National Symposium: Religious Education, Secularisation and Australian Catholic Schools

27-28 July 2017

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Presented by: BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education

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This National Symposium explores the relationship between secularisation and religious education in Australian Catholic schools.

Religious education is a critical aspect of Catholic identity and as such needs to be both attuned and responsive to our social context. Pope Francis has spoken about this time as a change of era. In light of this, the symposium is aimed at exploring the implication of changes in the wider culture for religious education in Australian Catholic schools.

“Congratulations to BBI for bringing together an inspiring program and one that is relevant to all involved in the ministry of Catholic education. This symposium will provide a valuable opportunity for those involved in Catholic education to learn from one another and to collaborate and engage in informed dialogue.”

Pam Betts, Executive Director of Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

What you will learn

As a participant, you will gain many insights from the lectures and workshops delivered during this Symposium, including:

- an overview of key issues facing Religious Educators in the future;
- an outline of the impact of secularisation on the wider culture;
- an appreciation of approaches aimed at improving the quality of classroom Religious Education;
- greater awareness of the capacity of Religious Education in Australian Catholic Schools to be both propositional and relevant;
- an opportunity to network with other professionals and much more.
Keynote speakers:

This will be the finest gathering of international and national high-profile speakers and experts on Religious Education presented in Australia in 2017.

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge**
Archdiocese of Brisbane
*Opening Address*

**Professor François Moog**
Catholic University of Paris
*Secularisation: its Impact on the Church and on Catholic Schools*

**Professor Henri-Jérôme Gagey**
Catholic University of Paris
*Secularisation: a Theological Perspective*

**Professor Therese D’Orsa**
BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education
*Religious Education and Mission*

**Professor Richard Rymarz**
BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education
*Head of Religious Education & Director of Research*
*And Then the Door Closes: Focussing on the RE Teacher*

**Dr Debra Sayce**
Catholic Education, Western Australia
*Director of Religious Education*
*Developing an RE curriculum in an Increasingly Secular Culture*

**Dr Michelle Jones**
BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education
*Lecturer – Theology*
*Master of Ceremonies*
Workshop A
2.15pm – 3.15pm

Please indicate the workshop you wish to attend on the Registration Form on the back page.

A.1
Mr John McGrath
National Catholic Education Commission
Senior Education Officer

Teacher Formation Engaging our Secularisation Context

A.2
Dr Peter Mudge
BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education
Senior Lecturer - Religious Education & Spirituality

The Spiritual Elephant in the Room: Spirituality and RE

A.3
Professor Graham Rossiter
BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education

Religion and Secularisation in a Media-Saturated World

A.4
Ms Janina Starkey
NSW/ACT Bishops & Sydney Catholic Schools
Project Officer: Stage 6 Catholic Studies

Catholic Studies – into the Future

A.5
Mr Robert Haddad
Catholic Education Office Sydney
Head of New Evangelisation

A Three-Dimensional Approach to Faith Formation of RE Teachers – Head, Heart, Hands

A.6
Mr Gary Reen
Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Lismore
Assistant Director, School Evangelisation and Catechetical Services

Changing it all up: Christ Centred Agency in Cultural Change.
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Day 1: Thursday 27 July
9:00 Welcome/Prayer – Dr Michelle Jones
9:30 Archbishop Mark Coleridge
10:30 Morning Tea
11:00 Professor François Moog
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Dr Debra Sayce
2:15 Workshop A
3:15 Afternoon Tea
3:45 Workshop B

Optional Group Dinner
You are invited to attend an optional dinner on day one, Thursday 27 July. The dinner is not mandatory but provides all attendees with a peer networking opportunity. It will be held at a restaurant close by, with a set fee. Details will be confirmed by email to registered attendees, with an offer to participate, closer to the date.

Day 2: Friday 28 July
9:00 Welcome /Prayer – Dr Michelle Jones
9:30 Professor Richard Rymarz
10:30 Morning Tea
11:00 Professor Therese D’Orsa
12:00 Book Launch - Br Gerard Rummery
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Prof. Fr. Henri-Jérôme Gagey
2:30 Afternoon Tea
3:00 Panel Plenary: Future directions
4:00 Close

“As the Australian states are at different stages of recalling the decision almost 150 years ago that henceforth public education would be “free compulsory and secular,” the decision by BBI – The Australian Institute of Theological Education to host a National Symposium to treat Religious Education, Secularisation and Australian Catholic Schools is the announcement of an important historical event in itself.”

Br Gerard Rummery FSC, Internationally respected Lasallian academic.
Event Details

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“By explicitly engaging with the contemporary context of secularisation, this conference promises to go beyond the boundaries. I wish the organisers, presenters and participants well in this endeavour.”

Dr Anne Benjamin, Honorary Professor, Faculty of Education and Arts, Australian Catholic University

“This Conference provides a broad view of the current discourse, both International and National, and focussed workshops in which Religious Educators can analyse specific issues. I encourage all Religious Educators to participate.”

Dr Patricia Malone RSJ, Retired Professor of Religious Education, Australian Catholic University

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Registration Form
National Symposium: Religious Education, Secularisation and Australian Catholic Schools

**Personal Details**

- Please print clearly.
- The name and organisation provided will appear on the name tag.
- Registration confirmation will be sent to the email nominated.
- Please provide your phone numbers in case we need to contact you.
- Registration is not complete until payment is received.

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Workshops B (select one only)

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Dietary Requirements:

- N/A
- Gluten-free
- Dairy-free
- Vegetarian
- Vegan

For multiple registrations from the same organisation, please photocopy this form and complete all Personal Details for all delegates and send together with payment.

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