



Mission Expo 2020 Workshops

Bishop Viard College, Porirua, 14 March 1.30pm - 3.00pm

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The Focolare Movement has the features of a large and varied family, a “new people born of the Gospel”, as Chiara Lubich, its founder, defined it. It is a movement of spiritual and social renewal, approved by the Catholic Church in 1962 with the name ‘Work of Mary’.

Inspired by Jesus’ prayer “May they all be one” (Jn 17:21), its goal is to achieve unity, building bridges among individuals, between cultural groups and engaging in various forms of dialogue.

A Way to Happiness: Living the Gospel

This workshop will focus on life stories and experiences of living the Gospel in every-day life – presented by families, teenagers, adults involved in different areas of society – with various inputs on getting the happy habit, which includes what we can do when life throws challenges at us.

Together we will discover how dynamic Christianity can be, with a few tools that can help us towards finding peace within and joy with those around us.

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Bev McDonald is a Lay Marist, wife, mother and grandmother who holds a Bachelor of Theology and is a Spiritual Director (ACSD). Bev has been published in the international Journal; ‘Presence’, worked in her parish and been on the Bishops Committee for Ecumenism and ARCCANZ (Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue). She currently facilitates Marist Laity, ‘Living the Word’ website and Marist spirituality retreats around NZ. Bev is a gifted facilitator with a passion for Lay Mission.

Mary’s Magnificat – Blueprint for Lay Mission

The Magnificat is so much more than a prayer of praise. It presents strong links between humility and holiness and sets out a path of practical discipleship, offering not only spiritual wisdom and guidance but also insights into the way to ‘be’ mission in our culture.

This workshop explores the Magnificat through the lens of Lay mission. We will discuss and share creative approaches to ‘being’ the presence of Christ in the world today.

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Fr Tom Rouse SSC is a Columban missionary priest who worked in Fiji for 22 years. He worked in three parishes – Ba, Labasa and Raiwaqa. For 12 years he worked in Australia as a lecturer in biblical studies at the Columban Mission Institute and was a chaplain to the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre. After his second period of assignment to the Region of Fiji, from 2004 to 2013, he was assigned to Aotearoa-New Zealand to be the coordinator of Columban Mission.

Boundaries or Horizons?

The aim is to help participants to understand the meaning of mission in today’s church and in the modern world. This will lead them to discover, through group sharing, practical ways of moving beyond traditional boundaries and giving expression to key elements of mission today – crossing cultural boundaries, commitment to justice ministry, dialogue with indigenous cultures and other religions, and showing care for creation.

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Tony Lenton is a qualified accountant and before working for the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference as Senior Hospital Chaplain, worked in both the public and private sectors in governance, finance, IT, HR and change and risk management. He has a graduate Diploma in Psychology, and a Diploma in Family Support. He has a particular interest in mental health. Through his voluntary work at a local Aged Care Home Tony is learning about the issues of ministering to the elderly and those with dementia.

Creating a Pastoral Care Team

What happens when parishioners return from hospital and ongoing spiritual support in their homes may be needed?

How may the Church offer sacramental support, that includes friendship and companionship to assist in the patient’s recovery or if the health outcome is not positive, supporting the family?

This workshop poses questions to help guide a reflective practice process.

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Dr John Kleinsman is the director of The NZ Catholic Bioethics Centre. He has been a prominent spokesperson on ethical questions related to euthanasia and assisted suicide



Dr Claire Amos is a senior researcher for the NZ Catholic Bioethics Centre. She has a background in continental philosophy, ethics and psychiatry

“Running Against the Wind”: Responding to Euthanasia and Cannabis

Bob Seger’s song, “Against the Wind”, reads: *“I found myself further and further from my home. I guess I lost my way, there were oh, so many roads.”* Many Catholics are questioning the moral teaching that is part of their ‘home’ tradition. Acknowledging that we inhabit an ethical landscape consisting of many roads, this workshop will identify the dominant societal approach to resolving ethical dilemmas and then outline an alternative Catholic counter-approach that draws on Pope Francis’ notion of an “integral ecology.” Participants will be given an opportunity to apply insights to the two referendum questions that are part of this year’s election.

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Facilitated by **Alfred Tong** and the **Seminarians** from the Archdiocese of Wellington.

The Mission's at home and in us: Unity in Diversity

The story of the Good News proclaimed by our Lord Jesus calls us to 'proclaim the Gospel to all nations' (Mark 16:15). But how does this command translate to the Mission in our Archdiocese today?

Given the multi-cultural nature of the Church in the Archdiocese, it has never been more opportune to ask the following questions in the way we can mission

outwards - not only in a physical manner outside of the diocese, but within:

- What can all the different cultures offer in terms of gifts and talents that improves the home environment we live in?
- How can we embrace all cultural diversity, yet move and breathe in the One Body of Christ?
- How do we spiritually and pastorally discern with one heart the message of the Gospel, to allow the Good News, and address the spiritual needs of each unique individual in our Archdiocesan community?

This workshop will include an introduction to some common liturgical hymns in other languages, not exclusively but including Te Reo himene and waiata.

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Veronica Casey is a Sister of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She has a background in nursing and in the wider health sector. For the past 12 years she has been engaged in

Prison Ministry and for the past seven years as the Senior Catholic Prison Chaplain for New Zealand.

Prison Ministry: A Ministry for the whole church

What tools do we use to evaluate election policies for law and order? When we think of prisons do we think of families, victims and children, and about return to society and social support?

More than 20,000 children in NZ at any one time have a parent in prison. We have the 2nd highest imprisonment rate in the Western World after USA.

Pope Francis is urging change in the outlook and approach in treating prisoners who, he said, must be offered equal opportunities for reform, development and reintegration. He has said that prisoners, who have already served their sentences should not be subject to a new social punishment with rejection and indifference.

Justice policy in NZ is often developed based on populist beliefs rather than evidence-based policy and a belief that addressing victims rights is achieved through the withdrawal of offenders’ rights.

This workshop will explore the realities of the Justice system and ways that the Church can contribute to a justice that reconciles with an holistic approach to those who offend, families and victims.

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**Sr Ruth Coleman pbvm
and EJP Commission members**

Sr Ruth is Chair of the Wellington Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission and Justice representative for the Presentation Sisters.

She will be joined by members of the Commission, who collectively represent many years of experience reaching out to the peripheries and speaking out for justice.

From Catholic social teaching to Catholic social action

The Wellington Archdiocesan Ecology, Justice and Peace Commission will share practical suggestions to putting Catholic social teaching into practice in our parishes and lives. Examples will be drawn from the work of the Commission's Integral Ecology and Poverty Committees, with the aim of supporting people to draw on our social tradition in taking action on the burning issues that disturb and inspire each of us.

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Create a bird box, insect hotel, or planter box for your garden

A group of kind and patient 'handy' men and women will lead this workshop

This is a workshop for the five to twelve-year olds. Created from recycled materials the children can build and take home something special for the insects or birds or plants to attract wildlife. All materials will be provided but if you have collected driftwood, pinecones, shells or other decorations then do bring them along. Children will need to be accompanied by a 'handy' adult. A gold coin donation will help cover costs.