



National Symposium: Religious Education, Secularisation and Australian Catholic Schools

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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
Mission & Culture and Leadership & Theology

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.

Workshop B

3.45pm – 4.45pm

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B.1

Emeritus Bishop David Walker

BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education, Founder
The Spiritual Formation of the Teacher



B.5

Mr Joe Doolan

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Consultant, RE Texts Office



B.2

Dr Brendan Hyde

BBI - The Australian Institute of Theological Education
Religious Education Lecturer
Godly play: Where to now?



Mr Pat Sully

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne
Executive Director - RE Texts Office
To Know, Worship and Love Digital - The Way Forward



B.3

Ms Di-Anne Rowan

Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton
Assistant Director: Mission



B.6

Dr Angelo Belmonte

Catholic Education Office Bathurst
Director of Religious Education and Catholic Identity



Ms Gail Davis

Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton
Teaching and Learning Religion Consultant
Developing a RE Curriculum Today in a Regional Diocese



Ms Amber Calleja

James Sheahan Catholic High School, Orange
Religious Education Coordinator: Mission
Religious Education at the Cutting Edge: Peer ministry and RE



B.4

Ms Rina Madden

Catholic Education, Melbourne
Education Officer
Who is My Learner? Engaging Students in Classroom RE

Professional Development and Continuing Education



The National Religious Education Symposium is likely to count towards currency of accreditation for working in a Catholic school or CPD in another agency. Participants should confirm this

with their employer or professional body. Each day will be equivalent to six hours. Seminar attendance certificates will be issued for Professional Development and Continuing Education.

Book Launch

Religious Education in Australian Catholic Schools



Ed: **Professor Richard Rymarz**, BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education and **Dr Angelo Belmonte**, Catholic Education Office Bathurst

Internationally respected Lasallian academic, **Br Gerard Rummery FSC** will launch this exciting new book.



Program

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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| Date: | Thursday 27 to Friday 28 July, 2017 | | |
| Time: | Day 1: | Thursday | 9.00am – 4.45pm |
| | Day 2: | Friday | 9.00am – 4.00pm |
| Venue: | Waterview at Bicentennial Park | | |
| Address: | Bicentennial Drive, Sydney Olympic Park (view map & directions) | | |
| Fee: | \$720 p/p (includes the two-day symposium, lunch, morning and afternoon tea each day) | | |
| | \$650 p/p/ early bird (save \$70 p/p if paid by Friday 30 June) | | |
| | \$625 p/p group discount for 5 or more participants if paid by Friday 30 June | | |
| Parking | Ample parking is available at no charge. | | |
| | Please see Waterview at Bicentennial Park website for full details. | | |
| Public Transport: | Please see Waterview at Bicentennial Park website for full details: http://www.waterviewvenue.com.au/contact-us/directions/ | | |

“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



Enquiries

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