

Conference Programme

Tuesday, 29th September

- 9am Registration**
10am Welcome to Country/Opening Prayer
 - Louise Campbell
10.30am Introduction and Welcome
11am Morning Tea
11.30am Religion, Australia and Maitland
 -Newcastle Diocese - *Des Cahill*
1pm - 2pm Lunch
2pm Integrating the Overseas Priest into
 the Diocese: the New Cross-Cultural
 Challenge - *Des Cahill*
3.30pm Afternoon Tea
4pm Aboriginal and Christian Spirituality -
Louise Campbell
5.15pm Mass
6.30pm Dinner

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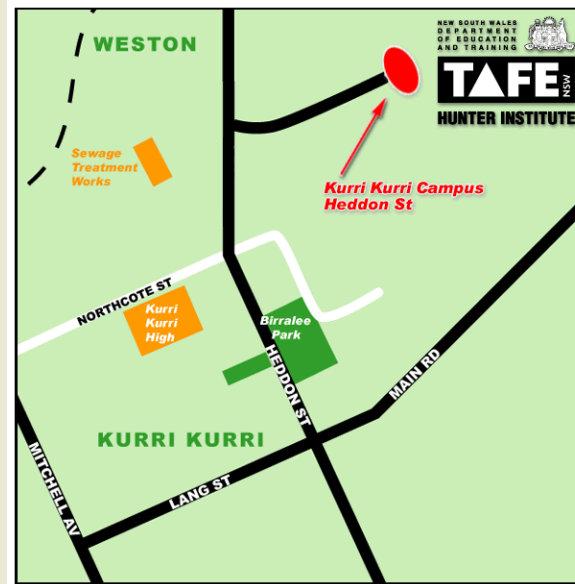
- 9am Morning Prayer**
9.30am Mentoring, Supervision and Self-
 Care - *Bryan Dunn*
11am Morning Tea
11.30am Women in Australian Society and the
 Church - *Carmel Crawford*
1pm - 2pm Lunch
2pm Professional Standards
3.30pm Afternoon Tea
4pm Language Support Program - *Mick
 Henrys*
5.15pm Mass
6.30pm Conference Dinner

Thursday, 1st October

- 9am Morning Prayer**
9.30am The Making of a Diocese:
 Maitland, its Bishop, Priests and
 People 1866-1909 - *Dr. Beverly
 Zimmerman rsj*
11am Morning Tea
11.30am The crux of mission - *Edmond Nixon
 CSsR*
1pm - 2pm Lunch
2pm Closing of Conference

Map of Conference Centre Kurri Kurri TAFE

McLeod Road
Kurri Kurri NSW



Registration Details

To register you will need to download the registration form which can be found on the Diocesan website: www.mn.catholic.org.au or contact Sarah Lonsdale (see details below)

**Closing date for registration is
Wednesday, 16th September, 2009.**

This Conference is organised by the Diocesan Acculturation Team:
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Culture & Mission

*A conference exploring
how the ins and outs of culture
lead to dos and don'ts on mission*



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A message from Bishop Michael Malone



The Church in the 21st century reflects the multicultural nature of the society in which we live. This year the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese has been enriched by the ministry of a number of priests from overseas. They join a number of Religious Sisters and lay people living and working within our Diocese who were

born in countries other than Australia. In order to explore some of the challenges and rewards of this rich mix of culture and mission I invite lay people, religious and clergy, to gather together for 3 days in a spirit of reflection and companionship. I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity to come together to listen and share in the exploration of our changing culture and its contributions to the mission of our diocese.

+ Michael Malone

Most Reverend Michael Malone
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

Professor Desmond Cahill is Professor of Intercultural Studies at RMIT University in Melbourne. In 2006, he was made an honorary fellow of the Australian Council of Educational Leaders for his work in immigrant, cross-cultural, interfaith and international education over more than three decades. He currently chairs the Australian chapter of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP), the world's largest interfaith organisation, and represents Australia on the executive committee of the Asian Conference of Religion and Peace (ACRP). He has also advised the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference on national strategies for the pastoral care of immigrants and refugees with the report, *Graced by Migration*, and on the orientation of overseas priests.

Bryan Dunn operates a private practice in therapeutic counselling and mediation. He also works part-time as a specialist Family Social Worker with the Hunter Mental Health Team in Newcastle. Bryan was formerly the Director of Centacare Newcastle. Bryan has a particular interest in support and supervision for clergy and pastoral workers and is on a panel of providers of supervision for priests of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. His approach to supervision is to be a 'companion on the journey' supporting clients to become aware of their own changing needs, their vision and values; what gives them energy and what depletes their energy.

Carmel Crawford is the Assistant Director of the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, Melbourne, with responsibility for Parish Pastoral Resources. Prior to this appointment, Carmel worked on the Committee for Mission and for 5 years was a pastoral associate in the partnered parishes of Sacred Heart, Newport and St Margaret Mary's, Spotswood. She was executive officer and senior educator with the Marriage Education Programme Inc, a not-for-profit agency providing pre-and post-marriage education for couples. Carmel is married with five children and together with her husband Tim, continues her work in marriage education on a voluntary basis. Her studies have included B.Ed. B.Theol. and Grad.Dip.Theol (Bib. Studies).

Dr Beverly Zimmerman rsj is a Sister of St Joseph (Lochinvar). She has a doctorate in history from the University of New England, Armidale NSW and a Master's degree in Philosophy and Religion from Heythrop College, University of London. In 2000, she published her first book *The Making of a Diocese: Maitland, Its Bishop, Priests and People (1866-1909)*. In 2004, Bishop Michael Malone appointed Beverly as Chancellor of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Three years ago Beverly was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. While this illness has slowed her down considerably, she remains enthusiastic about life and committed to supporting others wherever she can.

Mick Henrys is a retired soldier who served for some 35 years overseas and in Australia. He went on to work as an Engineer and Manager in Federal Government positions until 1998 when he retrained as a teacher of English to speakers of other languages. Since then he has travelled the world teaching in Australia, Vietnam, Japan, Italy, England, Spain, Argentina, and Chile. He currently teaches part time at Newcastle University Language Centre.

Edmond Nixon, CSsR originally from the Merriwa-Cassilis district in the Upper Hunter, has been a Redemptorist for 43 years. Over that time, both in Australia and overseas, he has been involved in missionary activity. He holds a Master's in Religious Education from Fordham University, New York, and a Doctorate in Ministry from the Postgraduate Centre for Mental Health and Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, also in New York City.

Louise Campbell was stolen from her parents in Bowraville in the early 1960s. She and her siblings were further separated and for the next 20 years had no knowledge of each other's whereabouts until they were finally reunited by their father. Louise spent her formative years in the homes of her foster families as well as homes and institutions in the interim. All this has given her a strong sense of what it means to be wrenched from your family and culture. Her background has made Louise a woman of substance and throughout her youth it was the Catholic Church and her faith that provided a thread in her life.