



concerned Catholics

of the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese

A response to the Royal Commission

PUBLIC FORUM

7:15pm for 7:30pm

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Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton, ACT

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Canberrans who venture out next Thursday night will hear some straight talking from inspired Catholic Church leaders about what the future holds for the Catholic Church in Australia in light of issues emerging from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

At the second public forum hosted by Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn, three speakers will share their insights into our current-day Church and their vision for the future.

Sr Ruth Durick heads up Catholic Religious Australia, the peak group which represents over 130 congregations of sisters, brothers and priests around the country.

Fr Peter Day is associate priest in Braidwood, Bungendore and Queanbeyan, and his insight led to the establishment of Home in Queanbeyan, the visionary project which opened seven years ago, providing 24-hour long-term care for 19 people who are living with chronic mental illness.

Dr John Falzon is an uncompromising advocate for the poor, speaking and writing on the structural causes of inequality in Australia. He heads up Vinnies nationally. He is also a poet.

Professor John Warhurst chairs Concerned Catholics and will host the evening.

"It's around three months since our first public forum and a lot has happened since then both locally and nationally," he said.

"I've had several meetings with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and I have spoken to other Church leaders around the country.

"I am hopeful we can make progress on some important issues. I look forward to providing an update next week," Professor Warhurst said.

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Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn is a group in the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocese concerned about a number of governance, cultural and structural issues arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. We seek an effective voice for lay people in the administration and direction of our church.

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