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The Sydney Campus of The University of Notre Dame Australia includes Schools of Philosophy and Theology, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Law, Medicine and Nursing. The University requires that all undergraduate students study Core units in Ethics, Philosophy and Theology. *The 17th ASEACCU Conference 2009* acknowledges the University's commitment to these disciplines and seeks to contribute towards ethical dialogue within the broader scholarly community.

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Theme

Building a Culture of Life: Catholic Higher Education and the Challenges of Bioethics.

Developments in bioethics and medical technology have major implications for our civil life. The Church provides a body of teaching and reflection which gives guidance for balancing progress with claims of faith and ethics.

This Conference investigates the impact on Catholic Higher Education of recent debates on law, medicine and ethics.

Daily Program

Thursday 27 August 2009

- 12.00pm** Arrival and registration of delegates and students at the Menzies Hotel. Students will be escorted to the YHA, Central Station
- 7.00pm** Gala Dinner

Friday 28 August - First Day of Conference

- 7:30am** Delegates transported to St Benedict's Church, The University of Notre Dame Australia
- 8:00am** Celebration of Mass: M.Rev. Julian Porteous, DD, Auxiliay Bishop of Sydney
- 9:00am** Delegates and students transported back to the Menzies Hotel
- 9:00am** Breakfast/Morning Tea
- 10:00am** **Associate Professor Bernadette Tobin, 'Traditions and the Critique of Consequentialist Bioethics'**
In main conference room
- 10:30am** Discussion groups
Students separate from delegates
- 11:30am** **Associate Professor Nicholas Tonti - Filippini, 'Challenging Secularism: Bioethics, Culture and Collaboration'**
In main conference room
- 12:00pm** Discussion groups
Students separate from delegates
- 12:45pm** Lunch
- 2:00pm** **Professor Patrick Moral, 'Respecting Difference While Advancing the Culture of Life'**
In main conference room
- 2:30pm** Discussion groups
Students separate from delegates
- 3:15pm** Afternoon Tea
- 3:30pm** **Dr Brigid McKenna, 'Culture of Life and the Mission of Catholic Higher Education'**
In main conference room
- 4:00pm** Discussion groups
Students integrated with delegates
- 5:00pm** First day of conference concludes
- 7:00pm** Dinner
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Daily Program

Saturday 29 August - Final Day of Conference

- 7:30am** Delegates transported to St Benedict's Church,
The University of Notre Dame Australia
- 8:00am** Celebration of Mass: M.Rev. Anthony Fisher OP
- 9:00am** Delegates and students transported back to the Menzies Hotel
- 9:00am** Breakfast/Morning tea
- 10:00am** **M.Rev. Anthony Fisher OP, 'Is Bioethics an American Plot?'**
In main conference room
- 11:00am** Discussion groups
Students integrated with delegates
- 12:30pm** Lunch at the Menzies Hotel
- 1:30pm** Koala Park and Northern Beaches visit - **Academic Delegates**
Iconic Australian experience. Hold a koala, see sheep shearing demonstration
and tour the spectacular New South Wales coast line.
- 1:30pm** Bondi to Coogee walk - **Student Delegates**
Enjoy a popular Sydney coastal walk offering beautiful coastline vistas and
spectacular views over Sydney's famous Bondi surf beach.
Attend an Australian Football League match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.
- 6:00pm** Delegates and students arrive back at the Menzies Hotel
- 7:00pm** Dinner

Sunday 30 August

- 7:30am** Delegates transported to St Benedict's Church,
The University of Notre Dame Australia
- 8:30am** Celebration of Mass
- 9:00am** Delegates and students transported back to the Menzies Hotel
- 9:30am** Breakfast/Morning tea
- 10.30am** Conference concludes
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Our Speakers



Associate Professor Bernadette Tobin

Bernadette Tobin, PhD is Director of the Plunkett Centre for Ethics at St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, and Reader in Philosophy at The Australian Catholic University. She is Conjoint Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Sydney, Conjoint Associate Professor in the School of Medicine at the University of New South Wales and an Honorary Ethicist at the Children's Hospital at Westmead. She was a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee for nine years. She chaired the Drafting Group responsible for the Code of Ethics for Catholic Health and Aged Care Services in Australia which was published in 2001. Her research interests are in ethics and religious belief.



Dr Patrick Gerard Lopez Moral

Patrick Moral, MD, FPCP, FPCCP, FPSSM is a Professor of Bioethics and Secretary of the Department of Bioethics and Internal Medicine at The University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. He is also the Director of Continuing Medical Education and Head of the Sleep and Snore Diagnostic Treatment Unit at the Centre for Respiratory Medicine, University of Santo Tomas. Dr Moral has done extensive study into Sleep Disorders and Pulmonary Function.



Dr Brigid McKenna

Dr Brigid McKenna is the Policy Officer at the Life, Marriage and Family Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney. She is also a Lecturer, School of Philosophy and Theology, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney). She has degrees in medicine (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor Surgery, University of Tasmania, 1995) and bioethics (Master of Bioethics, John Paul II Institute, Melbourne, 2005). After working as a doctor in hospitals in Tasmania and Victoria, she moved to Sydney in 2004 to take up the newly established position of executive officer for the Life Office in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

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Bishop Anthony Fisher OP

Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, DD, BA (Hons), LLB, BTheol (Hons), DPhil, is a friar of the Order of Preachers ('Dominicans') and Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney.

After completing degrees in History and Law he entered the Dominican Order and studied for the priesthood in Melbourne, receiving an honours degree in theology. Bishop Fisher undertook doctoral studies in bioethics at the University of Oxford until 1995. His academic life has included lecturing in several countries and extensively throughout Australia, and publishing many books and articles on bioethics and morality. From 1995 to 2000 he was a lecturer in the Australian Catholic University in Melbourne.

From 2000 to 2003 he was the foundation director of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family. Bishop Fisher is a Professor of Bioethics and Moral Theology in the Institute. He is also Deputy-Chancellor of the Catholic Institute of Sydney and Adjunct Professor of Bioethics at The University of Notre Dame Australia.



Associate Professor Nicholas Tonti-Filippini

Nicholas Tonti – Filippini BA (Hons) MA (Monash) PhD (Melb) is Associate Dean of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family (Melbourne) where he is also Head of the Bioethics Faculty. He is a philosopher by training who specialises in ethics and political philosophy, is a private consultant in medical ethics and has an international reputation in that field. For the past five years he has been a member of the Australian Health Ethics Committee and several other NHMRC committees. He is also a member of the Ethics Panel for the Victorian Infertility Treatment Authority, a weekly columnist for the Australian Newspaper Magazine "Modern Dilemmas" since 2004, and jointly chairs the Ad Hoc Interfaith Committee on Social Issues. During the period 1982 – 1990, he was Australia's first Hospital Ethicist and Director of Bioethics at St Vincent's, Melbourne.



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