Catholic Life and Ministry, Catholic Institute of Sydney Dr Alan Niven, Churches of Christ minister and Director of Research and Professional Development, Stirling College, University of Divinity: 'Sustainable practice: Supervision as an act of compassion'</p> <p>Interlocutors: Very Rev Dr Gerry Gleeson, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Sydney Fr Greg Bourke, Director, Office for Clergy Life and Ministry, Catholic Church in Australia Dr Cecilia Francis, Anglican priest; Director, Institute for Ministry Development Inc, Emily Gavan Lecturer in Practical Theology and Coordinator, Formation and Supervised Theological Field Education Program, Trinity College Theological School, Lecturer, Jesuit College of Spirituality, University of Divinity, Melbourne Dr Peter Wilkinson, President, Catholics for Renewal Fr Peter Maher, pastoral supervisor and supervision trainer, Transforming Practices Inc.</p> |
| 15:00 | Break |
| 15:20 | <p>Session 8 – Supervising the perpetrators and the accused (panel discussion)</p> <p>How should church authorities supervise offenders who have returned to the community after time in jail or individuals who have been stood aside from ministry after being the subject of a complaint or allegation?</p> <p>Christabel Chamarette, clinical psychologist, consultant to the Department of Child Protection and the Department of Corrective Services, member of the WA Board of Professional Standards of the Anglican Church, and former Greens senator for WA Deborah Swain, Safety and Wellbeing Officer, Marist Brothers Professional Standards Office</p> |
| 16:20 | <p>Session 9 – The multicultural dimension (panel discussion)</p> <p>The religious scene in Australia is increasingly multicultural and people in religious and pastoral ministry increasingly come from different cultures and bring with them multiple understandings of the person, rights, practices, boundaries, and ministerial responsibilities. How do we support those who come from other cultures who will work in ministry in the Australian community?</p> <p>Panellists: Very Rev Christopher de Souza, Vicar General and Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation, Diocese of Parramatta Fr Tom McDonough CP, Provincial, Passionist Fathers Garth Blake SC AM, Chair, Professional Standards Commission, Anglican Church in Australia, Chair, international Anglican Communion Safe Church Commission, Chair, Anglican Church's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Working Group</p> |
| 17:20 | Close |

Day 3: Wednesday 29 August 2018

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| 09:00 | Session 10 To be confirmed |
| 10:00 | Final session – Toward the future Facilitated general discussion Conference auditors: Professor Maria Harries AM, Chairperson of Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA), Senior Honorary Research Fellow and Associate Professor, School of Global Health, University of Western Australia, and Adjunct Professor at Curtin University Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO, School of Politics and International Relations, Australian National University, Canberra |
| 11:00 | Break |
| 11:30 | Final session (continued) – Toward the future (continued) Facilitated general discussion |
| 12:40 | Closing remarks |
| 13:00 | Close |

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