



Media Release

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National Pastoral Ministry Conference

Alive in the Spirit

Being the Community Christ calls us to Be

8-10th July 2021

After the postponement of the 2020 Conference, the Alive in the Spirit Committee is excited to announce the dates for the 2021 Conference!

Save the Date for the National Pastoral Ministry Conference Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th July 2021.

The Conference, coordinated by the Lay Pastoral Ministry Network (formerly known as NAPPA) collaborating with the Christian Initiation Australia Network (CIAN), and the Mission Planners Network Oceania (MPNO) invites people to consider the events in our world, and within our Church, which present us with an opportunity to open our hearts and minds to act upon what the Spirit is asking of us at this time in Australia and Oceanic region.

The Conference encourages faith communities including clergy, staff, leadership teams, council members, ministers and volunteers; for those in pastoral care, for youth, family and education support, to engage in the life of Christ, and his Church, by exploring ways to:

- engage the wounded, the disillusioned, the disaffiliated, the discontented & disconnected members of the Body of Christ;
- heal the divisions that have caused pain in our Church;
- revitalise those Catholics who are just “hanging in there” so that they may once again share the Good News of Christ;
- encourage and resource those who have brave and bold evangelisation ideas.

Richard McMahon, co-chair of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Network is enthusiastic about this national initiative and the collaboration of networks, despite the initial delay due to COVID. “If anything, the committee is more excited to offer a bigger and better Conference. We have learnt much over the past six months and the 2021 Conference hopes to offer a face-to-face and an online dimension. It has challenged us to look afresh at how we can be the community Christ calls us to be in a post COVID world.”

Registrations for the Alive in the Spirit Conference will open in March 2020.

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