

*This is what God asks of you, only this, to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.*

(Micah 6:8)



## Review Reimagine Renew: Mission making a difference in a changing world

24 - 26 February 2016, Melbourne

[early bird closes 1 Dec 2015]

*'We are called constantly to improve and to grow in rapport and wisdom, in order to fully carry out mission'* - Pope Francis

*Review, reimagine, renew: Mission making a difference in a changing world* aims to equip leaders, practitioners and supporters to set new directions wisely, make difficult decisions, and build their networks for mission-impact by:

- informing and inspiring around the drivers and directions of change
- providing valuable opportunities for reflection and spiritual development;
- strengthening connections and information sharing; and
- capacity building to create change for the common good.

Leading US writer and journalist [John L. Allen Jr](#) is a keynote speaker, and will lead a workshop on media engagement. Other specific content includes Catholic Social Teaching in action, and social investment for mission-impact. [Read more](#)



### NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS

- ❖ Call to raise minimum age of criminal responsibility to 12
- ❖ Caring for our most vulnerable children
- ❖ Not the Daily News: Poverty as Experienced in Australia today
- ❖ Parishes, Bishops strongly support asylum seekers

### DATES FOR DIARY

- ❖ Annual General Meeting & Commissioning Mass – morning of Thursday 17 March 2016, at MacKillop Family Services, South Melbourne
- ❖ Annual Dinner – Friday 1 July 2016 – Leonda

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ Catholic Social Teaching- Next workshop Thursday 19 November
- ❖ The Second Vatican Council and the Modern World, 50 years on – Monday 7 December 2015
- ❖ Mission Inspired Leadership 2016 – three evenings for leaders in April, May, June 2016
- ❖ Colloquium on Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, 24 November 2015

## NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND EVENTS



### Call to raise minimum age of criminal responsibility to 12

A new report from Jesuit Social Services underpins a campaign to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 12 - troubled primary school children need better treatment than the criminal justice system can provide. [Read more](#)



### Caring for our most Vulnerable Children

Thanks to speakers, Bernie Geary, Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People, and Micaela Cronin, CEO of MacKillop Family Services, for presenting at our 9 October 2015 Breakfast Briefing on the care and protection of vulnerable children. This briefing enabled discussion on recent issues and reports - these include *As a Good Parent would...* by the Chief Commissioner, and the current Victorian Government Roadmap for Reform process.

[Read more](#)



### Not the daily news: Poverty as experienced in Australia today

*Sick with worry...Stories from the front-line of inequality, 2015* builds on the stories of the people across Australia that the St Vincent de Paul Society work with every day. It breaks through the media focus on novelty to engage the reader with the fears, hopes and pressures of participants in the project. The news, as the word implies, tends to focus on developments or new perspectives.

Advertising, much entertainment, and much of our casual conversations focus on what is novel, or what has happened recently. The concept of 'celebrity' evokes someone who is in the public eye because of looks or behaviour that make the news, often on a regular basis. This is the way of the world.

[Read more](#)



### Catholic Social Teaching- Next workshop Thursday 19 November

This is the last opportunity for 2015 being presented by the staff of Catholic Social Services Victoria as part of our Catholic Social Teaching series.

Thursday 19 November 2015 5.30PM for 6.00PM – 8.30PM  
Albert Room Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street East Melbourne  
Entry: Free (Members) \$20.00 (Non Members)  
[Click here](#) for more information, and how to book.



### Welcome 12,000 additional refugees from Syria

On Friday 9 October, the Episcopal Vicar for Social Services, Bishop Vincent Long, through CSSV convened a meeting of various Catholic Church leaders in Victoria to discuss the planned arrival of 12,000 additional refugees from Syria.

[Click here to read more.](#)



### Bishops call for end to refugee detention

Catholic bishops condemn victimisation of women in detention and offer support for Abyan and other refugees who are pregnant in difficult circumstances.

Australia's Catholic Bishops have condemned victimisation of women in detention and offered the Church's support to help Somali refugee Abyan who was said to be a victim of rape and sexual assault.

[Click here](#) to read the full statement.



### Strengthening Parish Support for Asylum Seekers

Eighty eight people from 28 parishes, including representatives from Ballarat Diocese, Bapcare, the Church of England, Lentara, Focolare Movement, St Vincent de Paul Society, CatholicCare Melbourne and Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) came together at St Ambrose's Community Centre, Brunswick, to hear from three inspirational speakers and to share their ideas, experiences and hopes for future action by their parishes in support of asylum seekers. [Click here to read more](#)



### Mission Inspired Leadership 2016

Catholic Social Services Victoria invites Executive Leaders and Board Directors to participate in a professional development program.

#### **Forum 1 A Pilgrim People of God** – Br Mark O'Connor fms

Tuesday, 19 April 5.30 for 6.00pm start until 8.30pm

#### **Forum 2 Services reflecting Mission** – Ms Sandie Cornish

Tuesday, 24 May, 5.30 for 6.00 – 8.30pm

#### **Forum 3 Building a Sustainable Future** – Fr Joe Caddy

Tuesday, 21 June, 5.30 for 6.00 – 7.30pm

Venue: Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Fee: \$250 for the full program (including resources)

Visit: [Trybooking/Mission Inspired Leadership](#)

Enquiries: Lucia Brick, call 9287 5566

[Click here](#) for more information

## MEMBER NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS



### Colloquium on Laudato Si

You are invited to come and participate in this opportunity to engage with Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology and creation, deepen your understanding of his challenge for each of us to protect the earth, dignify humanity and restore God's gift of creation.

Fr Denis Edwards will be the Melbourne Archdiocese keynote speaker for the upcoming colloquium on Laudato Si

Date: November 24<sup>th</sup>; Time: 8:30 - 4:00

Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre cnr Hoddle St & Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Cost: \$195 adult, \$95 concession (Pensioners, Students & Religious)

[Click here](#) for more information on the public colloquiums across Australia



### 'Solo Catholics' Calendar of Events

Click [here](#) to view 'Solo Catholics' Calendar of Events, November 2015 - January 2016.

Events include Cup Day BBQ, Christmas carols, and a New Year's dance.

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