



Biennial Conference

Canberra, in the year of the Centennial
Celebrations of the National Capital.

19 to 22 September 2013.

'Go and make disciples of all the nations' Matt 28:19

PROGRAM

Hosted by the Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish,
37 Boddington Street, Kambah A.C.T. 2902

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| | | IN THE PARISH CENTRE |
| Thurs 19 | | |
| | 15.00>17.00 | Registration |
| | 17.00 | Welcome Deacon Mark Powell, NAD Chair. Housekeeping. |
| | 17.30>17.55 | Evening Prayer. Canberra Deacons. |
| | 18.00>19.30 | Welcome, Drinks & Nibbles Dr. Brendan Nelson, Director of the Australian War Memorial, and Nuncio His Excellency Paul Gallagher. Introduction to the NAD executive. |
| | 19.30> 21.30 | Soiree – informal gathering. |

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| Friday 20 | | IN THE PARISH CENTRE |
| | 08.30 | Morning Prayer. Sydney Deacons |
| | 09.00>09.20 | Welcome and Introduction to our guest presenters. |

THEME: THE FUTURE: POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR A NEW EVANGELIZATION - POSSIBILITIES FOR THE DEACONS OF THE CHURCH.

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| 09.30>10.20 | Presentation 1: Rev Deacon Bill Ditewig PhD. |
| 10.30>10.55 | Morning break. |
| 11.00>11.50 | Small Group Discussion + Q & A. Workshops Prepare for Mass in the Parish Church. |
| 12.00>12.45 | Conference Opening Mass – Fr Elio Capra SDB. 2 Deacons to minister at the altar. |
| 12.30>13.30 | Lunch. |

THEME: “PREACH WITH THE POWERFUL BREATH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WITH COURAGE.” Pope Francis.

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| 13.45>14.30 | Presentation 2: Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB |
| 14.40>15.40 | Small Group Discussions + Q & A includes Break. |

THEME: “JOYFULLY WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL, FULLY AND WITH SIMPLICITY.”

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| 16.00>16.50 | Presentation 3: Rev Deacon Bill Ditewig PhD. |
| 17.00>17.30 | Evening Prayer. Melbourne Deacons. |
| 18.00>19.00 | Evening Meal. Barbque. |

THEME: EXPERIENCES, GROWTH, REFLECTIONS AND THE FUTURE.

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| 19.10>20.00 | Presentation 4: 2/3 deacons tell about their ministry. |
| 20.00>21.30 | Soiree – informal gathering. |

Saturday 21

08.30 Morning Prayer. Perth Deacons

THEME: WORLD HISTORY OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE: DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING SINCE THE 70'S. 'WELCOME POPE FRANCIS THE DEACON.' WD March 2013

09.00>09.50 **Presentation 5:** Rev Deacon Bill Ditewig, PhD.

10.00>10.55 Morning Break.

THEME: THE CHURCH TODAY: WOMEN IN MINISTRY – THE FAMILY – THE ESSENTIAL ESSENCE OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY.

11.00>11.45 **Presentation 6:** Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB

12.30>16.30 Tour of Canberra city. Pre-ordered Boxed lunches.

19.00>22.30 **Conference Dinner** – Buffet in the School.

THEME: MY JESUIT JOURNEY WITH THE LORD & POPE FRANCIS SJ!

Key-Note Speaker Dr. Peter L'Estrange SJ AO.

Sunday 22

08.30 Morning Prayer. Tasmanian Deacons.

THEME: OBEDIENCE, FLEXIBILITY, ADAPTING AND RESPECT IN THE DIACONAL MINISTRY.

09.00>09.50 **Presentation 7:** Rev Deacon Bill Ditewig PhD

10.00>10.15 Morning break.

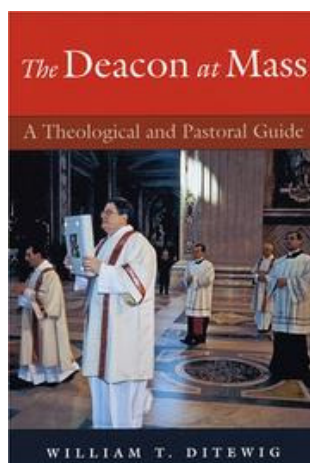
THEME: SUMMARY – WRAPPING IT UP – FEEDBACK – CONSIDATION – BIG THANK YOU – LOCATION FOR THE 2015 CONFERENCE ETC.

10.15>10.50 **Presentation 8:** Deacon Mick to co-ordinate.

11.00>12.00 **Farewell Mass** celebrated by the Nuncio.
2 Deacons minister at the altar.

12.30 Light lunch - pre ordered by participants.

Transport to the airport – pre-booked by participants – see the mini bus schedule



Rev. Deacon William T. Ditewig, Ph.D. Dean's Executive Professor of Theology, Santa Clara University, and former executive director of the Secretariat for the Diaconate for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops headquartered in Washington, D.C., he has also written several books and articles and is a noted authority on the modern-day diaconate.

Rev. Father Elio Capra sdb BTheol (MCD) MTheol (Berkley) MTheol (MCD) DTheol (MCD): Lecturer: Department of Systematic Theology; Department of Pastoral and General Studies. Elio is a member of the Department of Systematic Theology and Department of Pastoral and General Studies. He lectures in Liturgy and Sacramental Theology. He is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco (sdb).

Rev. Father. Peter L'Estrange SJ, BA Dip Ed BD MCD DPhil Oxford, Rector 1991-2008, was created an Officer of the Order of Australia "for service to higher education and to the community through the Catholic Church as an administrator and academic." He has recently returned from the Georgetown University in Washington, Assistant to the President. He is now appointed to the Yarralumla Parish in Canberra.

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