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Conference participants spoilt for choice following reveal of program

If you haven't yet registered for Australia's premier conference on mission to be held in Sydney next month, take a look at the program and join us now!

That's the advice from Peter Gates, Deputy National Director of Catholic Mission, joint organisers with Catholic Religious Australia of the 'Mission: one heart many voices' conference, to be held from May 13-15 at the SMC Conference and Function Centre.

It comes following the release on Tuesday of the program of concurrent sessions, which reveals a wealth of interactive and immersive masterclasses, workshops, keynotes and conversations across the conference's three days.

'The program entails a broad cross-section of contemporary issues, from caring for our common home, to working towards healing for those so hurt by the failings of our Church, to our ongoing striving for reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters,' says Mr Gates.

'The 'Mission: one heart many voices' conference intends to support participants to live and lead mission in their workplaces, parishes, and communities, providing the tools and inspiration to do that through the immensely rich talent presenting and facilitating across the program.'

The program can be viewed online, with registrations fast filling up. 'Now is the time to register and begin thinking about what insights and questions you can bring to the conference,' says Mr Gates.

'While it is intended to be a mission learning and development space, it has always been as much about listening and dialogue and nurturing familiar and unfamiliar relationships between participants.'

Keynote speakers at the conference include Dr Carol Zinn ssj, Executive Director of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious; Coordinator of Murri Ministry in Queensland Ravina Waldren; and Bishop Paul Tighe, one of the Vatican's chief officials on culture and communication.

Highlights of the program include:

- **Plenary Council 2020** – masterclass led by Plenary Council President Archbishop Timothy Costelloe and Plenary Council Facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins examining some of the key learnings of the process to date;
- **A Conversation with Mrs Ravina Waldren and Mrs Evelyn Parkin** – an open invitation for all participants to engage with Indigenous leaders Mrs Ravina Waldren and Mrs Evelyn Parkin
- **Leadership for Mission Today** – A masterclass led by Dr Carol Zinn ssj;
- **Ever ancient, ever new – the voice of the young Church** – Joel Duval and Charlene Robson will explore practical concepts that dioceses, organisations and groups can use with youth today in the secular world to assist them in exploring their faith and what that means;
- **Wonder and Awe: The crucial first step in personal formation to implement the teachings from *Laudato Si'*** – Catholic Earthcare Director Bernard Holland presents a workshop illustrating how head, heart and hands can carry out the mission of the church by enculturating *Laudato Si'* into our lives;
- **...and many more!**

To view the full program and to register, head to mohmv.com.au or call 1800 257 296 today.

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