

Specialised Workshops

Day 1

Wednesday
1 September 2021
from 2.00–3.30pm

Belonging to the Church – is it different after Covid?

Presenter: Grace Roclawaska csfn, Head: Formation for Mission, Diocese of Parramatta

Belonging to the Church – this topic has been explored ever since Christian/Catholic communities began. What does it mean? Is belonging different in the Covid and post- Covid world? How do we connect with other people? What opportunities are there for leadership? How are we making an impact? How do we live the mission using what we learnt during our time in lockdown? How do we reach out and nurture the people's desire for staying close to Christ?

“Let us dream” – Pope Francis

Presenter: Trevor Trotter SSC, Director of St Columbans Mission Society for Oceania

Unless we have a vision/a dream, we lack motivation and direction for our mission. In his book, Let us Dream, Pope Francis shares his dream, what he sees in the world and his strategy to address the mission of the Church. His view is that the Spirit is working throughout the world and we, as missionary disciples, are invited to work alongside this God on mission. By helping participants understand and be inspired by his missionary vision, Trevor hopes that participants will come to a clearer understanding of what the Spirit is inviting them to do at this time.

Living beyond grief and trauma towards healing

Presenter: Judy Atkinson PhD, Professor Emeritus, AM

Judy will explore inter-generational healing and recovery from trauma. She will describe her approach to healing with specific reference to First Nation peoples. During the Specialised Workshop participants will develop an understanding that in order to heal, the stories behind the trauma must be heard.

A conversation with Cardinal Tagle

Presenter: Cardinal Tagle

Join Cardinal Tagle in this interactive conversation exploring the themes of his key note address focused on *Fratelli Tutti*, global missiology and the spirit of working with “people of goodwill” for a better world and God's Kingdom.

PRAYER IS POSSIBLE! Integrate head and heart; promote mission; lead formation

Presenter: Anne Muirhead

Prayer is the core of mission-informed formation that leads to transformation at the level of heart, the heart of an organisation and maybe even the heart of the universe. Enriching, mission-focussed gathering prayers at meetings or celebratory days have the tremendous ability to: link the unfurling story of an organisation with the macro-stories of our Judeo-Christian tradition; express and expand understanding of our values and vision, mission and ministries; affirm and empower colleagues in their unique roles; challenge us to change. This workshop will provide participants with practical examples of ways in which prayer can be scaffolded according to sound liturgical principles and, at the same time, reverberate with creativity and connectivity, even in an online environment.

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Leadership and our emerging future in religious life

Presenter: Gaye Lennon rsm, Institute Councillor, ISMAPNG and Meg Kahler sgs, Leadership Team, Sisters of the Good Samaritan

We acknowledge the current culturally diverse context within the global, ecclesial community and religious life. Using religious life, a microcosm, to leadership so we become, as Pope Francis expressed it, “experts in communion.” You do need to be a religious to attend! Any leader, present or future, will add value to the conversation.

Child Slavery: Are We Part of This?

Presenter: Noelene Simmons sm, President, Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) and Christine Carolan, Executive Officer, ACRATH

The Workshop will raise awareness about the existence of Child Slavery. Participants will be exhorted to take action against child slavery and to encourage family friends and colleagues to do the same.

Leadership in the balance: providing governance and civil compliance without losing the heart

Presenter: Dr Robyn Miller, CEO of MacKillop Family Services

This Specialised Workshop will explore balancing contemporary demands and civil accountabilities for leaders of program whilst maintaining a focus on mission, values and the heart of our work. Robyn will draw on her current experience at MacKillop Family Services and the agency’s commitment to child safe standards. She will present on her PhD findings on the elements of successful reform implementation.

Prayer, conversation and decisions at the Plenary Council

Presenter: Lana Turvey-Collins, Facilitation Team, Plenary Council

This Specialised Workshop will take you through a similar process of Communal Discernment the Members will experience during the first Assembly of the Plenary Council.

“If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.”

Mission and Community Organising–SydneyAlliance

Presenter: David Barrow, Lead Organiser, Sydney Alliance

You are invited to a 90 minute session introducing community organising as a practice and theory for engaging in mission. We must build cooperative power to confront injustice, rebuild our faith communities and develop new leaders. When we bring active hands, relational heart and analytical heads together we can win on issues of the common good.

The Sydney Alliance brings together Catholic, Baptist, Uniting, Muslim, Jewish, union, ethnic, environment and community service organisations on issues of the common good: refugee welfare, affordable housing, renewable energy, Uluru Statement, international students and public transport.

Expect active participation, stories, fire, laughs and grit.