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CENTRE FOR MISSIONARY LEADERSHIP

Calling All Laypeople with a Heart for Mission: Applications Are Now Open to Be Part of the Areté Centre's 2025 Cohort.

The Areté Centre is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2025 Foundations of Missionary Leadership program. This transformative course is designed to form and equip laypeople for the vital mission of the Church, contributing to the renewal of parishes and evangelising others. Participants will have the opportunity to discover and use their gifts to build up the kingdom of God in whatever setting they are in.

In 2025, the Foundations of Missionary Leadership program will celebrate its sixth year of student intakes. Over 200 laypeople from NSW, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and even New Zealand have undertaken this transformative journey of faith and formation. Many graduates have become influential ministry leaders, holding roles within the Sydney Archdiocese, Australian Catholic University (ACU), Sydney Catholic Schools, and various local parish and ministry settings.

Testimonies from graduates who have experienced the profound impact of the program:
"*Participating in the Areté program has instilled in me a refreshing sense of courage to step into ministry. The most significant breakthrough I've experienced is developing a deeper love and reliance on the Holy Spirit*". Andrew Condoleon, a graduate of the 2023 program and Parishioner at St Kevin's Eastwood.

"*The Areté program has transformed my whole life and helped me to fall in love with Jesus in a whole new way*". Ann Woodhouse, Family Educator Sydney Catholic Schools, and Faith Formation Coordinator, St Patrick's Sutherland.

Fr Chris Ryan, MGL who leads the program adds, *"This program goes beyond academics; it is also a journey of the heart that offers personal and spiritual growth. Students are equipped to be both disciples and leaders in the Church's evangelising mission."*

Study Options: The program offers two study options: The Areté Certificate, a valued internal award, and a Graduate Certificate through our partnership with the University of Notre Dame, Sydney.

How to Apply: With only 55 places available, spots are already starting to fill up. Prospective students are encouraged to apply early to secure their place. Applications will close on October 31. Interested individuals can apply online at our website, aretecentre.org, where they can also download the e-prospectus and find comprehensive information about the program and the Areté Centre for Missionary Leadership.

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