

who for?

This conference is for people who are interested in the new evangelisation in parishes. It is for those who are already actively engaged and those who desire to be part of the new evangelisation.

It is for those who are passionate about sharing faith through witness, proclamation and service to others. **PROCLAIM 2014** is for clergy, religious, diocesan and parish staff and volunteers; married and single people, young and old.

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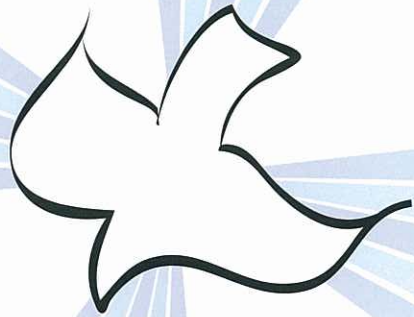
PROCLAIM 2014

*Living the Joy of
the Gospel in Parishes*

21-23 AUGUST 2014

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when?

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where?

THE CONCOURSE, CHATSWOOD
(business district in northern Sydney)

keynote speakers

FR MICHAEL WHITE & TOM CORCORAN

Authors of the book *Rebuilt Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, Making Church Matter*. Over a number of years these two men have worked together to rebuild the parish of Church of the Nativity, at Timonium, North Baltimore (USA). In *Rebuilt* they share what they learnt along the way: successes and failures.



During Fr White's tenure as pastor at Church of the Nativity, the church has almost tripled in weekend attendance from 1,400 to over 4,000. More importantly, the commitment to the mission of the Church has grown, evidenced by the significant increase of giving and service in ministry.



Tom Corcoran has served Church of the Nativity in a variety of roles that give him a unique perspective on parish ministry and leadership. He currently serves in the position of associate to the pastor and is responsible for weekend message development, strategic planning, and staff development.

www.rebuiltparish.com

"Whatever kind of parish you're in, whatever style of Church you're leading, whatever the culture of your community, you can grow a healthy parish." (*Rebuilt*, Preface, pxviii)

why?

PROCLAIM 2014 is about helping Catholics respond to the call to engage in the new evangelisation. It is about helping to build parishes as faith communities, full of disciples and missionary in outlook.

PROCLAIM 2014 draws upon *Evangelii Gaudium* and has as its theme 'Living the Joy of the Gospel in Parishes'. Over three days participants will be encouraged to Awaken to the Challenges facing the Church, Live their Missionary Call and Transform the Parish. The aim of PROCLAIM 2014 is to equip Catholics with an understanding of the new evangelisation and empower them to build parishes that can evangelise effectively in today's world.

PROCLAIM 2014 keynote speakers Fr Michael White & Tom Corcoran have successfully responded to the call to evangelisation and through their missionary efforts rebuilt their dying Parish in North Baltimore (U.S.A).

Complementing the keynote addresses specialists in a wide variety of fields from all over Australia will conduct practical workshops specifically designed to build evangelising parishes.

The structure of the conference allows for participants to network extensively with leaders in parish communities, members of groups and movements, personnel from diocesan agencies and to share practical ideas for making healthy and evangelising parishes.

For Pope Francis, in *Evangelii Gaudium* (EG) "parishes play an essential role in evangelisation" (n28). **PROCLAIM 2014** is also responding to this call from the Pope "to review and renew our parishes . . . to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented." (n28)

AWAKEN to the Challenges

LIVE the Missionary Call

TRANSFORM the Parish