

Principles and Practice for Church Governance PROGRAM



SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2019, 10am – 5pm

Welcome and reflection

Introduction to the Conference

Professor Gabrielle McMullen AM FRACI, Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University of Divinity

Keynote address

Robert Fitzgerald AM, Commissioner on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

What have we learnt from the Royal Commission?

How governance principles should inform Church structures, culture and decision-making

Plenary Forum

Lunch 12.30 – 1.15pm

Address

Very Reverend Dr David Ranson, Administrator of the Diocese of Broken Bay

“It is critical for credibility as we move forward that the best principles related to contemporary corporate governance be integrated into our ecclesial practice”

“Participation, inclusion, transparency are at the service of communion, so they cannot be optional extras if we are truly committed to a Church that is a living icon of the Triune life”

Plenary Forum

Address

Sheree Limbrick, CEO, Catholic Professional Standards Ltd

Governance challenges relevant to safe environments for children and vulnerable people - Embedding Catholic Professional Standards.

Plenary Forum

Summary remarks – day one

5pm Mass in St Paschal’s Chapel (YTU) followed by drinks

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Introduction

Susan Pascoe AM, Founding Commissioner, Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission

Practical challenges addressing the real needs of Catholic agencies

What is best practice in the governance of Catholic agencies?

Meeting government requirements in church organisations

Plenary forum

Lunch 12.45 – 1.30pm

Q&A Canon Law Panel

What you didn't know about canon law ... inside information from two eminent canonists expert in the Australian context!

Rosie Joyce csb, Lecturer in Canon Law at Yarra Theological Union; Judge on the Marriage Tribunal; Past President of Catholic Religious Australia

Reverend Professor Ian Waters, Canonical Consultant; Lecturer in Canon Law at Catholic Theological College; Past President of Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand; Former Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Melbourne (30+ years)

Plenary forum

Workshop Review – Concluding Perspectives

Empowerment to take our Catholic organisations purposely into the future

Conclusion

Very Reverend Greg Bennet, Vicar General Archdiocese of Melbourne and Moderator of the Curia