

Pentecost Sunday, 19 May 2024

Join us in 2024!

OCEANIA EVANGELISATION PROGRAM - A Current of Grace

*Be inspired and equipped with leaders from
Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa,
Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands*

The Oceania Evangelisation Program (OEP) was first conducted in 2022 at Pentecost. In 2023 over one thousand leaders participated in Hubs across the Oceania region. Both have been powerful experiences of the Holy Spirit inspiring and revitalising leaders and enabling a collaborative vision for evangelisation across the Oceania region.

The Oceania Evangelisation Program will again be conducted in 2024 on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May. The theme for 2024 is 'Pentecost - A current of grace for the Church in Oceania'. Again, there will be a focus on being open to experiencing the renewing grace that flows from baptism in the Spirit.

The invitation to participate is open to all those involved in evangelisation. There is a particular invitation to Catholic youth ministers, Catholic school educators, youth leaders in ecclesial movements and parishes.

A Current of Grace Catholic Schools Conference will be offered in Canberra on the 20-21 May - see flyer for further information.

In addition to the Pentecost experience, there is an opportunity to participate in cross-cultural short-term missions. In 2024, these will be to Fiji (7-15 July) and Papua New Guinea (TBA).

Offered face-to-face for Australian participants at St Benedict's Parish Narrabundah in Canberra and online via local Hubs in participating countries across Oceania.

"In this Year of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn, I want to invite you to gather with me for this key event to experience the grace and power of Pentecost and to be renewed by currents of grace flowing throughout Oceania. My invitation is extended to parishes, members of Movements and staff and leaders in Catholic schools. Please join us to renew the life and mission of the Church across Oceania."

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn, Chair Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

PARTNERSHIPS

The OEP is conducted as a partnership between CSYMI and St Benedict's Mission Centre (an outreach of the Missionaries of God's Love), the ACU La Salle Academy, the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and NET Ministries Australia and New Zealand.

In collaboration with

CHARIS OCEANIA

CHARIS is the international Service Of Communion called for by Pope Francis to promote and encourage the grace of baptism in the Spirit in the Catholic Church.

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SHALOM WORLD

[Shalom Media](#) will live stream the event through YouTube into hubs in Oceania.



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10.30	Registration and Morning Tea
11.30	Session 1: Welcome and Introduction Input - 'Returning to the Initial Evangelising Thrust of Pentecost' Shayne Bennett - CHARIS Oceania Rep
12.30	Session 2: Sharings from across Oceania
1.00	Lunch
1.45	Session 3: Charisms and Evangelisation Fr Ken Barker MGL
2.45	Session 4: Walking Together in Evangelisation
3.30	Afternoon Tea
4.00	Bishop's Reflection - Archbishop Christopher Prowse and Bishop Michael Gielen (Christchurch) Prayer and Adoration and Reconciliation
5.00	Dinner
6.00	Mass: Open to the Gifts of the Spirit and Prayer Ministry.
8.00	Finish



Registration

Australian participants to gather face-to-face in Canberra. Click [here](#) to register using credit card/PayPal at TryBooking.

Click [here](#) to register if you want an Invoice to be sent to you/your organisation.

Accommodation

Click [here](#) to view accommodation options close to St Benedict's Parish Narrabundah.

Cost

Australian participants: \$35 including lunch, afternoon tea and dinner.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS 2024

Fiji (7 - 15 July) and PNG (TBA)

Contact Trish McCarthy for further information on short-term missions - patricia.mccarthy@acu.edu.au
Click [here](#) to view testimonies from 2023.

CURRENTS OF GRACE

RENEWING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AS CENTRES OF EVANGELISATION (20-21 MAY)

Following the Oceania Evangelisation Program in 2024, Australian and international Catholic education leaders are invited to attend 'A Current of Grace', a two day conference focused on re-imagining Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, drawing on two high-impact strategies – leader and teacher formation and student formation for peer-to-peer youth ministry.

The Conference will be conducted by CSYMI and the ACU La Salle Academy at the ACU Canberra. It will feature keynotes and workshops by Catholic education system and school leaders from Europe, Africa and Oceania. There will also be the opportunity for school visits to witness student peer-to-peer ministry in action. [Click here for the brochure.](#)



"Sometimes we feel that PNG is "beyond the margin" when it comes to the life of the universal Church. A program like this can help to bridge that gap and enable our local Church leaders to interact with others in our region to not only strengthen their own faith and the knowledge of their faith, but also to enrich the local, regional, and even universal Church."

Archbishop Douglas Young
Archdiocese of Mt Hagen