

Weekend Highlights!

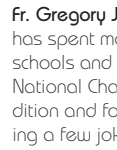
- Inspiring Speakers
- Journey of the Cross and Icon Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
- JCI Concert with Guy Sebastian and Paulini
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Daily Mass and Rosary
- Chance to meet other Catholics and make new friends
- Free time to relax!

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 for more info.

The Speakers



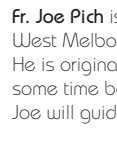
Dr. Tracey Rowland is the Permanent Dean of the John Paul II Institute and graduate of Oxford University. She is widely seen as one of the foremost theologians in the world and has just published a book called Ratzinger's Faith – The Theology of Benedict XVI. She will give a talk titled "An Introduction to Benedict XVI".



Fr. Gregory Jordan SJ is originally a New Zealander who has spent most of his life acting as a Rector at various Jesuit schools and colleges around Australia. Fr. Jordan is also the National Chaplain to ACSA. He is renowned for his wit and erudition and for always leaving his audience wiser while cracking a few jokes on the way. Fr. Jordan will speak on "How the Church has handled the pagan world: how should we?".



Fr. Paul Newton is the Priest-in-Charge of Sacred Heart Croydon where he supervises a youth group and over 100 pilgrims planning to go to World Youth Day. He is known as an entertaining and direct evangelist and he loves to challenge young people to live the Gospel. Fr. Paul will speak on "How to be a Catholic in a Secular World".



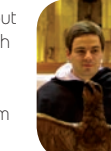
Fr. Joe Pich is Assistant Priest at St. Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne and is a priest of Opus Dei (Work of God). He is originally from Spain where he served in the army for some time before he entered the seminary. On the retreat Fr. Joe will guide a series of meditations on pilgrimage.



The **Missionaries of Charity** were founded by Mother Teresa in India to bring the love of Christ to the poorest of the poor. In Melbourne the MC Sisters run separate men's and women's homeless shelters. They will speak on "Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy".



Br. Vincent Magat OP was born in Slovakia (Eastern Europe) but grew up in Australia where he joined the Dominican order which in Melbourne is based at St. Dominic's Camberwell. He has spent some time working as a chaplain to secondary and tertiary students. Br. Vincent will be one of the leaders of the forum on "Masculinity and Femininity".



Angela Conway works for the Australian Family Association as National Research Officer. She is interested in the interplay of economic, cultural and political forces that impact on marriage and the family. Angela will be one of the leaders of the forum on "Masculinity and Femininity".



Tim Davis works for the Melbourne Days in the Diocese Office. He has worked for many years in Youth Ministry mainly with the Marist Brothers. In his spare time he loves to surf and hike. Tim will speak about World Youth Day and some exciting opportunities to volunteer for Days in the Diocese.



ALSO: **Br. Dean Mathieson OFM Cap**, **Br. Ben Johnson OFM Cap** and **Conor Sweeney**, a top student of the JPII institute Conor will be one of the leaders of the forum on "Masculinity and Femininity".

Reasons for Hope

MELBOURNE 2008

Incorporating the Journey of the Cross and Icon!



EDMUND RICE CENTRE - AMBERLEY
 AMBERLEY WAY, LOWER PLENTY
Friday 25th - 27th April

"Preparing for World Youth Day"



What is Reasons for Hope?

RFH Melbourne is the annual retreat of the Victorian Catholic Students and Young Adults (18-35), a group that provides spiritual and intellectual formation for, you guessed it, students and young adults! This year Reasons for Hope provides a fantastic opportunity to continue your spiritual preparation for life in general and especially if you are going to Sydney World Youth Day, the biggest youth event in the world.

Where is it held?

This year, RFH will be held at the Edmund Rice Centre Amberley, Amberley Way, Lower Plenty (see website for map)



How do I get there?

A bus will leave St. Patrick's Cathedral car park at 2:00pm on the Friday afternoon to take people to the retreat centre and will drop them off at the same location/MCG on Sunday at 12:30pm. If you would like to make your own transport arrangements please let us know.

What do I need to bring?

- Sleeping bag/linen
- Pillow case
- Toiletries
- Towel

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Weekend Timetable

FRIDAY April 25

3:00pm - Introduction, Welcome and Small Groups
3:40pm - **Keynote Session:** "How the Church has handled the pagan world: how should we?" - Fr. Gregory Jordan (ACSA Chaplain)
4:30pm - Free Time
5:00pm - Dinner
5:30pm - Depart Amberley for St. Patrick's Cathedral
6:00pm - Guy Sebastien and Paulini Concert at St. Patrick's Cathedral
7:00pm - **Journey of the Cross and Icon Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral**
8:30pm - Depart St. Patrick's Cathedral for Amberley
9:15pm - Arrive Amberley
9:30pm - **Meditation and Benediction** - Br. Ben Jamesson OFM Cap. (Begin 40 hours of adoration)
10:00pm - Evening Prayer (Sung)
10:15pm - Day Ends

SATURDAY April 26

7:30am - Breakfast
8:45pm - Morning Prayer (Sung)
9:00am - **Meditations** - Fr. Joe Pich
11:00 - Morning Tea
11:20am - **Keynote Session:** Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy - Missionaries of Charity
12noon - **Angelus and Mass**
12:45pm - Lunch
1:30pm - **Keynote Session:** Being a Christian in a Secular World - Fr. Paul Newton
2:15pm - Free Time
3:00pm - **Keynote session:** Pope Benedict XVI - Dr. Tracey Rowland (John Paul II Institute)
3:45pm - Free Time
7:00pm - Dinner
8:00pm - **Meditation** - Br. Dean Mathieson OFM Cap.
8:25pm - Movie
10:00pm - Evening Prayer (Sung)
10:15pm - Day Ends

SUNDAY April 27

7:30am - Breakfast and Cleanup
8:45am - Morning Prayer (Sung)
9:00am - **Keynote Session:** Masculinity and Femininity Men's and Women's Forums - Br. Vincent Magat OP, Conor Sweeney, Angela Conway (AFA), Tanya Bruty
10:15am - Morning Tea
11:00am - **Keynote Session:** Days in the Diocese - Tim Davis (Melbourne Days in the Diocese Office)
11:40am - **Benediction** (End 40 Hours of Adoration)
12noon - Depart Amberley for MCG
1:00pm - **Journey of the Cross and Icon Walk** (Walk from MCG to St. Francis in the City for Mass)
3:00pm - **Mass at St Francis' in the City**

Registration

Did you know? You can register online at
www.towards2008.org.au

FULL WEEKEND

STUDENT	\$130
NON - STUDENT	\$140

PARTIAL WEEKEND OPTIONS

\$20 day pass for Friday/Sunday (\$30 Saturday)
(i.e. sessions, meals and transport but no accommodation)

If the cost is a problem please contact us, we are happy to make special arrangements for individual circumstances. No one who truly wishes to come on the retreat will be denied because of a lack of money.

The full price (\$130/\$140) includes:

- All meals (Friday Dinner- Sunday Lunch)
- Accommodation on Friday and Saturday night
- Transport to and from St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday afternoon/evening
- Guy Sebastien and Paulini Concert
- Transport to the MCG/Cathedral on Sunday afternoon

DIRECT DEBIT DETAILS

For direct debit please deposit the appropriate amount in the following account - BE SURE TO:

- INCLUDE YOUR NAME IN THE TRANSACTION DETAILS SO WE CAN IDENTIFY THE SOURCE OF THE PAYMENT AND,
- RETAIN A COPY OF THE TRANSACTION RECORD

Account Name: 'Victorian Catholic Students Association'
Bank Account Number: 063158 10224539

CHEQUE

Please make the cheque out to the:
'Victorian Catholic Students Association'



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