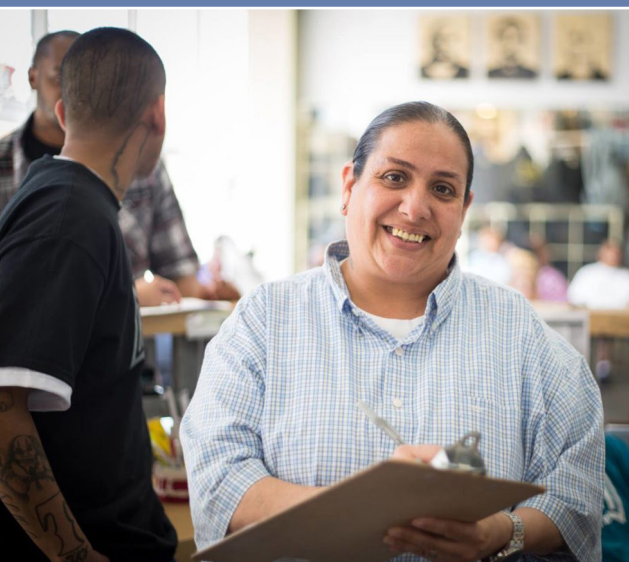


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Thursday 3 October - Friday 18 October 2024

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Father Greg Boyle, SJ, is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Father Greg started Homeboy Industries nearly 20 years ago, which has served members of more than half the gangs in Los Angeles. Father Greg is the author of the best-selling books: *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, the recent publication: *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*, and his latest publication *Forgive Everyone Everything*.

Father Greg received the California Peace Prize and has been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, the White House named Father Greg a Champion of Change. He received the 2016 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the James Beard Foundation, the national-culinary arts organisation.

Pope Francis has called for us in this era of change to become 'field hospitals' for the broken and bleeding – places of welcome, encounter, accompaniment and hope. Father Greg's ministry with Homeboy Industries and his ongoing advocacy for those on the margins is a prime example of how a community can respond courageously to the needs in their local neighbourhood.



This will be no ordinary event, it will be an encounter with a Church on the streets—on the margins—a field hospital.

EVENT SCHEDULE

BRISBANE

Thursday 3 October 2024	<i>Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve</i> Secondary Students Leadership Festival	St Laurence's College, South Brisbane
Friday 4 October 2024	<i>Courageous Encounter</i> School Executive Leadership Teams	Villanova College, Coorparoo, Brisbane
Saturday 5 October 2024	<i>Instruments of Love</i> Parish Councils & Parish Ministries	St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

MELBOURNE

Tuesday 8 October 2024	<i>Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve</i> Secondary Students Leadership Festival	Xavier College, Kew, Melbourne
Wednesday 9 October 2024	<i>Courageous Encounter</i> School Executive Leadership Teams	Xavier College, Kew, Melbourne
Thursday 10 October 2024	<i>On the Margins</i> An Evening with Father Greg Boyle, SJ	Xavier College, Kew, Melbourne

SYDNEY/BAULKHAM HILLS

Saturday 12 October 2024	<i>Radical Kinship</i> Weekend National Conference (Day 1) <i>Catholic Social Services, Prison Ministry, Aged Care/Hospital Chaplaincy, Pastoral Associates, Pastoral Workers</i>	St Joseph's Centre, Baulkham Hills, Sydney
Sunday 13 October 2024	<i>Radical Kinship</i> Weekend National Conference (Day 2)	St Joseph's Centre, Baulkham Hills, Sydney
Monday 14 October 2024	<i>Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve</i> Secondary Students Leadership Festival	St Joseph's Centre, Baulkham Hills, Sydney

WOLLONGONG

Wednesday 16 October 2024	<i>Hope Has An Address (at your school!)</i> National Event (Day 1) <i>APREs, RECs, Leaders of Mission, Chaplains, Youth Ministers, Social Justice Coordinators</i>	The Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow, Wollongong
Thursday 17 October 2024	<i>Hope Has An Address (at your school!)</i> National Event (Day 2)	The Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow, Wollongong
Friday 18 October 2024	<i>Boundless Compassion: A Mission to Serve</i> Wollongong Secondary Students	The Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow, Wollongong

*“Compassion is not a relationship between the wounded and the healer:
it’s a covenant between equals”.*

Father Greg Boyle, SJ

“If you are a Catholic School educator, read Father Greg Boyle’s books! He is thought provoking, challenging and affirming. Father Greg is an educator with ‘the smell of the sheep’ on him. He ministers to those most at risk and translates the Gospel into a language that makes sense to those struggling with life. At a time when Catholic schools run the risk of becoming the preserve of those who do not wish to engage with the poor, Father Greg reminds us of the reasons why our schools exist. I am looking forward to encouraging the young people in my school as well as staff and the leadership team to take up the opportunity to engage with Father Greg in his ‘Tattoos on the Heart’ Australian tour in October 2024. Not to be missed.”

Dan McMahon
Principal
Shalom College, Bundaberg, QLD



“Father Greg Boyle has shown the way to a contemporary understanding of the Gospels, a Good News in 2023 and beyond. The way he teaches strength through compassion is a lens needed in what it means to demonstrate Catholic leadership. The keynote he gave at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress was captivating. His story of gang and street culture demonstrates integrity at its finest and the high stakes work he has given his life to. To have Father Greg in Australia is a significant opportunity to refresh what Catholic Leadership means in our schools and organisations. I can’t wait.”

Matt Turner
Team Leader – Mission Integration and Formation
Catholic Life, Education and Mission Team – Diocese of Wollongong



“I want there to be a mess in the (your) diocese. I want you to go outside. I want the Church in the street”. Pope Francis

*...and he certainly wants it to be joyful and on mission:
“without joy, we will attract no one”.*



Book now!

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