

## Public lecture to explore the growing phenomenon of lay ecclesial ministry

Ms Julie Trinidad will present the Adelaide Annual Public Lecture at Australian Catholic University (ACU) on Thursday 20 September.

Ms Trinidad is a member of the Staff Spiritual and Religious Formation Team at Catholic Education South Australia, a Ministry Formation Program Coordinator and Coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Adelaide, and a lecturer in Catholic Studies at the School of Education at the University of South Australia.

The public talk titled 'The Holy Spirit and lay ecclesial ministry' will explore the growing phenomenon of lay ecclesial ministry as a hope-filled work of the Spirit leading the Church into deeper reception of conciliar renewal in consideration for the upcoming Plenary Council.

The Plenary Council's consideration of future directions for the Church in Australia will have implications for the development of ecclesial ministry models. The experience of lay ecclesial ministry points to the future of how emerging models might look and function.

Drawing on the theology of the Spirit of German theologian Walter Kasper, the lecture will propose a number of implications for deeper reception of lay ecclesial ministry in and for the life and mission of the Catholic Church in Australia.

National Head of School of Theology at ACU Associate Professor Stephen Downs said the public lecture was part of an annual program of courses and events to present issues in contemporary theology to a broad audience in the Adelaide community.

"The public can expect to learn contemporary theology of the Holy Spirit and its implications for lay ecclesial ministry - how it might look and function in the Church today and into the future," Associate Professor Downs said.

"A broad and general audience will benefit from attending - all those interested in lay ecclesial ministry and the future of the Church in Australia. The lecture will of course be of particular interest to those engaged in church ministry, lay or ordained."

### Adelaide Annual Public Lecture details

**Event:** 'The Holy Spirit and lay ecclesial ministry'

**Venue:** Australian Catholic University, CEO Conference Centre Rooms 7 & 8, 116 George Street, Thebarton

**Date:** Thursday 20 September, 7.30-9pm

**Cost:** Free to attend

**Registrations:** by Monday 17 September

For more information and registration details visit: <http://www.acu.edu.au/ftplectures>

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