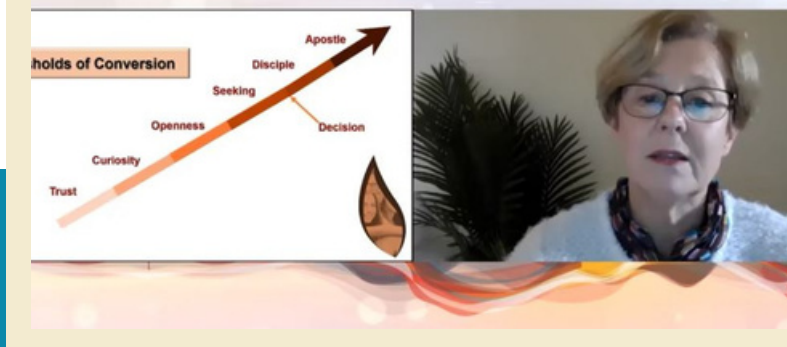
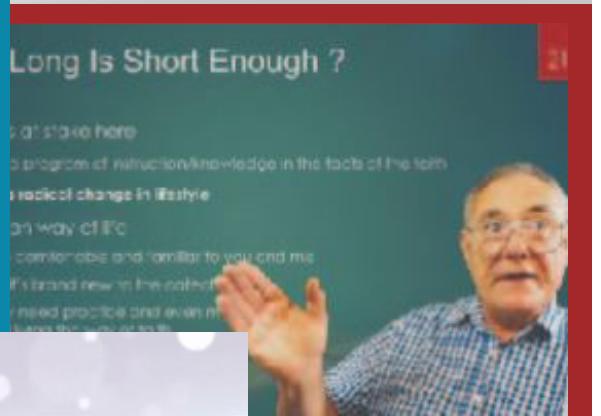


# Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be



Virtual Conference  
26th - 28th May 2022

Workshop Presenter Information &  
Expression of Interest



# WELCOME

Alive in the Spirit is born of the desire to offer new vision, new energy and new life to the Catholic Church the Oceania region, including Australia and New Zealand. Our Conferences offer a next-level experience as we strive to be in step with the Holy Spirit, and respond to the signs of the times.

The Pastoral Ministry Network is excited to host the Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference on 26th - 28th May 2022.

***We anticipate over 1000 attendees, 30 national and international presenters, and exhibition opportunities for sponsors and partners. This is an invaluable opportunity to build awareness and support for passionate people committed to ministry within the Catholic Church across the Oceania region.***

We are looking for Expressions of Interest from facilitators who have practical experience in a variety of areas in Pastoral Ministry across the Catholic Church in Australia, New Zealand and Oceania. The workshops will be pre-recorded and offered at the Conference and in the months following. If you are interested in connecting with others in ministry and sharing your knowledge and experience, we would love to hear from you!

The following pages offer guidelines and information about the Conference and workshop preparation.

On behalf of the entire Alive in the Spirit team, I look forward to working with you to what's shaping up to be a most dynamic Alive in the Spirit Virtual Event.

**Lisa Bright**

CONFERENCE CONVENER



# ABOUT *Alive in the Spirit*

## 2021 - A Unique and Engaging Experience

Alive in the Spirit launched in 2021 as a virtual conference and has grown into a vibrant networking community. Participants continued to engage with the 2021 material via the Alive in the Spirit site

The Conference consisted of:

- 30+ keynotes and workshops
- Prayer Spaces
- Live hub with regular check ins by Conference emcees
- Follow up sessions with workshop presenters
- Interactive sessions for participants to network and share wisdom
- Regular Newsletters, updates and social media presence
- Community Kit for local community gatherings

## A Homegrown Response to Ministry Needs

The Catholic Church collectively is one of the largest employers in the Oceania region alone with over 180,000 employees engaged in diocesan and parish administration, pastoral care and the provision of education, health, aged care, welfare and community services. An even larger number of people engage as volunteers.

This homegrown Conference invites people to consider the local context within our Church, and presents us with an opportunity to open our hearts and minds to act upon what the Spirit is asking of us at this time in the Oceania region, enabling us to be the community Christ calls us to be.

Our conference offers a fantastic opportunity for practical information and networking with others in pastoral ministry with high quality speakers, easy to use interface and an enjoyable and engaging virtual experience. It attracts many key stakeholders from a range of Catholic mission areas in the Oceania Region, offering our sponsors strong brand exposure, marketing opportunities and sales leads.

## Our Story and Proud History

The Pastoral Ministry Network has a rich 25 year history, supporting ministry and leadership within the Catholic Church. From our beginnings as the NSW Association of Pastors, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Workers (NAPPA), our network has provided a forum for the encouragement and development of collaborative ministry and leadership among all those involved in Catholic Pastoral Ministry – lay, ordained and religious.

Our members are drawn from parishes, dioceses, education, health, aged care, social services, youth movements, family groups and individuals desiring renewal in our church today as we cooperate with the Holy Spirit in becoming Christ's disciples for the sake of the mission. Visit [www.pastoralministrynetwork.org](http://www.pastoralministrynetwork.org) for a complete story.



# THEME

## *Alive in the Spirit*

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

- **"Alive in the Spirit":**
  - A "knowing Spirit" is present in many areas of life and has been for millions of years. The theme underlines the conviction that this Spirit exists - however it is understood - and continues to be alive and present in our lives and communities.
  - The Spirit is not a stagnant force and we are called and gifted with many gifts of the Spirit to bring them to life and be stewards of those gifts for the glory of God in this world.
  - In this time of the Synod on Synodality and the Plenary Council in Australia, people are called to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying". The Spirit is Alive through the many voices in our Church domestically and universally and the Alive in the Spirit Conference gives space for a collective wisdom to be shared amongst the People of God.
- **"Becoming the Community Christ Calls us to Be":**
  - We are invited to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying". The Spirit speaks not only once, but is forever asking us to listen and respond in a way to be the community that Christ Calls us to be.
  - A community is never perfect and with changing leadership, culture and environment, communities are always striving to renew and reform while remaining authentic to the heart of their Catholic Faith.
  - The voices of the Conference invite us to share in their lived experience through networking and workshops.



# Conference Prayer

## Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

Creator God,  
Animated, we live by Your Spirit.  
Let us keep in step with Your Spirit,  
Alive in Christ Jesus,  
Alive in us,  
Alive in our faith communities,  
Alive in the Spirit.  
Filled with that Spirit,  
We can do all things in Christ.  
Called... Blessed...  
Broken... Restored.  
Given for the world,  
Your Spirit can do for us  
What we cannot do for ourselves.

Pour into us  
And our faith communities,  
New vision, new energy, new life, new spirit,  
Passionate in our care for one another  
and for all creation.  
Animated, we live by Your Spirit.  
With open minds and hearts,  
Let us keep in step with Your Spirit.  
With, in and through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

# WORKSHOP INFORMATION

## Invitation and Process for Workshop Applicants

You are invited to complete an Expression of Interest form to present a workshop at the Alive in the Spirit Conference 2022 at **your earliest convenience**.

Workshop Presenters are strongly encouraged to engage with the Conference theme during their workshop.

Please note there will be a limited number of workshops offered. The Alive in the Spirit Team will begin to confirm the list of workshop presenters from **7th March 2022** and you will be advised accordingly via the email address you included in your expression of interest.

Upon confirmation, workshop presenters will be invited to prepare a pre-recorded, 30 minute video to be available during the Conference. This pre-recorded workshop will be required by the **27th April 2022**. Information about workshop recordings will be sent to presenters upon confirmation.

The workshop presenter will be invited to record one topic only, unless otherwise agreed.

The workshop presenter may record via the following modes:

- Self-recording based on the minimum recording requirements to be provided on confirmation. Videos to be recorded via Video Conferencing software (e.g., Zoom), Smart Phone, tablet or video recorder/DSLR camera. If you are able to provide the raw footage, our team will be able to edit the material.
- An Alive in the Spirit recording team to record the presenter.
- An audio recording.

## Registration and Fees

Workshop presenters will cover the cost of their recording if preparing the recording themselves.

If an Alive in the Spirit team is recording, the recording will take place in a location suitable for both the recording team and the workshop presenter. The cost of the Alive in the Spirit recording team will be covered by the Alive in the Spirit Conference. The cost of travel of the workshop presenter to the recording location will be at the cost of the workshop presenter.

Workshop Presenters who are members of the Pastoral Ministry Network will receive a complimentary individual registration for the Alive in the Spirit Virtual Conference.

# Workshop Information

## Public Material

All presenters are responsible to obtain permission before using any copyrighted material in presentations.

Workshop presenters are asked to send through a headshot, a biography (100 words) and a workshop description (100 words) for use on the Conference website. This is done via the Expression of Interest Form <https://tinyurl.com/AITSEOI22>.

Workshop Presenters give permission for their recording to be placed on the Alive in the Spirit website for the life of the 2022 Conference site.

Workshops will be available on the Alive in the Spirit Conference platform for one (1) month after the Conference. After that time, your workshop will be permanently housed in the Pastoral Ministry Network resource library for Pastoral Ministry Network members to access. If you do not give permission for this please indicate accordingly in the expression of interest form.

This workshop remains the property of the workshop presenter and after the Conference will not be stored, reproduced or sold without expressed permission from the workshop presenter as per the expression of interest form.

## Resources

All video presentations will include Alive in the Spirit branding when placed on the Alive in the Spirit website.

Each presenter will be provided with a slide template with the Alive in the Spirit logo. Workshop presenters are invited to use these slides for their presentations.

## Sponsorship & Virtual Exhibitor Opportunities

Workshop Presentations are pre-recorded and are available for a time after the Conference to enable participants to enjoy and share the presentations with their communities over a longer period of time. Keynotes and Workshop Presentations are able to be sponsored with promotional benefits for your organisation. To support the sponsorship of via this avenue, please contact Lisa at [info@aliveinthespirit.com.au](mailto:info@aliveinthespirit.com.au) for a Sponsorship and Virtual Exhibitor Prospectus.

## Expression of Interest

If you are interested in presenting a workshop at the Alive in the Spirit Conference, please submit an Expression of Interest Form at <https://tinyurl.com/AITSEOI22>

# PRINCIPLES

Our Network encourages presentations to engage in person-centred, adult learning principles, and offers examples of how these principles can be applied. The examples may be offered via different processes including prompting questions with pauses for personal reflection, one-to-one/small group discussion, or structured worksheets.

**Self-direction and motivation:** Identifying the participant's passion, curiosity and values underlying engagement in the presentation. Example: Why choose this topic? What is your passion in this area?

**Engaging with transformational life experience:** Relating content to the experience of pastoral ministry (parish, education, health, etc.) and with the experience of adults in single and family life, juggling work & social interactions, health issues, and financial stresses. Also, identifying underlying biases or outdated, incorrect or incomplete information on the part of the learner. Example: What surprises you? What challenges you? Share an example of a time you came to a new awareness.

**Focus on achieving goals:** Offering clear tools and information to ground learning in results, whether personal or professional. Example: What is one personal hope you have for this session? What is one goal you seek to achieve for your own ministry/work?

**Keeping it Relevant:** Clearly identifying the relevance of the presentation for the learner, in both short and longer term. Example: The core skills we will be covering...Benefits include...

**Keeping it Practical:** There is a desire for immediate application of knowledge. This is aided by down-to-earth examples, using real-life experiences and challenges enabling learners to engage with their own experience and knowledge. Example: Let's pause to consider how this skill can be applied in your own situation... This worksheet is available after the session for you to develop a course of action...

**Role Modelling:** Experienced role models offer inspiration and guidance, so presenters are encouraged to offer relevant examples from their own life journey, and how they have transformed their approaches and beliefs through personal successes and failures.

**Creative Mediums:** Moving beyond a lecture-style format to a range of mediums to assist in the many ways adults appropriate content. Example: Music, video, roleplay, game, brainstorming, encouraging use of Pastoral Ministry Network's forum for post-presentation discussion.

**Empowerment:** Self-directed learning enables participants to explore a topic at greater depth through a variety of avenues. Example: providing links to ministries, pastoral settings or resources.



# CONTENT ELEMENTS

The Pastoral Ministry Network is a Catholic body and seeks to ensure all its presentations are grounded within the Catholic ethos and the mission to evangelise. The following elements offer a summary of the characteristics of formation drawn from the Directory for Catechesis (2020, 164-178). Given the breadth of pastoral ministry, not all the elements may be applicable for a presentation. However, where possible, presentations are asked to integrate the elements.

The catechetical journey is bound up with its tasks which are enumerated by the directory and wrapped in its ultimate goal which is to know Christ and have a living encounter with Him.

These are:

- Christ is the way that leads to the **mystery of God as Trinity**, and the person as a relational being and in communion with both God and others.
- The **person of Jesus Christ**, living, present, and active, is central to all catechesis.
- The **paschal mystery and salvation history**, particularly through the power of the Holy Spirit, is always active, offering hope to the whole world, in relation to the life, truth and dignity of the person, taking into account “the complexity of the contemporary world and the intimate connection that exists between culture, politics, economics, work, environment, quality of life, poverty, social disorder and war” (173) with a commitment to justice and liberation of all.
- The **primacy of grace and beauty**, recognising God takes the initiative, and invites real collaboration with God’s grace and in the service of mission, and that life in Christ is also “something beautiful, capable of filling life with new splendour and profound joy even in the midst of difficulties.” (175)
- **Living in the Church and as the Church**, grounding the mystery of communion not only in God but also in the community of believers through the work of the Spirit.
- **The integrity of the message of faith**, including the principle of the hierarchy of truths.

**Where possible, presentations are asked to draw upon and/or amplify:**

- Scripture and the Church’s living Tradition (including through the creed, the catechism, the magisterium, the lives of saints)
- The liturgical life of the Church, particularly the mystery of the Eucharist
- Contemporary Theology
- Christian life and culture, showing forth the dignity of human life
- The exploration of what is beautiful, good and true in our world
- The life of prayer and how to have a personal relationship with Christ through prayer grounded in the Trinity and community.
- The experience of community life, calling to deeper solidarity and justice with humanity and creation.

# 2021 OVERVIEW

## Engagement

- 899 registrations. Some of these registrations are for couples, and for small groups. Therefore, total engagement is well over 1000 participants.
- 45 group registrations representing - in many cases - whole community engagement, enabling larger groups to gather.
- 652 Female; 247 Male
- 56 Ordained, 843 lay (including religious). Note that this is based on those who identified as being ordained.
- 31 Dioceses, and some other organisations at regional, state or national level.

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(inc. religious)

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DIOCESES

## Participant Feedback

Workshop presenters speak with so much passion about their topics. I have a strong sense that we are the church and we can make church happen wherever we are if we work together and allow the Spirit to work in our midst.

Antoinette Mangion

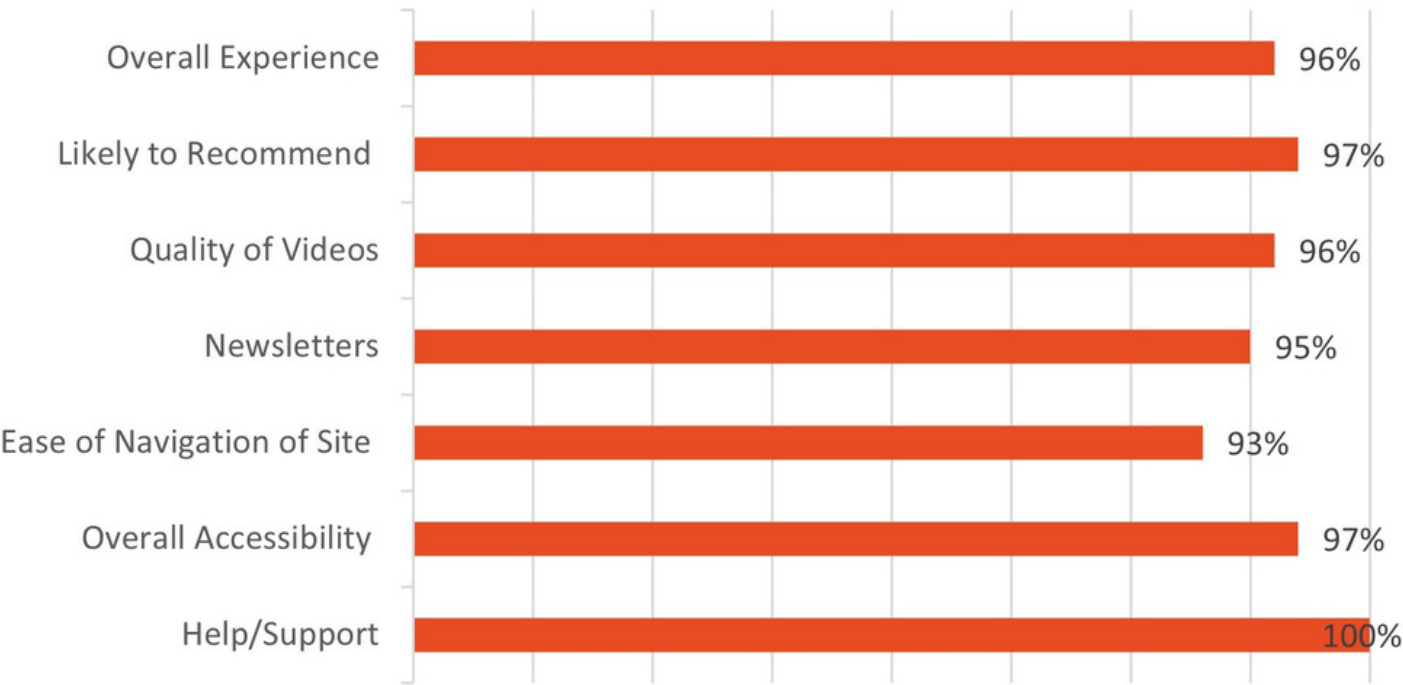
Alive in the Spirit is extremely helpful. It is so life-giving and truly brings alive the Beatitudes. The keynote speakers have their finger on the pulse and the workshops offer such a variety of topics that are so relevant.

Corona Rose Gainford

"Alive in the Spirit" enlivens my spirit. It takes a community to bring a parish together. The insight, knowledge and inspiration shared in this space has the potential to help many parishes and ministries.

Mary Lozina

## Post-Conference Survey of Participants



## Participant Feedback

If you need to feel the Spirit alive in the Catholic church today, then register! The keynotes are inspirational, personal and challenging. Filled with the Spirit of God! You will be renewed, inspired and challenged to continue your journey in faith.

Angela Gorman

There is plenty of material here for personal growth and reflection, as well as for sharing in small faith groups. The keynote speakers address the big picture, locating us in a challenging time and place, while the excellent workshops address areas of specific ministry in helpful and practical ways. An energising and hope-filled experience I highly recommend.

Patricia Gemmell

The experience of Alive in the Spirit is like being on a pilgrimage, a journey as an individual as well as with members of my faith community; it is somewhere to go, to look forward to and connect, be refreshed, informed and inspired.

Julie O'Keeffe

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