

New Zealand Catholic Education Convention, Wellington, 10-12 June 2015



Dear Colleagues

This is an update on progress towards our next triennial convention.

Our theme echoes Pope Francis: Horizons of Hope

In choosing this theme we are thinking of our young people who carry the future good of our world in their care, and we think of our teachers, leaders and our community who shape our young. It is a hope that enables practical action for the good of others, a hope that reaches to, and extends, our horizons.

Our two **international keynote speakers** are:

♦ **Sr Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ** of Heythrop College, London.

Gemma brings a broad view of church and society. She spoke at the National Catholic Education Convention, Adelaide, Australia, 2011. She is much in demand internationally.

You can see her biography at www.heythrop.ac.uk.

♦ **Prof Therese D'Orsa** Head of Missiology at the Broken Bay Institute in Sydney.

With Dr Jim D'Orsa, Prof D'Orsa has recently written three books on Mission and Education: *Explorers, Guides and Meaning-Makers*, *Catholic Curriculum*, and *Leading for Mission*.

You can see her biography at www.bbi.catholic.edu.au.

Seminars

ACTION INVITED:

Showcase your school or office: We ask you to **begin considering what seminars you or your staff might wish to put forward** for presentation at the convention. A formal application form will be circulated later in the year, but if you wish to contact us before that we will be very happy to hear from you.

We believe the following topics will be crucial, and will look to address them in seminars.

- Inspired by Pope Francis – engaging young people in their learning and developing them to be men and women who bring hope to others
- *The Catholic Education of School Age Children* NZCBC, 2014
- Educating for a global world: ethnicities, diversity, saving the planet
- Digital tools in education, with a particular emphasis on their use in Religious Education, including N4L Pond and Religious Education.
- Strengthening the partnership between the parish and the school, building strong ways of evangelising young people and parents.

You may wish to suggest a seminar that does not fit into these categories, if so, we will be happy to receive your suggestion.

Contact s.apathy@nzceo.org.nz about seminars.

With best wishes

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