

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)



Catholic Social Services Victoria - Update September 2013

Upcoming at Catholic Social Services

- [9, 10 October 2013 Conference on 'Impact of Mission and Identity'](#)
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LISTENING, LEARNING AND LEADING: 9, 10 October 2013, in Melbourne

The conference is targeted at leaders - including CEOs and Board members - and future leaders in Catholic social services. Participants beyond the social services sector and from outside the Catholic tradition, are most welcome to join us - many would find themselves addressing similar issues.

The conference is designed to inspire, challenge and resource around mission-focused leadership, with an emphasis on practical implications for leaders and organisations. It will achieve this impact through a dynamic of focused input and informed sharing among participants. [Click here](#) for the conference program.

Keynote speaker [Chris Lowney](#) will also be using the conference for the international launch of his new book, *Pope Francis: Why he leads the way he leads*

- [Click here](#) for bookings for this premium event – tickets are \$450 per person; \$400 in groups of four or more.
- [Click here](#) for Workshop Registration



Bookings close Friday 27 September.

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Anti-Poverty Week:

- 15 October Liturgy
- 17 October Human Rights Conference

[Click here](#) for a flyer for an Anti-Poverty week service at St Paul's Cathedral 1:15pm, on Tuesday 15 October, followed by refreshments. Preacher is Fr Joe Caddy-CEO, Catholic Care.

Click here [for flyer and registration](#) for an all-day Human Rights Conference on Thursday 17 October: cutting edge presentations by human rights experts and practitioners, and discussion on human rights, inequality and poverty



Catholic Social Teaching-Formation Workshop 29 Oct

A workshop for staff across the Catholic Social Services sector. Presented by Catholic Social Services Victoria as part of our Catholic Social Teaching series. It offers a stimulating mix of input, reflection, participation and empowerment. Materials provided. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Asylum Seekers must be treated humanely



Asylum seekers must be treated humanely – [click here](#) to add your name to a petition that was initiated by Jesuit Social Services and other Melbourne Catholic agencies. [Click here](#) to read the principles that are proposed to protect vulnerable asylum seekers, and particularly children.

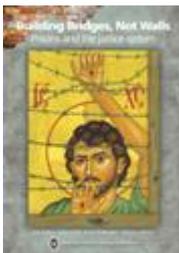
Providing homes for refugees

When Pope Francis visited a refugee shelter in Rome on 11 September, he called for the Church to support refugees. Many parishes and other religious bodies in Australia, including Catholic social service providers, are doing this. But we must work together to respond more fully to the Pope's inspirational preaching of the Gospel. [Read more..](#)



Catholic Engagement with 2014 International Aids Conference

On 29 August 2014 Monsignor Bob Vitillo, Caritas Internationalis' Special Advisor on HIV & AIDS, led a workshop on the Catholic Church's response to HIV/AIDS...[read more](#)



Rehabilitation and effective transition must be focus of new prison

Prisons must contribute to building a safe and just society, by rehabilitating prisoners, and successfully reintegrating them into the community on release. As the Victorian Government considers Expressions of Interest to build and operate a new prison at Ravenhall in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, the Interchurch Criminal Justice Taskforce has called on the Victorian Government to ensure that the new prison is focused on these key areas. [media release](#)



Bernie Geary honoured as Life Member at Catholic Social Services Annual Dinner

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of our annual dinner, on 26 July. Congratulations to Bernie Geary (photo at left) on his lifelong commitment to the wellbeing of vulnerable children and young people, for which he was honoured at the dinner with Life Membership of Catholic Social Services Victoria.

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Grounding our mission in a story

'To build a vibrant mission-oriented organisation, we need to continually deepen our understanding of our mission and of how it is woven into a narrative.' Denis Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services Victoria, expanded on this theme in a presentation on 5 September 2013 to the Australasian Catholic Press Association. [Read more..](#)

Member's News & Events:



Chris Lowney to speak at Melbourne venues on 8 October

Deakin Edge,-Federation Square (cnr Swanston & Flinders Sts Melbourne): Chris Lowney; *Heroic Leadership-What is it anyway?* **Tuesday 8 October 2013, 7:30am - 9:00am** For more info and registration [click here.](#)

Australian Catholic University, Mercy Lecture Theatre, Young St Fitzroy: ACU invites you to attend a free presentation by Bestselling American Author Chris Lowney entitled *Heroic Leaders: Who they are and how they live?* **Tuesday 8 October 2013, 6pm.** For more info and registration [click here.](#)

Expanded prison is 'expensive and flawed strategy' - Jesuit Social Services

'The Victorian Government's announcement of its latest prison expansion plans continues an expensive and flawed strategy that is not going to make our community safer.' [Read more](#)

Solo Catholics, a social group for singles 45 and over

Solo Catholics, a social group for singles 45 and over, are having a '**Weekend Away**' at **Balnarring on Friday 11th – Sunday 13th October** to enjoy time to relax in good company as well as beach walks, markets and 'al fresco' dining Cost: \$20/night (self-cater for breakfast) BBQ Sat night-bring food to share [Read more](#)



MacKillop Family Services heritage display

THE first heritage display of its kind in Victoria was opened on Thursday 4 July at the site of the former St Vincent de Paul's boys' orphanage in South Melbourne, now the central base of MacKillop Family Services. [Read more](#)