



Joint Conference July 3-5, 2025

*"I am with you always":
Hope within a Living Tradition*

Australian Catholic University, Greg Craven Centre
Level 7, St Teresa of Kolkata Building
115 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Conference Schedule

THURSDAY JULY 3	
Main room	
15:00 – 16:00	Registration ACBA & ACTA <i>Afternoon Tea from 15:30</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Joint Opening Session: ACBA and ACTA Conferences Opening Prayer (ACBA)
16:30 – 18:00	Guest Presenter Agnes M. Brazal, De La Salle University, The Philippines <i>"I am with you always": Hope within a Living Tradition</i>
18:00 – 18:30	Pre-dinner reception
18.30	Dinner in Greg Craven Centre

FRIDAY JULY 4			
8:45 – 9.00	Morning Prayer (ACTA)		
Room	Room 1 (ACTA)	Room 2 (ACTA)	Room 3 (ACBA)
9.00 – 10.30 90 min	ACBA/ACTA/CMTAANZ Joint Session Antonia Pizzey Michele Connolly Cameron Forbes <i>“I am with you always”: Hope within a Living Tradition</i>		
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea		
11.00 – 11:45 45 min	Joel Hodge <i>Is hope necessary? The gift of a supernatural horizon for freedom, justice and solidarity</i>	Robyn Horner <i>One Minute to Midnight: Can we Hope in the Future of Catholic Education?</i>	Margaret Beirne <i>The Continuing Relevance of Dei Verbum</i>
11:45 – 12:30 45 min	Christina Kheng <i>Hidden Gems of Theological Development in the Synod Final Document: Three Good Reasons for Hope within a Living Tradition</i>	William Sultmann <i>Wellsprings Surveys: Theoretical and Applied Perspectives in Support of Mission</i>	Ian Elmer <i>Realising the Vision of Dei Verbum in the Digital Age: The Role of AI and Technology in Biblical Studies</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 – 14.15 45 min	Kim Hyunjhik (Anthony J Kelly Essay Prize Winner) <i>Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Beyond the Individual in the Reception of Revelation</i>		Mark O’Brien <i>Important Features of Hope in the Book of Jeremiah</i>
14.15 – 15.00 45 min	Cristina Lledo Gomez <i>In Search for a Figure of Decolonization & Hope: Catholic Filipin@ Marian Belief as a bolo (double edged sword)</i>	Terence Kennedy <i>Motives for Hope in the Synod</i>	Kris Sonek <i>Reading Genesis 23 in Fourth-Century Roman Syria: Sarah’s Death as a Sign of Hope</i>

15:00– 15:30 30 min	Gerald Hall <i>Synodality: Raimon Panikkar’s Interreligious Dialogue in Conversation with Pope Francis’ Fratelli Tutti, and the Emerging Ecclesial Vision of Pope Leo XVII.</i>	David Kirchhoffer <i>Hope for Christian Unity on Moral Disagreement: The History of Moral Discernment in Faith and Order World Conferences</i>	Sarah Hart <i>Learning Biblical Languages–An Oral Method</i>
15.30 –16.00 30 min	Kevin Lenehan <i>The Rise of the Nones as a Sign of the Times?</i>	Gerard Moore <i>Worship, Hope and Eschatology</i>	
16.00 – 16:30	Afternoon Tea		
16:30 – 17.15 45 min	Danielle Lynch <i>Who Am I to Judge?: A Hopeful Theological Anthropology of Human Life and Love</i>	Bp Tony Ireland <i>The Eucharist and the Church: Christ Present, Hope Alive</i>	Jim Harrison <i>Greater than the Greek and Trojan Heroes: The Funerary Epigram of Epigonos and the Christian Hope at Colossae</i>
17.15 – 17:45 30 min	James McEvoy <i>The Reception of Gaudium et Spes Part One: Are We There Yet?</i>		Trevor Tibbertsma <i>Dei Verbum and Baruch 3:38: The Personal dimension of Revelation</i>
17:45 – 19:00 75 min	Anthony J Kelly CSsR Symposium <i>Non-members also invited</i>		
19:00	Free evening for own dinner plans		

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SATURDAY JULY 5			
8:45 – 9.00	Morning Prayer (ACBA)		
Room	Room 1 (ACTA)	Room 2 (ACTA)	Room 3 (ACBA)
9.00 – 9:45 45 min	Maeve Heaney & Jamie Calder <i>Theological Reflections on Inclusive Governance in a Synodal Church</i>	Neil Ormerod <i>The Council of Nicaea and the status of the divine processions</i>	Mary Coloe <i>Leo XIII - significance for Biblical Theology</i>
9.45 – 10:30 45 min	Robert Gascoigne <i>Christ's Promise of Fidelity and the Ambivalence of Our Human Future</i>	Frances Baker <i>The Theology of Enda McDonagh in the Light of Pope Francis' Call</i>	Michael Trainor <i>The development in Catholic Biblical Studies in the light of Nostra Aetate: Raymond Brown, a case study</i>
10:30 – 11.00	Morning Tea		
11.00 – 11:30 30 min	Fiona Dyball <i>Let the Word Dwell in You Richly: The Sung Responsorial Psalm in the Current Post-Conciliar Catholic Mass in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne</i>	Geoff Brodie <i>The Teacher as the Foundation of an Authentic Education in the Kingdom of God: Bernard Lonergan and Gravissimum Educationis</i>	Donna Neander <i>Hope and divine encounter in John 2:1-12</i>
11:30– 13.00 90 min	GENDER JUSTIC PLENARY Sandie Cornish Teresa Brown Ann Maree O'Beirne <i>Theological Contributions to Reimagining Gender Justice in the Catholic Church</i>		
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Gender Justice Networking Lunch, all welcome		

14.00 – 14:45 45 min	Jennifer Close <i>Heaven and Hell – Is There a Third Option?</i>	Steven Gigacz Lumen Gentium, Gaudium et Spes, and Apostolicam Actuositatem on lay apostolate	Kevin Waldie <i>Reading the Samaritan and Mary in Luke 10:25-42 as a special literary pair in the Lukan Gospel Narrative</i>
14:45 – 15:15 30 min	<i>Examen on the Conference and Spiritual Conversation</i> (Christina Kheng)		
15:15 – 15:45	Afternoon Tea		
15:45 – 17:30 1 hr 45 min	Room 1 ACTA AGM (for members only)		ACBA AGM
17.45-18:45	Eucharist (ACTA; ACU Chapel)		
19:00	Conference Dinner at <i>Builders Arms Hotel, 211 Gertrude St, Fitzroy</i>		

