

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform

Dear Friends,

Zoom Convocations: THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN AUSTRALIA

Starting with

Sr Joan Chittister OSB on 2 May 2021

We are writing to ask for your help.

Our Catholic Church in Australia has reached a critical juncture. Scandals and stagnation leave it in crisis. Inspired by Pope Francis and the commitment of many Catholics, both lay and religious, the Plenary Council offers an opportunity for creating a better future. Sr Joan Chittister is a beacon for us all, consistently calling for integrity in addressing our shortcomings as a Church while promoting ways of building on both traditional strengths and emerging opportunities.

Sr. Joan will be the keynote speaker at the first of three Convocations of Catholics, by zoom across Australia and beyond, being convened by ACCCR (Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform)^ supporting the Plenary Council of the Australian Church. Her topic '*A vision for Catholicism in Australia: Renewal directions, priorities, hopes and aspirations*', will speak to the deep desires among Australian Catholics for a fresh vision and new directions. A momentum is building but it needs encouragement and support.

Your help is crucial as we reach out to all Catholics, especially those who are just hanging on, are on the edge or have already detached themselves, to reshape our Church as a life-enhancing community of the followers of Jesus. Further details are provided in the attached flyer and information pages.

If you are able, we would love it if you could provide some sponsorship to help us achieve our mission. Your support will be recognised in our publicity material.

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Thank you in anticipation.

Be blessed.

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Peter Johnstone

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Date

^ ACCCR fosters collaboration and support among 19 member groups, to disseminate messages of hope and opportunity for the future of the Catholic Church. Member groups are united in the call for renewal in the Church.