



Catholic Earthcare's Journey through the Season of Creation

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Being in relationship with our Mother Earth: formation of our hearts through eco-literacy



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In relationship with God through formation of our heart: the theological and moral imperative to care for our common home



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A global faith perspective that cares for our Common Home

Featuring speakers from Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist faiths



Hosted by **Dr. Trish Hindmarsh**



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Official closing: prayer and reflection session

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International youth conversation



Youth developed and delivered international conversation

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OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

10am Tuesday September 1, 2020

Join the Catholic Earthcare community as we welcome the Season of Creation, and officially launch the Convocation. This special reflection event will highlight Laudato Si', the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and celebrate our rich and wondrous ecological landscape. Beth Riolo of the Diocese of Wollongong, will present her renowned reflection of Laudato Si', creation and First Nations peoples' intimate connection to country. Hosted by Gwen Michener, Caritas Australia.

About Beth

Beth is the Environmental Advocacy Outreach Officer at the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Born and bred in Wollongong NSW, Beth has worked in Catholic Education for over 30 years. She has been a Primary School Teacher, Religious Education Coordinator, Education Officer in Catholic Life Education Mission (CLEM), Catholic Life and Religious Education (CLARE), Education Officer (Special Projects) in Strategic Planning & Policy/Office of the Director (SPP) and is currently Professional Officer (Environment Advocacy Outreach) in Directorate Services at the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Wollongong. Beth is passionate about enlivening religious education and Catholic school communities so they are relevant to both students and teachers and helps schools read the 'signs of the times' so they can be communities of justice, inclusivity, sustainability and hospitality.

FORMATION

11am Thursday September 3, 2020

Session 1. Being in relationship with our Mother Earth: formation of our hearts through eco-literacy

Our first Convocation session draws together indigenous leaders, youth, theologians and sustainability experts to explore the power of formation in developing our appreciation and understanding of the natural systems that support humanity, and all of creation on Earth. Featuring:

- Sherry Balcombe, Aboriginal Catholic Mission Victoria, on: "A personal reflection on a spiritual relationship with country",
- Dr. Peter Saunders, Campion Centre for Ignatian Spirituality, on: "Being with God in nature",
- Alyssa Norris, youth leader at Earthcare NSW, on: "What is God asking us to do?".

The session will feature each guest speaking on their expert topic, questions from both the host and the audience, and breakout workshops for speakers and participants to further explore themes from the session. Hosted by Sr Margie Abbott, RSM.

About Sherry

Sherry is a proud Western Yalanji, Djabaguy / Okola woman from Far North Queensland, born in Far North Queensland (where her family still resides). Sherry has worked for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria since 2003, and currently works as coordinator. Sherry previously worked in welfare, child protection and foster care. In Sherry's words, "I currently do lots of cross-cultural education as part of my role at the Ministry; this brings me great joy as I am helping to educate not only children but young adults about our beautiful Culture and our rich faith that we as Aboriginal people naturally possess. I get to do many things in my role including visiting Indigenous Youth in detention ... [and] the Aboriginal Elders at our nursing home here in Brunswick Victoria, so I am very lucky to have a job that fills so many things and brings much joy on a regular basis. I am a mother to four children whom I am very proud of... [a] husband [of] 35 years ... I am extremely passionate about my Aboriginal heritage, culture and my Catholic faith. I love my job and see it more as a lifestyle than anything else, I am passionate about social justice issues and try to offer support whenever I can, we strive at this ministry to continue to fight for Justice for all Aboriginal People."



About Alyssa

Alyssa is a co-founder of Earthcare Youth, and part of the Earthcare NSW network. She has developed and delivered international and Sydney youth conferences, hosted prayer sessions and delivered public orations on climate, youth and caring for our Common Home.



About Peter

Peter is a spiritual director, a director of the Spiritual Exercises and supervisor. He is a keen bush walker and has a great interest in inviting people into the experience of God's presence in Nature. He leads retreats in the Being with God in Nature Ministry at Campion.



About Alice

Alice is a secondary school teacher with Brisbane Catholic Education, and runs "Overturn The Tables" a professional development platform for teachers, parishes, schools and students about how to live Laudato Si. Alice holds a B.Ed in physics and religion from the University of Queensland.



2pm Thursday September 3, 2020 Session 2. In relationship with God through formation of our heart

Our second Convocation session draws together renowned theologians, clergy and ecological experts to explore our commitment as Catholics, Christians and people of humanity in caring for our common home. Featuring:

- Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta on "Francis and Francis lighting the path: Franciscan eco-spirituality in light of Pope Francis",
- Dr. Trish Hindmarsh, educational consultant and former Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, on: "touching hearts, changing minds: The place of conversion within eco-spirituality",
- Dr. Sandie Cornish, Office for Social Justice, on: Who are we before God and in creation? Integral ecology in the spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching", and
- Juliet Talarico, ecologist and former community educator at Rahamin Ecology Centre, on: "What is God asking us to do?".

The session will feature each guest speaking on their expert topic, questions from both the host and the audience, and breakout workshops for speakers and participants to further explore themes from the session.



About Bishop Vincent

Vincent Nguyễn Văn Long O.F.M. Conv. is the fourth Bishop of Parramatta, Australia and is Australia's first Asian-born bishop and the first Vietnamese-born bishop to head a diocese outside of Vietnam. Born in 1961 in Gia-Kiem, Xuân Lộc, Vietnam, he began studying for the priesthood at the diocesan minor seminary near Saigon in 1972. He fled Vietnam on a refugee boat in 1979, following two of his brothers who had already left, and reached Malaysia, where he spent 16 months in a refugee camp where he learned English. He reached Australia in 1980.[2] In 1983, Long became a Conventual Franciscan friar and studied for the priesthood in Melbourne. He received his priestly ordination and earned a baccalaureate in theology in 1989 from the Melbourne College of Divinity, and his licentiate in spirituality and Christology at the Pontifical University of St. Bonaventure (Seraphicum) in Rome in 1994. Bishop Vincent was the former leader of the Franciscans in Australia.



About Sandie

Dr Sandie Cornish works with the Office for Social Justice of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and in private practice as a consultant. Sandie is also sessional lecturer with the Australian Catholic University. She has worked across research, policy, planning, and formation in social justice. Sandie previously led the highly-regarded Hong Kong based international human rights agency, the Asian Centre for the Progress of Peoples. She was the first woman to head a national agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, serving as the National Executive Officer of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council for five years. Sandie played a significant role in each of the major research and consultation activities of the Bishops' Committee for Justice, Development and Peace during the late 1980's and 1990's. Sandie holds a PhD in Practical Theology, a Licentiate in Catholic Social Doctrine and Ethics from the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Master of Public Policy, and a Bachelor of Economics.



About Trish

Inspired by Saint Mary Mackillop, Dr Hindmarsh trained as a young teacher in Victoria and progressed quickly through the education ranks accepting her first principal position at only 28 years of age. Her career involved a number of different postings from teacher and principal, to being a senior school consultant for 27 different schools in Sydney and heading a Catholic Mission and justice adult education program, which she found extremely rewarding. Dr Hindmarsh is the former Director of Catholic Education Tasmania, and is an advisor to Catholic Earthcare.



About Juliet

Juliet is a former community educator at Rahamin Ecology, and holds a B. Biological Science in ecology. She says, "one of my long-term goals is to facilitate action and establish a world where humans, animals, and plants can all live in harmony. To help people awaken to the idea that humans are not the dominant species on earth and that we need to learn to coexist with other beings, not out compete them." Juliet has volunteered with Tasmanian devils, turtle rescue on the Great Barrier Reef and worked across the Murray Darling river basin.



11am Tuesday September 8, 2020 Session 3. A global faith perspective that cares for our common home

Our third Convocation session draws together a diverse, multifaith group of people passionate about climate, the environment and sustainability – and caring for our common home. Speakers are currently being finalized, with people from Islamic, Christian and Buddhist faith traditions, and names will be released shortly. audience, and breakout workshops for speakers and participants to further explore themes from the session. Hosted by Dr. Trish Hindmarsh.



FOUNDATION

2pm Tuesday September 8, 2020

Session 4. In relationship with our world's financial, economic & political issues that underpin care for our common (Part 1/2)

Our fourth Convocation session looks at our world's political issues, financial systems and economic values that have shaped both the care of, and disregard for creation. In this special pre-recorded session, our speakers will consider the future we want for our common home, and ways in which we can achieve it. Featuring:

- Professor Ross Garnaut, University of Melbourne, on: "An economy that cares for our common home", and,
- Bronwyn Lay, Coordinator of the Climate Change Exchange, RMIT University and Ecological Justice Office at Jesuit Social Services, on: "A green world that cares for our common home and it's people".
- With host Tim Buckley, director of finance and energy studies in South-East Asia and Australia at the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis.

This is the first of a two-part series that takes an in-depth look at the economic, political and financial systems of our world, and how we can harness these systems to care for our Common Home.

Please note that this session is pre-recorded due to the time constraints of our guests. A workshop discussion exploring the themes raised during this session will be provided after the session airs.

You can join us for the recording session on **Wednesday August 26 at 4:30pm.**



About Ross

Ross Garnaut is an economist whose career has been built around the analysis of and practice of policy connected to development, economic policy and international relations in Australia, Asia and the Pacific. He has held senior roles in universities, business, government and other Australian and international institutions. He is Professorial Research Fellow in Economics at the University of Melbourne.



About Tim

Tim is the director of Energy Finance Studies, Australia/South Asia, and has 25 years of financial markets experience, specializing in equity valuation, including as a top-rated analyst and as co-founder and managing director of Arkx Investment Management.



About Bronwyn

Lawyer and ecological advocate with 20 years domestic and international experience. Combination of advocacy, research, case and project management, policy, communications and community engagement. Specialisation in environmental justice.

11am Thursday September 10, 2020

Session 5. Investment that cares for our common home

Our fifth Convocation session takes a critical look at our financial systems, and explores ways in which divestment, green investment and future investment trends can bring strong wins for both investors and our common home. Featuring:

- Bill Bovingdon, from Altius Asset Management as host,
- Yen Wong, from Altius Asset Management, on: Green bonds that care for our common home, and;
- Tim Buckley, director of finance and energy studies in South-East Asia and Australia at the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, on: "Fossil fuels to renewables: case studies that show how we can care for our common home".



About Bill

Bill is well-known and highly regarded as a 33 year veteran in fixed interest asset management. Prior to co-founding Altius in 2011, Bill was with Aberdeen Asset Management where he was head of Australian fixed income and chief executive officer. He also has worked as head of fixed income for Schroder Investment Management and Deutsche Asset Management. Bill's career in investment and financial services began in 1984 with the Treasury Corporation of Victoria as a fixed income portfolio manager. Bill holds a bachelor of economics from Monash University.



About Tim

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About Yen

Yen is a seasoned Credit and ESG specialist who has expertise in both Australian and global corporate credit analysis, with investment grade and high yield companies, having spent more than 10 years as a credit analyst. Yen has led and implemented research processes, managed a team of analysts and integrated environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into fixed income and credit investments. Yen holds a Bachelor of Mathematics from Queensland University of Technology and is a CFA charterholder.



11am Tuesday September 15, 2020

Session 6. In relationship with our world's financial, economic & political issues that underpin care for our common home (Part 2/2)

Our sixth Convocation session looks at our world's political issues, financial systems and economic values that have shaped both the care of, and disregard for creation. Our speakers will consider the future we want for our Common Home, and the ways in which we can achieve it. Featuring:

- John Ferguson, Office for Social Justice, on: "Inequality in a rich country",
- Michael Block, from the Australian Catholic Superannuation Retirement Fund, on: "Investments that care for our common home", and;
- Louise Bradshaw, from the Australian Catholic Superannuation Retirement Fund, on: "What is ESG?"

This is the second of a two-part series that takes an in-depth look at the economic, political and financial systems of our world, and how we can harness these systems to care for our Common Home.



About John

John is the current Director of the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.



About Louise

A graduate of the London Business School and the University of New South Wales, Louise is a highly experienced funds management professional. Louise has held senior level roles within asset management industry in Australia, New York City and London. She has a personal and professional interest and ongoing education in Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) arena.



About Michael

Michael's involvement in the Australian financial services sector spans over 30 years and has seen him hold a diverse range of positions in investment banking, government and funds management. Michael is widely regarded as helping turn around the investment performance Australian Catholic Super. Michael has previously worked for NSW WorkCover, was director of investment at the University of New South Wales and held the position of Chief Investment Officer for a Port Moresby superannuation firm.



ACTION

11am Wednesday September 23, 2020

Session 7. Relationships that call for an ecological vocation

Our seventh Convocation session leaps into action, as we explore transformative ways in which living an ecological vocation has changed communities, education systems, families and ourselves. Join us for an inspirational journey of how action from within has inspired others. Featuring:

- Alice Carwardine, Brisbane-based teacher and community sustainability leader, on: "Change me, change my community: how one person inspired their family's community journey to living more sustainable lives (their ecological conversion)",
- Leila Mangos, youth leader with the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and Catholic Earthcare, on: "Change me, change my family: how one person inspired their family's community journey to living more sustainable lives (their ecological conversion)",
- Kirsty Robertson, CEO of Caritas Australia, on: "Mindfulness in a climate-challenged world", and,
- David Hutton, educational consultant and chair, Australian Catholic Superannuation Retirement Fund, on: "Catholic leadership for an ecological conversion".



About Alice

Alice is a secondary school teacher with Brisbane Catholic Education, and runs "Overturn The Tables" a professional development platform for teachers, parishes, schools and students about how to live Laudato Si. Alice holds a B.Ed in physics and religion from the University of Queensland.



About Leila

Leila is a 16 year old school student and a passionate climate activist. As well as being a part of Youth Catholic Earthcare and the Australian Youth Climate Coalition, Leila is an organiser for School Strike 4 Climate Australia and an UN Youth Australia delegate.



About Kirsty

Kirsty is the CEO of Caritas Australia, and previously held leadership positions with Mary McKillop Today. Kirsty has worked across Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, Brazil, Ethiopia and Nepal and has extensive experience in international aid and development.



About David

David is the Board Chair of Australian Catholic Superannuation. David is an experienced educator, education officer and senior administrator in state, religious institute and diocesan Catholic schools. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce, University of Queensland (accounting, economics, law), a Diploma in Education, University of Queensland (accounting and economics), a Bachelor of Education Studies (Postgraduate), University of Queensland and a Bachelor of Theology, Melbourne College of Divinity (philosophy, scripture, theology). He completed a Master of Educational Administration, University of New England, Armidale and is a Graduate, Australian Institute of Company Directors Course. David is a Fellow of both the Australian Council for Educational Leaders and the Australian College of Educators. In June 2012, he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his services to Education in Queensland.



4pm Tuesday September 29, 2020 Session 8. International youth session.

Our final Convocation session crosses international waters as Australian and international young leaders in Catholic schools, communities and parishes discuss Laudato Si', the Season of Creation and how to care for our common home. Entirely youth-led and youth-driven. Featuring Leila Mangos and Alyssa Norris, from Catholic Earthcare NSW. We are currently in dialogue with Pacific, European and other international friends preparing this session.

Speakers and session format will be announced early September.



About Alyssa

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CLOSING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

10am Wednesday September 30, 2020

Join the Catholic Earthcare community as we close the 2020 Season of Creation, and reach the end of our Convocation journey. Featuring a prayer and reflection hosted by Beth Riolo of the Diocese of Wollongong, and Gwen Michener, Caritas Australia.

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