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WEDNESDAY 3 MAY TO FRIDAY 5 MAY 2017

Venue: Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach

Conference Brochure

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Invitation from the Conference Chair



We invite you to complete the Registration Form to secure your place at the 2017 Presentation Schools Conference to be held at the Novotel Hotel, Brighton Beach, Sydney, from May 3 to May 5.

It has been two years since our last gathering in Melbourne where we were informed of the issues around the plight of refugees and the impact Presentation People and others are making on a national scale for better safety, protection and care of refugees in Australia.

The theme of the 2017 Conference - One Step Beyond - builds on the themes of our earlier conferences. This is an invitation to all Presentation People to explore the concept of global citizenship and the ways in which individuals and our communities respond to the needs of others in our world.

Nano Nagle said, "If I could be of service in serving souls in any part of the world, I would gladly do all in my power." As Presentation People, our hearts are urging us to take the lantern and seek the dark and windy lanes in our communities today, in the same way Nano did in Cork. The Conference Committee looks forward to welcoming you to Sydney in May for this important milestone in the further development of our Presentation story and for the opportunity to enjoy collegiality in beautiful Sydney and its surrounds.

We look forward to warmly welcoming you in Sydney.

Vivienne Awad
Conference Chair and
Principal, Domremy College

Presenters



CONFERENCE MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Sr Anne Lane pbvm
Congregational Leader
Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga

Anne is a country girl from Lockhart who completed her secondary education at Mount Erin, Wagga Wagga. With her schooling complete, Anne entered the Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga and made her final profession in 1974. She undertook teacher training at Catholic College Sydney and she spent a number of years teaching science and mathematics at secondary schools in Sydney and the Riverina region. Anne's early ministry work was focussed mostly on working with adolescents and young people. She worked for a period of 25 years in roles with the CEO Wagga Wagga and the State Government.

Following further training in Sydney and Chicago, Anne transitioned into another phase of ministry where she now works as a facilitator, spiritual director and counsellor. Anne is the current Leader of the Presentation Sisters Wagga Wagga and is based in Sydney. More recently, Anne has also taken on the role of Leader of the Presentation Sisters Papua New Guinea. She is a board member of: Southern Cross Care; Catholics in Coalition for Justice and Peace; Catholic Religious Australia; and Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes NSW.



KEYNOTE 1

TAKING ONE STEP BEYOND:
BECOMING GLOBAL CITIZENS-2017

Sr Joyce Meyer pbvm
International Liaison, Global Sisters Report

Sister Joyce Meyer, a Presentation Sister, is currently International Liaison to Global Sisters Report and consultant to organisations working with Sisters in Africa and Asia. She serves on the boards of The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Medicines for Humanity and International Ministries for the Good Shepherd Sisters. Prior, she served as executive director of the Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters supporting education and social ministries globally. Sister spent five years in Zambia including ministries as teacher, spiritual director and director of formation. She also served as a congregational leader for 12 years. Sister holds degrees from Marquette University and Berkeley Theological Union.

Abstract: We stand at the threshold of global/cosmic transformation. We can go backwards into securing boundaries and protecting ourselves or we be adventurous - continually taking that one step beyond to grow into global citizens. Global citizens see our cosmic world as their home. They take active responsibility to create a new world of justice and peace. Education that cultivates curiosity, depth of spirit, breadth of vision and joy is an important vehicle in this process. Sister Joyce uses Scripture, new cosmology theology and U theory to present transformation of individuals and organisations already taking place.



KEYNOTE 2:
HOW DO YOU GO ONE STEP BEYOND?

Tim Costello, AO
World Vision Australia – Chief Advocate

Tim Costello is one of Australia's most sought after voices on issues of social justice, leadership and ethics. Since 2004 Tim has been CEO of World Vision, Australia's largest international development agency. Trained in economics, law, education and theology, Tim has practised law, served as a Baptist minister, and has been active in church and community leadership, local government and national affairs.

Abstract: For half a century, World Vision Australia has been at the forefront of a bold mission, tackling emergencies through relief, acting against injustice, standing with the oppressed and changing countless lives through child sponsorship and long-term development in some of the harshest environments in the world. It has created no monuments but has left footprints right across the globe – from the war-torn streets of Vietnam and killing fields of Rwanda to the deserts of Ethiopia, the mountains of Nepal, the hellholes of Cambodia and far beyond.

The journey has been marked by hopes and amazing triumphs, as well as disappointments and frustrations. It has required patience, commitment, professionalism, perseverance and, often, the ability to think outside the box to find new humanitarian solutions in an ever more conflicted and complex world.



KEYNOTE 3:
EVERYBODY WINS

Sr. Marlette Black pbvm
Congregation Leader, Presentation Sisters
Queensland
Society President, Presentation Society of
Australia and Papua New Guinea

Marlette Black is a Queensland Presentation Sister. She has experience as an educator, facilitator and justice promoter. As an educator, Marlette has experience as a teacher and a principal. She has had different roles in the governance of her congregation's schools for over 25 years. Marlette also worked as a Field Officer for Adult Education with Brisbane Catholic Education. Marlette has held leadership positions in her congregation and is currently the Leader of the Queensland Presentation Sisters. As a justice promoter Marlette is particularly interested in promoting systemic change in church and society according to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Marlette worked as the Lobbying and Education Coordinator for the Social Action Office in Brisbane. For nine years she was the Networker for the International Presentation Association, coordinating the Presentation Sisters' global justice agenda. As a Facilitator Marlette sees that her main role is to design processes to help a group to achieve its goals. As a Presentation Sister Marlette is impelled by the Gospel of Jesus and the spirit of Nano Nagle to be drawn more deeply into the mystery of God and the reality of people and Earth made poor.

Abstract: This address will present a critique of the way the SDGs are being implemented, give an overview of how Australia and Papua New Guinea are performing re the SDGs and outline some reflections, responses, advocacy and action being undertaken by the Society of Presentation Sisters Australia and Papua New Guinea with regard to the SDG chosen as a focus.

Presenters



KEYNOTE 4

THE CHALLENGE OF PNG AND WHAT
KEEPS URGING YOU ONE STEP BEYOND?

Sr Catherine Mur pbvm

Primary School Teacher
Holy Cross Primary School, PNG

Catherine Mur was Professed with the Papua New Guinea Presentation Sisters in 1999. Catherine has always held a strong view that education is key to an opportunity for change within people and their village. After Profession, Catherine provided Pastoral Ministry activities in Parishes which led her to developing her skills further with teaching training. Over the years Catherine has taught in Catholic Schools within the Saundau Province and in the Southern Highlands. Catherine has recently completed her Masters in Education and is now engaged with the Kundiawa Chimbu Province providing Professional Development in the area of Curriculum to Teachers at Holy Cross Primary School. Catherine's leadership qualities can influence change within a Village. Along with other women Catherine co-ordinates the Simbu Women in Business project with the Meri Plus Bank. The main objective is to sustain a living for the majority and to empower women and their families. Catherine's lived experience of Presentation Charism is inspirational as she is always willing to share her gifts and talents.

Abstract: Catherine will speak of her experience as a teacher in a remote village in Papua New Guinea. Catherine's position enables her to be involved in other Nano inspired ministries in the village with a particular focus on empowering women.



KEYNOTE 5

GLOBAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:
A STUDENT IMMERSION PROJECT IN
AFRICA AND INDIA

Sr Josephine McCarthy pbvm

Coordinator
Cork Migrant Centre, Cork, Ireland

Sr Josephine Myer has a lifelong interest in social justice inspired by Nano's passion for those most excluded. She has trained as a teacher, with a BA in languages, following 20 years working at grassroots level in Presentation missions in Peru and Ecuador. In recent years Sr Josephine undertook a Research MA in Spirituality. She is one of the co-ordinators of the Global Education Experience project and coordinates a Drop-in Centre for migrant workers in South Presentation, Cork City. Sr Josephine is a founding member and a Board Director of the Cork Alliance Centre providing support for young people on release from prison and is also on the Board Director of Churchfield Community Trust, an Education and Training Centre for young offenders.

Abstract: The Global Education Experience project provides teachers and students in Presentation schools with an opportunity to engage with people from the developing world by way of an immersion experience. It responds to the desire expressed by Principals of Presentation second level schools for programmes which develop an awareness of social justice issues among their students. Practically, an immersion experience is intended to fully expose students and teachers to a different people and culture. The emphasis is on experiencing diverse aspects of the community in which they are 'immersed', including school and the education system, domestic life, work, poverty, recreation and religion.

Program

Wednesday 3 May 2017

12.00pm Registration

2.00pm Welcome by Conference Chair

Acknowledgement of Country

Opening Liturgy by St Patrick's College, Sutherland

2.45pm Conference Introduction – Sr Anne Lane pbvm,
Conference Facilitator

3.00pm **KEYNOTE 1**
One Step Beyond: Crossing Borders to Global Citizenship
Sr Joyce Meyer pbvm
Executive Director
Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters, USA

5.30pm **Welcome Reception** - Pavilion Area, Novotel Sydney
Brighton Beach
Launch of Strategic Plan by the NEAA President

Music provided by Domremy College

7.30pm Free Evening

Thursday 4 May 2017

9.00am **Morning Prayer – led by Nagle College, Blacktown**

9.20am **Introduction to the Day by the Conference Facilitator**

9.30am **KEYNOTE 2**
How do you go One Step Beyond?
Tim Costello AO
Chief Advocate
World Vision Australia

10.45am Morning Tea with Trade Exhibitors

11.15am **KEYNOTE 3**
Everybody Wins
Sr Marlette Black pbvm
Congregation Leader, Presentation Sisters Queensland
Society President, Presentation Society of Australia and
Papua New Guinea

11.45am **PANEL DISCUSSION**
One Step Beyond: Some Inspiring Local Examples
1. **Cana Communities**, Sr Anne Jordan, Cana Communities
2. **Nagle Camps for Disadvantaged Children**,
Jenny Shepherd and Sr Margaret Barclay, Nagle Camps
for Disadvantaged Children
3. **House of Welcome**, Sr Susan Miller, House of Welcome

1.00pm Lunch with Trade Exhibitors

Program

Thursday 4 May 2017

2.00pm **KEYNOTE 4**
The Challenge of PNG and What Keeps Urging You One Step Beyond
Sr Catherine Mur pbvm
Primary School Teacher
Holy Cross Primary School, PNG

3.15pm Afternoon Tea with Trade Exhibitors and networking time

4.00pm Free Afternoon

7.00pm Pre - dinner drinks
Piano Instrumental by St Patrick's College Sutherland

7.30pm Conference Dinner

Music provided by St Patrick's Sutherland Band

10.30pm Evening Concludes

Friday 5 May 2017

9.00am **Morning Prayer led by St Joan of Arc, Haberfield**

9.30am **KEYNOTE 5**
Global Education Experience – A Student Immersion Project in Africa and India
Sr Josephine McCarthy pbvm
Founding Member
Global Education Experience, Ireland

10.45am Morning Tea with Trade Exhibitors & Raffle Draw

11.15am ***One Step Beyond: More Inspiring Examples***

How they have gone one step beyond with their work in Papua New Guinea

1. **Job Tomur**, District Education Manager, Divine Word University St Benedict's Teachers College Campus, Wewak, and **Alexia Tomur** will speak of their experiences as educators, parents and Friends of Nano. Their friendship with the fledgling Presentation Community has been one of mutual benefit. Many changes have been made to the Papua New Guinean education system – some for the good and others that have needed to be challenged.

2. **Sr Lynne Crilley** will speak about the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans. ACRATH is committed to working together towards the elimination of human trafficking in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and globally.

11.45pm **So What? Where to from here?**

12.35pm **Conference Close**

12.45pm **Closing Liturgy led by St Patrick's College, Sutherland**

1.30pm Sit down buffet lunch in the restaurant

2.30pm Day Concludes

Social Functions



WELCOME RECEPTION

VENUE

Pavilion Area,
Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach
Wednesday 3 May 2017

TIME

5.30pm – 7.30pm

DRESS

Smart Casual

COST

Included in Full Registration
Entertainment: Domremy College
Musicians

Extra Ticket

\$70.00

Provided

Drinks & canapés



CONFERENCE DINNER

VENUE

Novotel Sydney Brighton Beach

DATE

Thursday 4 May 2017

TIME

Pre-Dinner Drinks 7.00pm

DRESS

Lounge Suit or Evening Wear

COST

Included in Full Registration

Extra Ticket

\$120.00

Provided

3-course meal and drinks

Dinner Entertainment

St Patrick's College
Sutherland's Band

General Information



CONFERENCE VENUE

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Delegates with special requirements should ensure details are included on the registration form in the "special diet" section. Special dietary requirements must be advised in advance, as special meals cannot be arranged without seven days' notice to the venue. During the breaks please look for the "Special Diets" table. If there is no allocated seating at the Conference Dinner you will need to ask the waiter for your special meal.

What to wear

Dress for the conference is **smart casual**, except for the Conference Dinner where the dress is **lounge suit** or **evening wear**. The speakers, topics, and times are correct at the time of publishing; however, in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the organisers reserve the right to alter or delete items from the Conference Program.

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