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Australian Educational Leaders Gather with one of the World's Eminent Theologians

A group of Australian Catholic educational leaders have had the great privilege to meet and dialogue with Fr Gustavo Gutierrez, champion of the poor and the “Father of Liberation Theology”.

These leaders are currently in Lima, Peru, for the International Edmund Rice Leadership Symposium. This gathering has delegates from 15 different countries, all leaders who work in Christian Brother and Edmund Rice schools.

Fr Gustavo Gutierrez is a living treasure of the Church and graced the gathering with his teachings on the primacy of a preferential option for the poor in Christian ministry, a generous vision of who is our neighbour and service to others as authentic worship of God. He spoke of the poor and excluded; the non-persons of the world. The gathering was thrilled and challenged by this humble 92-year-old legend of the Church and champion of the poor.

Others presenters during the Symposium include Dr Wayne Tinsey (A Spirituality of Mission and Charism Leadership), Sr Katty Huanuco (Ecological and Justice Leadership), Dr Mick Bezzina (Ethical Leadership) and Dr Fiorella de Ferrari (Innovative Educational Leadership).

The Symposium is being facilitated by Ray Paxton (Australia), Dr Aiveen Mullally (Ireland) and Br Hugo Caceres (Peru) and the delegates have the opportunity to experience the people, culture and schooling of Peru.

This Symposium is part of a series of professional and formation activities offered that enable Catholic educational leaders to engage with the global community and learn from, with and about each other and leadership in a Catholic context. It is coordinated by Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders (EREBS), an international network of over 280 schools from 25 different countries. Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) coordinates EREBS.

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