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RENAISSANCE OF MARRIAGE 2018



16-17 FEBRUARY 2018

National Catholic Leadership Conference

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
CNR BROADWAY & ABERCROMBIE ST, CHIPPENDALE, SYDNEY



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From the Convenors



The Renaissance of Marriage conference series exists to promote and disseminate the good news of the divine romance. It seeks to draw together the nation's best thinkers and practitioners on the subject for a feast of stimulating talks and workshops.

Continuing in the tradition of St John Paul II, Pope Francis calls us to turn our attention to the practical applications of this magnificent theology. In a world that is fractured by broken relationships and widespread disillusionment, the healing mercy of God is desperately needed.

Join us as we collectively discern and discuss how we, as the people of God and leaders in his Church, can be both the 'light on the hill' illuminating the darkness and the 'field hospital' tending the wounds of the broken-hearted.

Organised into three streams (Youth/Schools, Engaged/Newlywed, Enrichment/Support), the program features high energy IMPACT talks followed by deep-dive workshops with each speaker. In addition, ROM2018 will also feature dynamic panel dialogues on the tough topic: how do we balance the extravagant demands of our faith with the radical mercy of our God?

We are so excited by our line-up of speakers! Don't miss this opportunity to be part of the national dialogue on marriage formation in the Catholic church.



Jamie & Byron Pirola

Dr Byron & Francine Pirola

Directors, Marriage Resource Centre



Speakers



**DR GREGORY
BOTTARO, PSY.D.**

International Keynote

Based in New York and Connecticut, Dr Bottaro is a clinical psychologist and the founder the CatholicPsych Institute which links therapists trained to integrate the faith with their practice. He has extensive experience in program development including marriage retreats. He is the creator of the 'Better Together' pre-marriage inventory available through Dynamic Catholic.

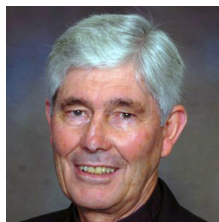
Topic: Innovations in Catholic counselling practice and marriage education

Including...



**ARCHBISHOP
ANTHONY FISHER**

Archdiocese of Sydney
Topic: Humanae Vitae 50 years on



**BISHOP EUGENE
HURLEY**

Diocese of Darwin
Topic: Pastoral responses to couples in difficult marriages



**BISHOP MICHAEL
KENNEDY**

Diocese of Armidale
Topic: Relationship education in the mission of the Catholic school



**BISHOP PETER
COMENSOLI**

Diocese of Broken Bay
Topic: Married couples called to leadership

Professional Development & Continuing Education

The Renaissance of Marriage Conference is likely to count towards accreditation for working in a Catholic school or CPD in another agency. Delegates should confirm this with their employer or professional body. Each day will be equivalent to six hours and conference attendance certificates can be provided on request.

Schools/Youth

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Delegates in this stream will hear IMPACT talks from all speakers and attend deep-dive workshops with the speakers in the Schools/Youth stream.

A custom designed program for school leaders bringing together the nation's preeminent innovators in presenting human sexuality and relationship education to high school students, parish youth and young adults. Join teachers, school leaders and youth ministers in a dynamic discussion on how to present the liberating message of the gospel for human relationships to our youth.

Delegate Profile

- High School Teachers, especially RE & PDHPE
- Youth Ministers
- School Counsellors

What you will get

- Dynamic presentations from national and international innovators in school based relationship education
- Engaging discussions about how best to present liberating insights to young people in the classroom, parish and youth group.
- Opportunity to network with like-minded educators.

Tough Topics Dialogue

Featuring a selection of experts who have diverse experience in presenting the radical demands of Church teaching with extravagant mercy.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



DR GERARD O'SHEA

Dr O'Shea is Associate Professor of Religious Education, School of Education, at the University of Notre Dame, Australia, Sydney. He and his wife Anne have 5 adult children and 6 grandchildren.

TOPIC: Effective Teaching - Body, Heart & Mind



JONATHAN DOYLE

Jonathan is co-founder of Choicez Media, an author and an internationally renowned public speaker. Jonathan has been married to Karen for 15 years and they have 3 children.

TOPIC: Tools & Fuels - Equipping Catholic teachers in their vocation



MARTIN TOBIN

Martin is the Assistant Director – Catholic Identity and Evangelisation with Catholic Education Tasmania (CET). Martin and wife Loretta have been married for 23 years and have 4 young adult children.

TOPIC: Sexuality Education - Strategies that work

WORKSHOP STREAM:

Engaged/Newlywed

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Delegates in this stream will hear IMPACT talks from all speakers and attend deep-dive workshops with the speakers in the Engaged/Newlywed stream

Recent Synod discussions have called for a 'marriage catechumenate' to be the norm for couples approaching Catholic marriage, for couples to be accompanied by married mentor couples as they journey towards marriage. Join the nation's leading marriage educators and be part of the dialogue on innovations and best practice in marriage preparation and newlywed support.

Delegate Profile

- Marriage Educators, especially in Marriage Preparation
- Clergy, marriage celebrants
- Couple Mentors

What you will get

- Informative presentations from national and international innovators in relationship education and marriage preparation.
- Dynamic discussions about how best to present liberating insights to engaged and newlywed couples.
- Opportunity to network with like-minded educators.

Tough Topics Dialogue

Featuring a selection of clergy and educators who have wide experience in effectively presenting the teachings of the Church to couples preparing for marriage.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



DR GREGORY BOTTARO

Dr Bottaro is a psychologist, and author of Better Together, an online relationship inventory developed by Dynamic Catholic. He and his wife have 4 children.

TOPIC: Better Together - Preparing couples for Catholic Marriage



DR BYRON & FRANCINE PIROLA

Conference conveners and coauthors of the SmartLoving series of marriage and relationship education, Byron and Francine have been married for 29 years and have 5 young adult children.

TOPIC: Innovative approaches to Catholic Marriage Preparation



DR RYAN MESSMORE

Dr Messmore is the founding executive director of the Millis Institute, and author of In Love: The Larger Story of Sex and Marriage. He and his wife Carin have 3 children.

TOPIC: In Love - The Larger Story of Sex and Marriage

Enrichment/Support

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Delegates in this stream will hear IMPACT talks from all speakers and attend deep-dive workshops with the speakers in the Enrichment/Support stream

Marriage and family life can be a source of tremendous joy and at times, also heartache, necessitating the need for ongoing formation. Be inspired and enriched as we explore how to transmit the vision of love in the context of established marriages, both those thriving and struggling.

Delegate Profile

- Marriage Educators, especially those involved in marriage support
- Relationship Counsellors
- Clergy, Spiritual Directors

What you will get

- Insightful presentations and innovative ideas from national and international leaders.
- Engaging discussions about how best to support couples in difficult situations.
- Opportunity to network with like-minded volunteers and professionals.

Tough Topics Dialogue

Anchored by a selection of practitioners who regularly wrestle with the tension of bringing mercy to the broken hearted, while calling them to live more fully in the light of the Gospel.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:



SR MOIRA DEBONO

A Religious Sister of Mercy from Alma, Michigan, USA, Sr Moira is a Lecturer in the School of Philosophy & Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney.

TOPIC: Sacramental Love - Unpacking the Theology of Marriage



ROBERT & ALICIA FALZON

Robert is co-founder of the men's movement menALIVE, and a published author. Alicia is a psychologist specialising in Family Therapy. Married for 34 years, Robert and Alicia have 4 adult children.

TOPIC: Men Alive - Empowering men to be the husbands their wives need



PETER & SUSAN HOLMES

Peter lectures in the School of Philosophy & Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Sydney. Peter and his wife Susan have 8 children.

TOPIC: Divine Agenda - The dynamic between men and women in marriage

PROGRAM 2018



All Registration
Tickets Include Meals
And Refreshments.

Standard Registration

Those in paid positions attending
in a professional capacity

\$450

Normally \$550
Early bird ends Nov 17

Bring your spouse + \$100

Concession Registration

Religious, clergy, students,
volunteers

\$350

Normally \$450
Early Bird ends – Nov 17

Bring your spouse + \$100

Friday February 16

9:00	1.0	Morning Tea/Registration	
10:00	0.5	Conference Opens	
10:30	1.0	1: Impact talks x3	ALL DELEGATES
11:30	1.0	Workshops x3	STREAMS
12:30	1.5	Mass/Lunch	
2:00	1.0	2: Impact talks x3	ALL DELEGATES
3:00	1.0	Workshops x3	STREAMS
4:00	0.5	Afternoon Tea	
4:30	2.0	3: Panel Dialogue x3 Tough Topics	STREAMS
6:30	2.0	Drinks, Canapes, Networking	
7:30		End	

Saturday February 17

9:00	0.2	Welcome	
9:15	1.0	4: Impact talks x3	ALL DELEGATES
10:15	0.3	Morning tea	
10:30	1.0	Workshops x 3	STREAMS
11:30	1.0	Conference Mass	
12:30	1.0	Lunch	
1:30	1.0	5: Impact talks x3	ALL DELEGATES
2:30	1.0	Workshops x3	STREAMS
3:30	1.0	6: Keynote	ALL DELEGATES
4:30		End	

Can't attend in person? Think about sending a delegate from your organisation or parish to participate in and contribute to the discussion.



Registration 2018

Enrol online: www.ROM.org.au

Register and pay securely online at www.rom.org.au or complete this form and send to:
info@marriagerc.org or fax +61 2 9319-1115 **Early Bird ends Nov 17, 2017**

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Registration costs	Standard Rates <input type="radio"/> Early Bird \$450 <input type="radio"/> Full \$550	Concession Rates <input type="radio"/> Early Bird \$350 <input type="radio"/> Full \$450	\$
Notes (dietary etc)			
Bring your spouse			
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