



**MEDIA LAUNCH**  
**Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Barton,**  
**ACT**  
**Sunday April 3 @ 2:00pm**

**Launch of *Walk and Talk: City with a Soul***  
**Fr John's dream to change the world**  
**Media Release**  
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On Sunday April 3, *Walk and Talk: City with a Soul* will be launched at 2pm at the Centre for Christianity and Culture in Barton, ACT.

The launch which will include music, a barbeque and a chance for conversation will take place in the ACCC's garden and will be a free event for all members of the public.

*Walk and Talk: City with a Soul* is a new event which is being pioneered by South Tuggeranong priest Fr John Armstrong who has a simple aim; he wants to get people across the globe to walk and talk together.

Fr John's goal is to have at least 250,000 people from around the world take part in *Walk and Talk* for one hour on 15 May between 2-3pm.

The initiative, which he devised to help "create a world of hope", is not a fund-raiser. It is simply an opportunity for people to take time out to walk and share an aspect of their life with another person.

In a letter to His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, Fr John says that more and more, our society is facing isolation and despair.

"Each morning I am more likely to be woken by the voice of my clock radio than the voice of my neighbour. Each day we face a poverty of conversation about important issues of life and hope rather than death and disaster. There are real concerns that people do not know each other and become unaware of what is happening to the person next door." he wrote.

"We want people to come up with concrete actions from their time together. It is also an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbours and talk together to create a better world." Fr John said.

Each pair is asked to come up with one concrete action that they will carry out to make a difference in the life of another person.

For more information, find us on Facebook (Walk and Talk, City with a Soul), on our blog (<http://walkandtalk2011.wordpress.com/>) or check out the YouTube clip

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAfVnKQv2I>.

Media are invited to assemble at 1:50pm on April 3 and Fr John will be available for interviews about the project immediately following.

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