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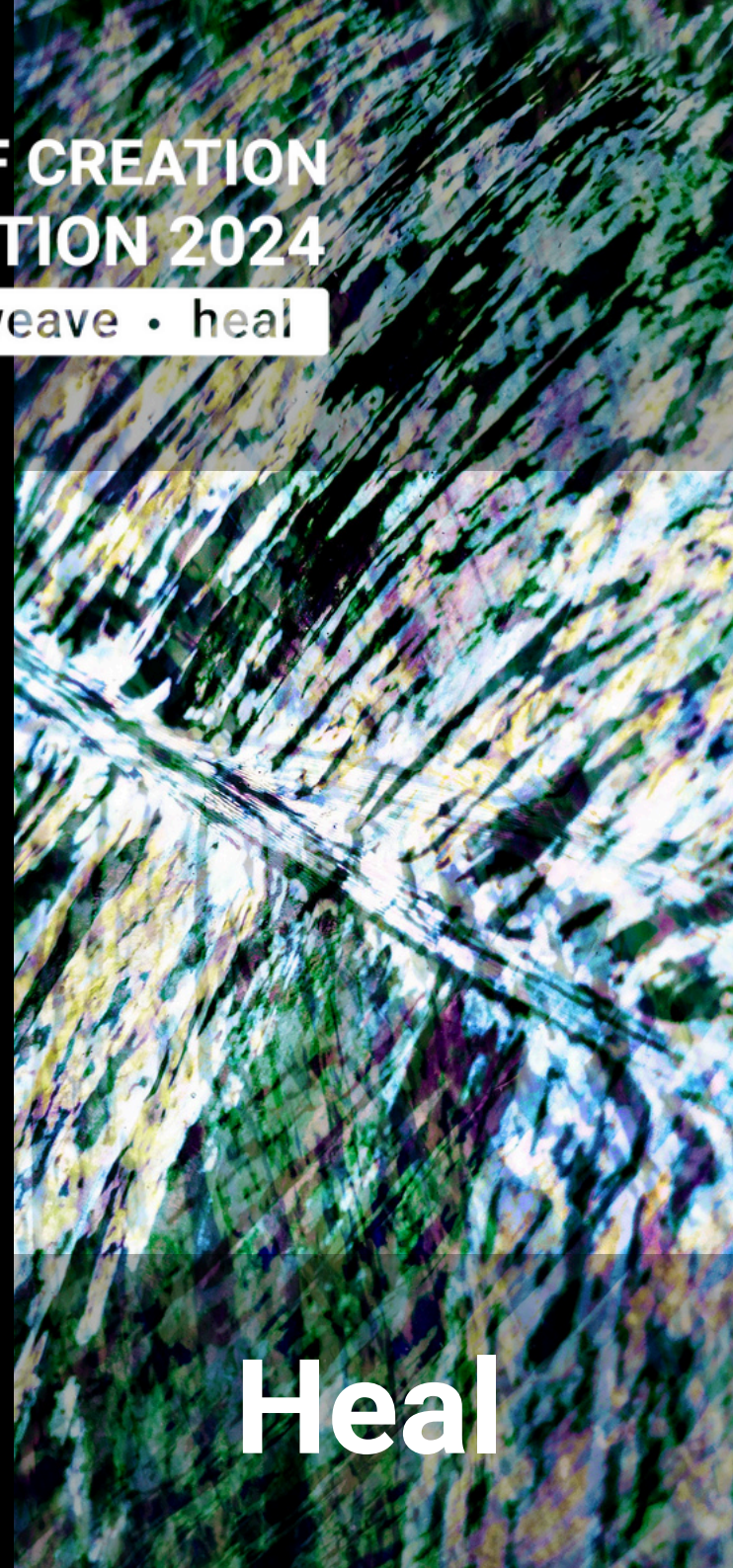
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TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)



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The Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical celebration. Starting September 1 and culminating on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4, we come together to pray and act to care for our common home. This year, the theme is to 'Hope and Act with Creation', inspired by the words of St Paul to the Romans.

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. *Romans 8:15 - 25 NRSVCE*

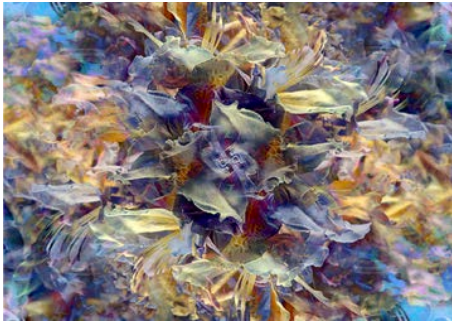
Convocation Prayer

God of Creation, you breathed forth the colour purple and gave ocean coral. We stand in awe and wonder at your unfolding love. Earth cries out to us because she has been harmed. Be our constant reminder of the need to care for her.

God of connection, you taught us words so that we may come to know you. We are woven together, interdependent on one another for our flourishing. We forgot this over time and disconnected ourselves from you in our own minds when we were greedy. Teach us now, the language of Country so that we can understand her and how she ensures the survival of all.

God of healing, you entered into creation to demonstrate your power. We know in this time and place, that we must act within our communities to heal Earth. For it is the poor that are experiencing the impacts of the ecological crisis. Guide us to make decisions that heal Earth so that we can love the poor as you did.

Convocation Theme and Artwork



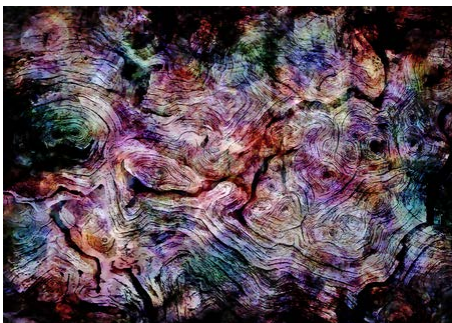
Wonder

To gaze with awe and wonder at the gift of creation and to come to a deep awareness of the 'signs of the times'



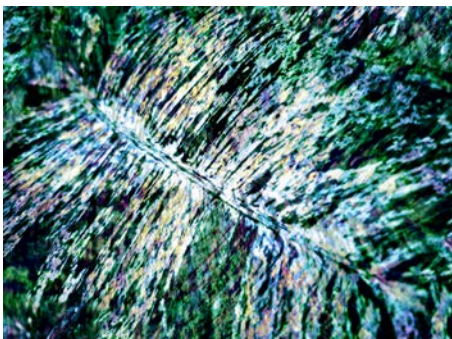
Conference Artist

Claire Virgona is a passionate educator who graduated with the Master of Teaching (Secondary, Visual Art), completed via research, from the University of Melbourne in 2013. She obtained her Bachelor Fine Art(Hons) specialising in Photomedia and Glass, from Monash University in 2009. Claire is a practicing Photomedia artist who has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions both nationally and internationally. She is currently teaching secondary Visual Art and Design at Mercy Regional College in Camperdown, Australia and was an Integral Ecology Fellow with the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and PNG in 2023.



Weave

To discern a path forward through story-telling and deep weaving with our communities



Heal

To heal our relationship with creation and act within our communities for change

Convocation Song - by Sesi Devine

We are a part of this place that we call home x4

Faith and truth hearts open
We are human for a while
Weaving with each other
We are planetary
Seeds of change

We are a part of this place that we call home x4

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**Catholic
Archdiocese of
Adelaide**

Meet your Master of Ceremonies!



Michael McGirr

Michael McGirr is the Mission Facilitator and manager of Community Engagement at Caritas Australia, the aid and development agency of the Catholic Church. He has written many books, including *Bypass: the story of a road*, *Ideas that Saved my Life*, *Finding God's Traces* and the forthcoming *Every day is New*, a book for Ordinary Time. He has twice been a recipient of a senior fellowship from the Australia Council for the Arts. He has also been a H G Coombs creative fellow at Australian National University. He has been the chair of judges of the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and the National Biography Award. He has reviewed over 1,000 books for *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*. His stories, essays and opinion pieces have appeared in numerous places both in Australia and overseas. He is a regular contributor to a range of Jesuit publications, including *Eureka Street*, *Australian Catholics* and *Madonna*. He lives in Melbourne and is married to Jenny. They have three young adult children. Indeed, their twins completed Year 12 last year, a character-building exercise for all concerned.



Day One

Wonder

Day One: Thursday 12 September 2024 ONLINE

9:00 - 9:30 am
AEST

Welcome and Introduction

Master of Ceremonies - Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia

Archbishop's Address - Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

9:30 - 11:30 am
AEST

K1.1 Captivated by Grace, Cultivating Hope: Denis Edwards's Theological Gaze on the Natural World in these Troubled Times

"To gaze with awe and wonder at the gift of creation and to come to a deep awareness of the 'signs of the times'" was at the heart of Denis Edwards's life and faith. He was captivated by creatures, landscapes, the cosmic evolution of life in the universe, and their origins in the triune "God of mutual friendship." He came to understand that this community of creation is the outpouring of the triune God's grace, God's self-bestowal of love within all that God creates. This presentation explores Edwards's theological gaze on the natural world and his growing awareness of its plight, a planet on a trajectory of destruction. Yet by grace, his life work cultivates hope. You are invited to ponder your journey of awe and wonder against this backdrop of Edwards's inspiring work to discover God's grace and hope for Earth's community in these troubled times.

Keynote Presenter



Sr. Ann-Maree O'Beirne

Sister of Mercy of Australia
and Papua New Guinea. PhD
thesis entitled: Graced
Encounters in the Community
of Creation

11:30 - 12:00 pm
AEST

Break

Sector Workshops

School Sector

S1.1 Climate change education in the primary school classroom – Deborah Debuhr, Deakin University

Climate change (CC) is an important topic to understand and address, with education playing a key role in this task with students. Teachers have limited training, often hold misconceptions or do not feel confident or prepared to teach CC education. This workshop will introduce a knowledge-empathy-action framework and how it can guide teachers to teach CC in a cross-curricular, 'whole child' way, and to help students with CC knowledge, empathy, action and hope.

S1.2 Building mental health scaffolding for disaster resilience in school environments – Lisa Gibbs, University of Melbourne

School communities are dealing with more frequent and severe disaster events. This workshop will discuss the need to protect, restore and maintain the mental health and wellbeing of staff, students and families. Evidence, resources and strategies will be shared to support efforts to establish the necessary mental health scaffolding.

S1.3 Addressing food and organics waste challenges in schools – Danielle Blenkhorn, Sustainable Schools NSW

This workshop will explore food and organic waste challenges in schools, and share strategies for engaging your school communities to value food organics resources. The workshop will explore the framework of a whole school approach to sustainability, and how this can support a systematic approach to addressing food organics waste issues in school communities. Through the workshop there will be opportunities to share, learn from peers and develop an action plan for change.

S1.4 Energy management in schools – Daan Scheibaan, WYLA sustainability

Energy management in schools can be challenging. Learn about the different approaches to energy management and the current state of sustainability within the Catholic Sector here in Australia.

12:00 - 1:00 pm
AEST

Sector Workshops

Parish Sector

S1.5 Parish as Village – Sue Martin, The Society of Jesus in Australia

Imagine if our parish embraced the vision of "Parish as Village," embodying a spirit of belonging, purpose, and local connection. Inspired by Pope Francis' call in *Laudate Deum* 'to dream differently', we learn from places like Blayney, where faith in action transforms communities. Deepening our connection to Country echoes JP II's call for ecological conversion. Our mission: to cultivate parishes deeply rooted in God, community, and creation, nurturing Earthcare principles.

Religious Orders Sector

S1.6 One Heart in Caring for our Common Home – Fr Rich Gomez, MSC

Discuss how we can become one in spirit to care for our common home. Climate change is happening now and impacting communities around the world. Learn about how the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart are taking care of the environment and the community.

Organisations Sector

S1.7 A future for our children to thrive - Applying the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's) to our Sustainability Strategy – Philip Kalidoudis, MacKillop Family Services

Explore how MacKillop Family Services have tackled the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to develop a holistic response to our current ecological crisis while continuing to build a better future for all.

Diocese Sector

S1.8 Brisbane Archdiocese Laudato Si' Action Plan Journey – Emma Beach, Evangelisation Brisbane and Catholic Justice and Peace Commission

The Archdiocese of Brisbane was the first Archdiocese in the world to develop a *Laudato Si'* action plan in 2022 and to follow it up with a second iteration in 2024. This was not without challenges - learn about the strategies that made this happen.

12:00 - 1:00 pm
AEST

General Workshops

G1.1 Our journey to be integral ecologists – Sue Martin, The Society of Jesus in Australia

We can all be integral ecologists as we explore the path towards ecological conversion, embracing a way of proceeding that includes an earth spirituality. Extending our love of neighbour to encompass the whole of creation, we cultivate wonder and gratitude through intimacy with Country and courage to care. Heeding the call for ecological conversion, we embark on a personal journey of listening to the cry of those made poor and the cry of the earth, we are all connected. Understanding the movements within, we track our journey not just with our head and hands, but with head, heart, and hands aligned. Together, we embody the change we seek, to Bala ga' lili, walking together where we all fall in love with nature.

G1.2 COP 29 – 31 – Dr Damian Spruce, Caritas Australia

Learn more about the international COP meetings on climate policy and climate change. Join Dr Damian Spruce as he highlights the need to advocate for climate justice, global cooperation and progress on the sustainable development goals.

G1.3 Climate change programs by Caritas Australia, a case study from Indonesia and the Philippines

Join us to learn about the importance of giving those who are directly impacted by climate change a voice. Explore a case study and hear from our guest speaker, Ibu, who aims to conduct research and advocacy for climate policy and action.

G1.4 Keep it small, keep it local; Curious Grace: Care in the Community – Michael Walker and Cailey Sharp, Justice and Peace Office Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Dr Michael Walker and Cailey Sharp from the Archdiocese of Sydney Justice and Peace Office will speak about how we live *Laudato Si'* by acting locally. We all recognise the calling to care for people left on the scrap heap; it is hard however for big sprawling organisations to exhibit a spirit of genuine care. Michael and Cailey will profile the Curious Grace drop-in centre, a parish-level initiative their office launched in 2024, that brings together parishioner volunteers and marginalised individuals in relationships of care.

1:00 - 1:45 pm
AEST

1:45 - 2:45 pm
AEST

Break

General Workshops

2:45 - 3:30 pm
AEST

G1.5 Why rooftop solar is SO important and what that means for you, me and our Catholic communities. Dr Philipa England, Solar Citizens

Witness the extraordinary value for rooftop solar in Australia and consider what that means for our Catholic communities. Consider the case for transitioning buildings to rooftop solar - with free EV charging for employees a potential side benefit. In the Spirit of Laudato Si', we must rise to the challenge.

G1.6 Weaving Ways of Caring for Biodiversity: Across Faith Traditions and the Ecological Sciences – Anne Lanyon, Faith Ecology Network

This workshop will explore TEN WAYS TO CARE FOR BIODIVERSITY: A visual and practical Framework for Communities and Individuals to Listen and Learn, Reflect and Contemplate, and Act together. It is suitable for students, teachers and anyone interested in active hope.

G1.7 Wonder & Weave – a mediative experience, revealing just some of the deep time secrets of Lake Mungo. – Adrian Brannan, Edmund Rice Formation

A meditative experience of video, images, quotes, and music. Inspired by First Nations wisdoms, archaeological discovery, and biblical perspectives. Contemplate and celebrate the natural world in its most profound sense of mystery as a manifestation of the sacred.

G1.8 A Just Economy – Fr Peter Smith, Justice and Peace Office Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Fr Peter Smith, the Promoter of Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese of Sydney will speak on "The Just Economy". He highlights the problem that the constant fixation on growth in GDP and the economy has a deleterious effect on both the social and physical environment. He offers an example of how economic management and concern for the environment can be held in balance.

G1.9 Integral ecology and taking action in the public sphere – Thea Ormerod, Australian Religious Response to Climate Chance.

Many of us are daunted by the challenges of taking action in ways that are broadly described as 'political'. However, such action is urgently needed if climate change is to be addressed effectively. How do we – and our communities - respond to this call to action with integrity, faith and compassion for those who stand to suffer most from the deepening climate crisis?

3:30 - 6:00 pm
AEST

Break

Part 1: Joanna Macy Experience

6:00 - 8:00 pm
AEST

**Come Together to reflect on your relationship with Earth: “Everything is, as it were, a caress of God”
LS:84**

This reflective process over two nights will offer you an invitation to warm up to gratitude; pain in the world; seeing with new eyes and going forth energised for whatever is ahead of us. “The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God.” (Paragraph 84). Over two evenings Alison Fitzsimmons and Margie Abbott will offer you an opportunity to reflect on your relationship with Creation and the world as it is today. Pope Francis in *Laudate Deum* shared how he is feeling about what is happening in our world. In these urgent times, we offer this reflection to nourish and strengthen us in the face of what is coming. Pope Francis says, “I have realised that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point.” LD 2. We will follow the Joanna Macy Spiral of The Work that Reconnects and we will learn practices to open to gratitude, breathe through pain and suffering in the world, see with new eyes and decide to move forward, open to what is unfolding.



Sr Margie Abbott RSM and Alison Fitzsimmons

Margie is author of Earth ritual books and has a MA Theology from Flinders University, MA Pastoral Ministry: Spirituality Concentrate Boston College and Psychodrama AANZPA. Alison has 35 years of experience in early years education and was an emerging leader in the 2023 cohort of the ISMPNG Integral Ecology Fellowship

Sector Workshop Presenters: Thursday 12 September - Wonder



Deborah Debuhr

Completing her PhD to co-design units incorporating Climate Change Education across the curriculum using a knowledge-empathy-action framework



Prof. Lisa Gibbs

Lisa's research focuses on Disaster Recovery and Resilience relating to the interplay between individual community level outcomes including children and schools



Danielle Blenkhorn

Works for Sustainable Schools NSW, an initiative of Environmental Education NSW. She has 15 years' experience as an environmental educator and is passionate about school sustainability



Daan Scheibaan

Co-Director of Wyla Sustainability Consulting with 25 years of work experience. Worked on the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Sustainability Plan 2022 - 2025



Sue Martin

Passionate about connecting love of environment with her faith. Advocates for Country in Cattai and Little Cattai catchments part of the Hawkesbury-Nepean river system, the mighty Dyarubbin



Fr Richie Gomez

CEO of the MSC Center for the Poor Inc. and MCS Center for the Poor Agriculture Co-operative (MSC-CEPEGCO). He has worked as an environmentalist promoting zero-waste management



Philip Kalidoudis

Procurement and Sustainability Manager at MacKillop Family Services. Has extensive experience in implementing and managing environmental management systems.



Emma Beach

Project Officer for Justice, Ecology and Peace for Evangelisation Brisbane and the Executive Officer of the Brisbane Justice and Peace Commission implementing the Laudato Si' Action Plan.

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Dr Damian Spruce

Associate Director for Advocacy and Government Relations at Caritas Australia working with Pacific civil society on advocacy around climate finance and adaptation



Sam Quinn and Steph Heighes

Sam is the Climate Change and Environmental Protection Coordinator at Caritas Australia. Steph manages programs in Indonesia, Philippines and India and has over 20 years experience



Dr Michael Walker

Works in the Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, promoting Catholic Social Thought. His focus is on peace, ecology, and parish engagement



Cailey Sharp

Social Justice Facilitator and Internship Coordinator for the Justice and Peace Office for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, focusing on mental health advocacy and community outreach



Dr Philippa England

Retired academic from Griffith University where she taught planning and environmental law for 29 years. She now volunteers with the SEQCA and Solar Citizens



Adrian Brannan

Formation Team Leader for the Christian Brothers, Oceania Province, passionate about nurturing a deeper connection with the natural world and wisdom of First Nations cultures



Fr Peter Smith

Priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney since 1985 and Promoter of Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese. Author of 'Laudato Si': Love of God, Love of Neighbour, Love of Creation'



Thea Ormerod

President of the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), advocating to curb global warming. ARRCC is a multi-faith climate action organisation



Day Two

Weave

Day Two: Friday 13 September 2024 ONLINE

9:00 - 9:30 am
AEST

Welcome and Introduction

Master of Ceremonies - Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia

9:30 - 11:30 am
AEST

K2.1 Weaving Strategic Ways Forward - Making a Difference

What have we learned about welcome, courage and discernment for action? What can be woven as a multilateral approach in society for a genuine inclusive conversion? The climate and socio-ecological crisis focuses on the technocratic paradigm, but there is also an emphasis on the multilateralism that needs to be developed.

What does the church's efforts in synodality bring? The present biome-based dialogue needs greater inclusion in the synodal approach as it resonates with the process, is practical, caring and inclusive, while deeply spiritual.

In COP all the tools are tested to engage this technocratic paradigm, all the hermeneutical understanding, transdisciplinary research, multilateral collaboration, political ecology, faith expressions, spiritual impulses and the voice of democracy are severely tested and are slowly gaining ground. We are some distance from corporate participation in dialogue with civil society, yet who can take the lead and how? Can we get any closer than the possibility of hope?

These are some of the strands of our socio-ecological fabric we are challenged to focus upon as the world is focusing on COP31. How do we humbly seek to build a multilateralism that will help us gain greater self restraint? LD 24.

Keynote Presenter



Pedro Walpole

Global Coordinator for
EcoJesuit, research director for
the Environmental Science for
Social Change and the
coordinator of RAAOEN

11:30 - 12:00 pm
AEST

Break

Sector Forums

School Sector

S2.1 Student forum: Mount St Benedict College and St Joseph's Albion

Mount St Benedict College and St Joseph's Catholic High School Albion will share some examples of initiatives that students and staff have led at their school. Take this time to ask them questions about the challenges and successes that they have achieved in living out the 7 Laudato Si' goals.

Parish Sector

S2.2 Parishes forum: Anne Lanyon and Louise Scott

Frenchs Forest Catholic Parish Terrey Hills and Our Lady Queen of Apostles Parish Stafford will share some of the fantastic work that has been happening in parishes. From running and flourishing Landcare program to installing solar panels, these parishes know all about the challenges and triumphs of caring for our common home in a parish setting. In this forum session, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek advice from our parish communities about implementing Laudato Si' action plans.

Religious Orders Sector

S2.3 Religious orders forum: Chris Hill, Sr Mary Ann Casanova and Stancea Vichie

The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, the Sisters of St Joseph and the Missionary Sisters of Service have been responding to the need for an integral ecology for many years. Join the forum for religious orders to learn about the Hyways and Byways program, the Christian Brothers response to Laudato Si' and the Laudato Si' action plan from the Sisters of St Joseph.

Organisations/Diocese Sector

S2.4 Diocese and Organisations forum: Bishop Vincent, Sarah Moffat and Sanjay Mohanaraj

Parramatta Diocese and the Adelaide Archdiocese have both journeyed with the Laudato Si' action platform. Learn about how your diocese can approach Laduato Si' action planning and ask questions about how to overcome challenges.

12:00 - 1:00 pm
AEST

General Workshops

1:00 - 1:45 pm
AEST

G2.1 Holding your Gaze with Wonder and Reverence – Jen Callanan

Thomas Berry reminds us that the universe is a communion of subjects not a collection of objects and that every being has its own interiority, its self, its mystery, its numinous presence. This session is an opportunity to deepen our capacity to pause, hold our gaze, and weave wonder and reverence in the ordinary moments of life.

G2.2 Advocacy in Campaigns – Adair O'Brien, Caritas Australia

Explore effective advocacy and campaigning strategies to help get your message across clearly to your target audience.

G2.3 Sharing Space with Birds – Tarquin Moon, Birdlife Australia

Learn about birds and how they indicate the health of the environment in your area. Then explore with us practical ways to share your space with birds, whether that be where you live, where you go to church, at your school or with your local community.

Student/Youth Workshop

G2.4 Mercy and Justice: Weaving Community– Katelin Lawrie and Cassandra Prinzi

Young Mercy Links (YML) is an initiative for young people committed to social justice and mercy. In this workshop, Katelin (SA) and Cassandra (VIC) will talk about the member-lead initiatives of YML and how they weave community through Mercy and Justice.

1:45 - 2:45 pm
AEST

Break

Note: Student break from 1:45 - 2:15 pm

General Workshops

2:15 - 3:00 pm
AEST

Student/Youth Workshop

G2.9 Waste in Rural Places – Jess O’Donoghue

Learn about the challenges of waste management faced by vulnerable communities.

2:45 - 3:30 pm
AEST

G2.5 Cosmogogenesis – Alice Carwardine, Caritas Australia

Journey through the works of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme and Ilia Delio as we discover how physics has brought us to a new understanding of how God’s love creates all things.

G2.6 Catholic Social Teachings from a First Nations perspective – Sabrina Stevens, Caritas Australia

CSTs have less than 2000 years of history and wisdom. Learn about how the wisdom of our First Nations can bring us to a greater understanding of how to care for each other and Earth.

G2.7 Re-Wiring Australia – Kate Mintor

Learn about why Australia is the first nation where using all efficient electric appliances and vehicles, supported by a clean energy grid, will save every home money. You’ll hear how electrification is the fastest way to reduce carbon emissions and healthy communities.

G2.8 ARRC Divestment Group: new 7 point list to reduce your carbon footprint – Sue Ennis and James Thom, ARRC

Did you know that your superannuation may be the biggest part of your carbon footprint? Explore ARRC’s 7-point list with easy-to-use linked resources for individuals to reduce their carbon footprint, especially their finances.

3:30 - 6:00 pm
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Break

6:00 - 8:00 pm
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Part 2: Come Together to reflect on your relationship with Earth: "Everything is, as it were, a caress of God"
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- ALISON FITZSIMMONS

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Anne Lanyon

Retired as the Deputy Director of the Columban Mission Institute and Co-ordinator of its Centre for Peace, Ecology and Justice in 2017. Coordinator of the Faith Ecology Network.



Louise Scott

Participant in the Brisbane Laudato Si' Circle, ARRCC and Australian Conservation Foundation, implementing a response to Laudato Si' at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles in Stafford



Chris Hill

Is an Environmental Sustainability professional with over 16 years' experience leading the integration of environmental strategy into large Catholic organisations



Mary-Ann Casanova

Sister of St Joseph and Project Officer for the Explore Embrace Embody Laudato Si' Action Plan. Former Director of Rahamim Ecology Centre



Stancea Vichie

Congregational Leader of the Missionary Sisters of Service and member of the MSS Stewardship Council. Member of ACRATH and social justice advocate



Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv DD

Bishop of Parramatta, and National Chair of the Bishops' Commission for Social Justice, Service and Mission. Previous student at the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure



Sanjay Mohanaraj

Pastoral support for the Justice, Healing and Inclusion Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide advocating for social justice initiatives, integral ecology and Laudato Si'



Sarah Moffatt

Executive Director, Pastoral Life and Mission overseeing the commitment to ecological conversation in the Archdiocese of Adelaide

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Jen Callanan

After a long career in Catholic Education, Jen offers reflection days, mentoring and professional development for leaders and workshops on ecological conversion



Adair O'Brien

Government Relations Lead for Caritas Australia advocating for change with DFAT with experience in migration policy and justice and a Masters Degree from ANU



Tarquin Moon

Works for Birdlife Australia to achieve protection and restoration of nature with the business sector, landholders, medical professionals and more



Alice Carwardine

Catholic Earthcare Coordinator for Caritas Australia. She holds a Masters of Theological Studies from BBI with a focus in Eco-Theology



Sabrina Stevens

Kuku Yalanji and Yidinji woman, Youth Participation Coordinator for Caritas Australia and Youth Councilor on NATSICC



Jess O'Donoghue

4th year Environmental Science student at Griffith University advocating for the reduction in the use of plastic. Leader of the 'Seed' youth faith initiative in Brisbane



Kate Minter

At rewiring Australia, Kate works across the organisations' advocacy, community and research work. she is driven to bring all communities on the electrification journey



Katelin Lawrie and Cassandra Prinzi

are volunteers with Young Mercy Links. Katelin studies law and international development. Cassandra studied Fine Arts at RMIT. Both are passionate about social justice



Dr Sue Ennis and Dr James Thom

lead ARRCC's work on financial divestment from fossil fuels. Sue is secretary of Religions for Peace Australia and Jamie continues to teach at RMIT University



Day Three

Heal

Day Three: Saturday 14 September 2024 HUB DAY

10:30 - 11:00 am
AEST

Gather in Hubs

- Acknowledgement of Country

Join online

- Prayer and opening remarks

Gather online

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Prayer and opening remarks

Keynote Presenter



Sally Neaves

Integral Ecology Animator of the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea. 'Slow the Flow Eugowra' project leader

11:00 - 12:30 pm
AEST

K3.1 Integral Ecology Mission: Community action for times of rolling disaster

The seventh goal, "Community Resilience and Empowerment" envisages a synodal journey of community engagement and participatory action at various levels. Actions could include promoting advocacy and developing people's campaigns, encouraging rootedness and a sense of belonging in local communities and neighbourhood ecosystems. In times of expected increased disaster, this goal offers an impulse for faith communities to assist in preparation and adaptation strategies.

12:30 - 1:00 pm
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Conclusion

- Closing remarks - Michael McGirr

Conclusion

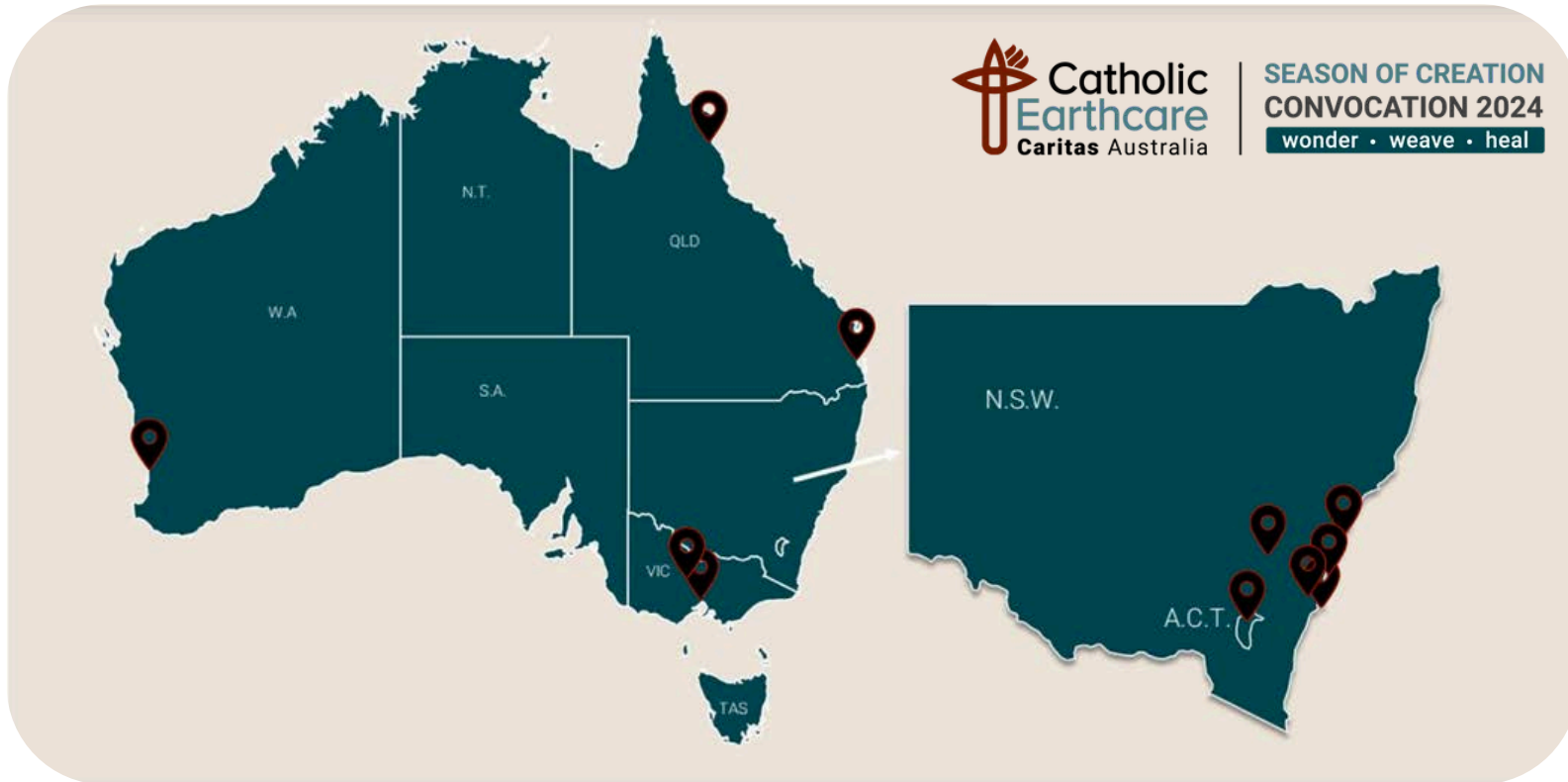
- Closing remarks - Michael McGirr

1:00 pm
onwards
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Hub activities. Please find below your hub information sheet for more details.

Online discussion and reflection activities.

Convocation Hubs



We encourage everyone to gather in their nearest Convocation Hub on Saturday 14 September.

The following pages will link you to important information regarding each hub, what to expect and what to bring. Please make sure if you are attending a hub that you have read this information carefully.

For those unable to make a hub, activities will continue to be run online.

Convocation Hubs

Cairns



Seville Mercy Centre
35 Bauhinia Ave
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Seville is an integral part of the Mercy Ministries, Far North Queensland. It is the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy and carries their vision of genuine hospitality.

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Brisbane



Francis Rush Centre
Hanly Room
196 Charlotte St
Brisbane City QLD 4000

The Francis Rush Centre located beside St Stephen's Cathedral, is named in honour of Archbishop Rush of Brisbane, 1973-1991. His intent was to open up the Cathedral to the people of Brisbane.

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Maitland-
Newcastle



Diocesan Resource
Centre
12 Tudor Street
Newcastle West 2302

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Library/Resource Centre was officially opened at the end of May 2024. The Diocesan Resource Centre is a community library, built on a site that holds rich history to the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

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Convocation Hubs

Broken Bay



St Anthony in the Fields
Catholic Church
46 Myoora Rd
Terrey Hills NSW 2084

Frenchs Forest Parish is located in Sydney's Northern Beaches Bioregion, in the Diocese of Broken Bay. Its three churches are carved out of bushland that is temperate and dry sclerophyll forest and scrubby heathland with creeks flowing south into Middle Harbour, East to Narrabeen Lakes or north to the Hawkesbury River.

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Parramatta



Winbourne Edmund Rice
Retreat and Conference
Centre
1315 Mulgoa Rd
Mulgoa NSW 2745

Winbourne has a history dating back to the pioneering Cox family in the 1820's. As well as being a home for the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, Winbourne is a multi-purpose function venue located on 120 hectares of peaceful bushland overlooking the Blue Mountains. Much of the bushland has been bio-banked and preserved.

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Sydney



St Francis Xavier's
Lavender Bay
17 MacKenzie St
Lavender Bay NSW 2060

St Francis Xavier's Catholic Church was founded in 1856 by a group of Jesuits. The building served as a school until 1881 before it became a church in 1901.

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Convocation Hubs

Bathurst



Blayney Eco-Hub: a home for Laudato Si' in the Diocese of Bathurst
1 Glasson St
Blayney NSW

Blayney Eco Hub is the home of Laudato Si' for the Diocese of Bathurst which sprung from the parish community of St James', Blayney, NSW. Located in the presbytery, the Hub is a permaculture demonstration site, a community meeting space, retreat centre and workshop venue for integral ecology education, spirituality and advocacy.

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Canberra-Goulburn



Marist College
Canberra
Marr Street
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MCC is a Catholic school in the tradition of St Marcellin Champagnat that strives to make Jesus known and loved through forming young men of strong minds and gentle hearts.

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Sandhurst



Sandhurst Diocese
Chancery
174 McCrae St
Bendigo

The Sandhurst Diocese was established 150 years ago from four mission stations. The Chancery is home to the Bishop of Sandhurst.

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Convocation Hubs

Melbourne



St Joseph's by the Sea
16 Esplanade
Williamstown VIC 3016

The Sisters of Saint Joseph were invited to Williamstown in July 1900. Built by the sea captain James Ogilvie, the site became St Joseph's Convent. It is now home to a range of ecological activities and retreats

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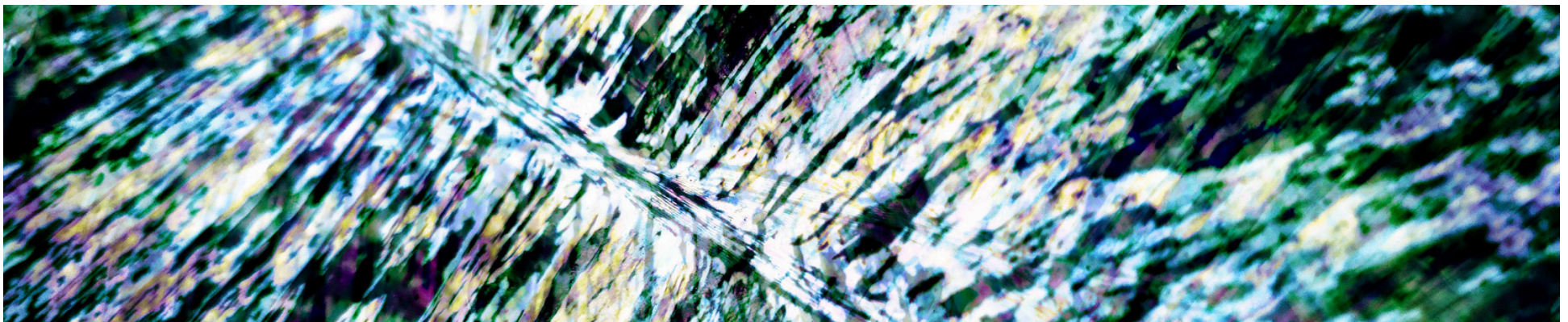
Perth



Catholic Pastoral Centre
Highgate
40A Mary St
Highgate 6003

Formally the Sacred Heart Convent for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, this Heritage Listed site is now used for seminars and other pastoral activities.

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