

## Join the Conversation on Women in the Church

The Most Rev Mark Coleridge Archbishop of Brisbane will join leading academics and experts to present a Short Course on “Women in the Church: Re-exploring Scripture, Tradition, Canon Law and History” at the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Leadership Centre in Brisbane from Wednesday 17 July.

The short course has been designed to help the general public learn more about the presence and participation of women in the Church and the nature and significance of such participation across different areas of church life. It was developed as a response and follow up to the “Catholic Women speak about Leadership in the Church” event in Brisbane last December.

ACU short courses deliver the opportunity to explore Christian faith and theology without committing to a full degree. Individuals teaching religious education or working in a Catholic school have the opportunity to gain hours towards their professional development accreditation.

Director of the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation Dr Maeve Heaney VDMF said the short course will provide a space for a theologically informed conversation about women in leadership in ecclesial communities and organisations, informed by an exploration of the theme in the Scriptures, the history of the church, canon law and relevant theological contributions.

“It is a delight to open up spaces for informed conversation between women and men who are interested in collaborating and building up the Church into the future. I am confident each session will be spiritually and intellectually stimulating and challenging,” said Dr Heaney.

Leading scholars and experts who will present at the Brisbane short course will include Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archdiocese of Brisbane), Dr Jo Laffin (ACU), Rev Dr Ian Waters (Catholic Theological College), Dr Patricia Fox RSM (Flinders School of Theology).

Topics that will be explored include *Women in Scripture*, *Women in Australian Church History*, *Women and Canon Law and Women and Theology – Key to a Future*.

This short course is approved for 4.5 hours for Accreditation to teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools (weeks 1, 2 and 4) and 6 hours for Accreditation to teach in a Catholic School (Archdiocese of Brisbane).

If you are attending this course for accreditation purposes, a Certificate of Participation is required.

### Course details

**Event:** Women in the Church: Re-exploring Scripture, Tradition, Canon Law and History

**Venue:** ACU Leadership Centre, Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

**Date:** Wednesdays 17, 24, 31 July and 7 August, 6-8pm

**Cost:** Cost including a Certificate of Participation is \$100; attendance only is \$50

**Registrations:** Registrations close on 12 July

For more information and registration details visit: [www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane](http://www.acu.edu.au/short-courses-brisbane)

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