



Concerned Catholics Wagga Wagga Diocese

We are a group of Catholics in the Wagga Wagga Diocese
who desire a Gospel-Centred Australian Church
which is accountable, inclusive and transparent.
“Love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 15:12)

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Peace be with you.

Fr Richard Leonard is coming to Wagga

The CCWWD Committee have met in February and March this year, and the outcome of the two meetings is the organisation of a visit to the Diocese of Fr Richard Leonard on Sunday May 23. He will be speaking at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre (Lake Albert Rd Koorringal) from 2pm until 3.30pm.

Fr Richard was only available on that weekend (which is also Pentecost) and with restricted flights in and out of Wagga, we only had that time slot available. We are hoping that being a Sunday afternoon, people from all over the Diocese will be able to come and hear him and, then, get home at a reasonable hour and still in daylight.

A flyer with more information is at the end of this newsletter and is also a separate attachment. Please feel free to make copies and circulate them to other people who may be interested.

Sr Joan Chittister

CCWWD is a member organisation of Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR), a coalition of bodies around Australia and New Zealand with many similar aims to our own. ACCCR is arranging for a live zoom from America to Australia on Sunday 2 May at 9am. The time is to allow for time differences between Australia and USA.

For those who don't know Sr Joan, she is one of the most influential religious and social leaders of our time. For 50 years she has passionately advocated on behalf of peace, human rights, women's issues, and church renewal. A much sought-after speaker, counsellor and clear voice that bridges across all religions, she is also a best-selling author of more than 60 books, hundreds of articles, and an online column for the *National Catholic Reporter*. She has received numerous writing awards and honours for her work, and is a noted international lecturer as well as a former fellow at St. Edmund's College, Cambridge University, England. Find out more about her, if you wish to, at <https://www.joanchittister.org/>

More details are in the flyer that came with this email.

Building Bridges of Hope:

A Symposium with Massimo Faggioli

Massimo Faggioli is a world-renowned theologian and Professor of Historical Theology at Villanova University in Pennsylvania USA, as well as Conjoint Professor BBI-TAITE (Sydney). Massimo has published many books on Church history, particularly The Second Vatican Council, and his latest publication is titled *The Liminal Papacy of Pope Francis: Moving Toward a Global Catholicity*.

Massimo was also one of the international consultants involved in the writing of *Light From The Southern Cross*, a report commissioned by the Australian Catholic Bishops in response to the Royal Commissions recommendation that the Church seriously review its governance structures.

Massimo will reflect on his latest publication in a symposium organised by **Catholic Mission** on Thursday 22 April from 12 noon until 1.30pm. It will be a zoom symposium and allow for interaction. It has a cost of \$20, but that is for a great cause, namely the work of **Catholic Mission**. *RSVP* Luke Tobin at Catholic Mission Tel: 02 9919 7829 Mobile: 0438180800 adultformation@catholicmission.org.au There is also a flyer attached.

Plenary Council News

A working document outlining the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council has been released titled *Continuing The Journey*. There is also a guide that goes with it. The document can be downloaded from <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/instrumentum-laboris/> The downloaded document is also on our web site. Comments on the document can be submitted to the Plenary Council web site. CCWWD committee plan to prepare a response to it and submit it.


Please help our cause

So far the cost of running CCWWD have been minimal, the main one being the set up and maintenance of our web site. A big expense is looming with the visit of Fr Richard Leonard. We have inserted a Donation button on the home page of our web site. Anyone who would like to make a donation is most welcome to do so. Unfortunately there is no tax deductibility, but all donations will be acknowledged.


Peace, patience and persistence to you all. Keep the faith, and keep faithful to the Gospel message of Jesus. Stay Safe. Stay Well.

CCWWD Committee.

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A reflection:
Pope Francis' Vision for our Church
Fr Richard Leonard sj
Sacred Heart Parish Centre
Lake Albert Rd, Kooringal
Sunday 23rd May 2021: 2pm-3.30pm
ALL WELCOME



Richard Leonard is a Jesuit priest with degrees in arts and education, as well as a Master's degree in theology. He undertook graduate studies at the London Film School and has a PhD from the University of Melbourne. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Australian Catholic University; has been a visiting scholar within the School of Theatre, Film & Television at UCLA and was a visiting professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.
Fr Richard directed the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for 22 years and has lectured on faith and culture all over the world. He has been published in *America Magazine*, *Sunday Street*, *US Catholics*, is a regular columnist with *The London Tablet* and is a frequent guest on ABC Radio.
He is the author of ten books including: "What does it all mean?", "What are we doing on earth for Christ's sake?", "Where the Hell is God?", "What does it all mean? a guide to being more faithful, hopeful and loving" and "Watch, Match & Dispatch: A Catholic Guide to Sacraments".
Richard's next book "The Law of Love: Modern words for ancient wisdom" has just been released.

Donations will be welcomed on the day to help cover the cost of bringing Richard to Wagga Wagga. Donations can also be made via our web site.

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Catholic Mission, in partnership with Catholic Religious Australia, invite you to the first of a series of online Symposiums ahead of our

Mission: one heart many voices Conference September 1-4, 2021.



"Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." Fratelli Tutti #8

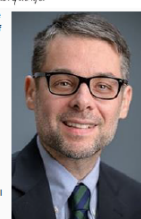
Building Bridges of Hope: A Symposium with Massimo Faggioli

Bring your own heart and voice to listen and dialogue together with Massimo where he will reflect on his latest publication titled *The Liminal Papacy of Pope Francis: Moving Toward a Global Catholicity*.

Massimo will also refer to Pope Francis' latest Encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, especially in the context of the Australian Church, with a view to the first Plenary Council session in October this year.

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Please join us for this interactive session which will begin with Massimo's reflections, an opportunity for breakout rooms to share with each other, followed by a Q & A and closing remarks.



Date: Thursday, April 22, 2021

Time: 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm (AEDT)

Cost: \$20.00

To register simply [click here](#)

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Catholic Mission acknowledges that we are on the land of Australia's First Peoples. We pay our respect to the ever-present spirituality of Elders past and present.