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Last chance to register for Australia's premier mission conference

Registrations close today for Australia's premier conference on mission, which will see some of the world's leading voices on mission and theology gather in Sydney next week.

Over 450 people are registered to attend the 'Mission: one heart, many voices' conference, a multi-sector dialogue on living the joy of the Gospel and leading mission.

The biennial conference will begin on Monday 15 May at the SMC Conference and Function Centre in Goulburn Street.

Bishop of Parramatta Vincent Long van Nguyen, Oxford University lecturer in mission Cathy Ross, CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia Father Frank Brennan and Vice-Chair of NATSICC Evelyn Parkin are among the keynote speakers at the three-day conference.

Lana Turvey-Collins, who will co-emcee the conference, says the 2017 event will look to challenge and inspire. 'The conference will focus on the key themes of reconciliation, mercy and leadership for mission with a view to building the kind of church of which Pope Francis speaks, both for now and the future.'

The immersive and comprehensive program includes six keynotes, five masterclasses, five facilitated conversations, thirty-five workshops and seminars, and ten experiences that creatively engage the heart in mission through the arts.

'Mission: one heart many voices is a fantastic professional development opportunity for leaders in mission across the health, education, social services and corporate sectors,' said Ms Turvey-Collins. 'It is a chance to learn from one another as well as from renowned experts in the field of mission.'

A special resource available for purchase at the conference will be the newly released *Francis Effect III: Mission of Love and Mercy*.

Published by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, who are jointly producing the conference, *The Francis Effect III* draws on recent teachings of Pope Francis following the Year of Mercy, including in his encyclical, *Amoris Laetitia*.

With registrations closing today, it is your last chance to secure a place at this unmissable conference for leaders of mission. **To register, visit mohmv.com.au today!**

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