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## **2022 CONFERENCE & AWARDS NIGHT 2022** Witnesses of the Truth To Go To See To Share

### Wednesday 7 September & Thursday 8 September 2022 Melbourne Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne VIC 3002

'In order to tell the truth of life that becomes history, it is necessary to move beyond the complacent attitude that we "already know" certain things. Instead, we need to go and see them for ourselves, to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us. "Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things, so that when others read what you write, they too can touch first-hand the vibrant miracle of life". This was the advice that Blessed Manuel Lozano Garrido[1] offered to his fellow journalists. Pope Francis' World Communications Day Message, 2021.

After more than two years of COVID-19 lockdowns and following the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the 2022 Australasian Catholic Press Association Conference in Melbourne, Australia, puts forward the invitation to all Catholic journalists and communication professionals to 'Come and See', to be witnesses of the truth and to share this with others. The theme, derived from Pope Francis' 2021 World Communications Day Message, aims to serve as an inspiration for each of us to commit to being leaders in communication who strive to be clear and honest - whether that be through print, video, audio, social or political methods. The conference will look at how and where the Church can continue to announce the Gospel in new and concrete ways, while also exploring some of the challenges our Church faces. We also look at the role of Catholic communications in engaging our community in truth-telling, sharing of stories, and developing new ways forward in communications for the Church and her people.

Our venue for the 2022 conference is the Catholic Leadership Centre, located in the heart of East Melbourne, close to St Patrick's Cathedral. Our conference will include inspiring visits to the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre and the Mary Glowrey Museum, and includes plenty of opportunities to network with like-minded colleagues. We look forward to gathering together as Catholic communicators, as colleagues and as missionary disciples charged with spreading the good news in truth and with integrity.



#### Members are encouraged to book early! Early Bird Bookings close 5PM WST Friday 19 August 2022.

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