



Living Traditions, Unfolding Futures

Three online professional learning symposia for Catholic education leaders

DON'T FORGET YOUR OWN PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

While we recognise that aside from limitations on travel, the attention of educational leaders is firmly focussed on the pressing exigencies of adjusting to a constantly changing policy landscape while shifting learning to new modes, and not on your own professional learning. This having been said, we thought that we might be able to draw on last year's experience to create a similar, if limited, learning experience, tapping into our overseas networks, and making a space for professional dialogue among participants.

INVITE OTHERS

If you know of other people who may be interested in our sessions, please pass this information on. We hope to see you at one - or all - of our symposia.

THE ORIGINS OF THIS SYMPOSIUM

In 2019, a group of 16 senior leaders of Catholic education from all across the country joined us (*David Hall and Michael Bezzina*) in a study program called Living Traditions, Unfolding Futures. In Glasgow, participants engaged with the unfamiliar realities of education in Scotland. In the week that followed in Rome, the Eternal City was our classroom as we explored Catholic mission and identity. The program was also enriched through the shared experience that was embodied among their fellow travellers. The very positive feedback encouraged us to begin planning for a similar program in 2020. A number of people had already expressed an interest in this offering - but COVID-19 had other ideas.

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to susanne.vesperman@acu.edu.au

AN INTERNATIONAL ONLINE OPPORTUNITY

We are pleased to announce the 2020 Living Traditions, Unfolding Futures Symposium series - a program of three online symposia focusing on matters of deep interest to Catholic educational leaders. The format of each will be a 30-45 minute presentation followed by a short period of facilitated discussion. Each session will be shaped around a stimulus question. There will be one presenter from each of Australia, Scotland and Rome.

Our Presenters



MR CHRISTOPHER LAMB

RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS MULTIMEDIA JOURNALIST. VATICAN EXPERT

Christopher Lamb is the Rome Correspondent for The Tablet, an international Catholic publication based in the UK, and is a contributor to the BBC, La Stampa, Religion News Service and others. As The Tablet's Vatican correspondent, Christopher has travelled with the Pope on his visits to Kenya, Uganda, Central African Republic, Egypt, Myanmar and Bangladesh while also covering his trips to the United States, Poland and Sweden. In April this year Christopher released his book, *The Outsider: Pope Francis and his battle to reform the Church*. In his presentation Christopher will share the many stories and insights in this captivating publication.



DR ROISÍN COLL

DIRECTOR, ST ANDREW'S FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

Roisín Coll is the Director of the St Andrew's Foundation for Catholic Teacher Education at the University of Glasgow which is responsible for providing teachers for Catholic schools in Scotland. In 2018 she represented the Church on the Scottish Government's LGBTI Inclusive Education Working Group that focused on teacher education and is currently working on a research project in that field. In her presentation Roisín will explore the complexities and opportunities associated with the rise in the number of young people in schools self-identifying as LGBTI and the ways in which the Catholic tradition can engage thoughtfully and sensitively in this agenda.



DR MICHAEL BEZZINA

BEZZINA CONSULTING: EMPOWERING LEADERS AND LEARNING

Michael is an Adjunct Professor at ACU. After a career as teacher, academic and school and system leader, he set up his own consultancy, providing services in the domains of system leadership, leadership development and the leadership of learning. His publications cover areas as diverse as Religious Education, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and School and System Leadership. In his presentation Mick will bring into dialogue the secular literature on the capabilities of the school graduate with the aspirations of our Catholic mission and propose what it is that might characterise the graduate of a Catholic school.

August 25th | 5pm - 6pm

The quest to reform the Church: how is Pope Francis faring?

Mr Christopher Lamb

September 8th | 5pm - 6pm

How do Catholic schools attend to the controversial challenges of LGBTI inclusion?

Dr Roisin Coll

September 22nd | 5pm - 6pm

What kind of person do we want the Catholic school graduate to be?

Adjunct Professor Michael Bezzina