

# Alive in the Spirit

Being The Community Christ Calls Us To Be

## What Does God Require of You in 2022? Find Out!

Last year, over 1000 Australian & New Zealand Catholics in ministry participated in the Alive in the Spirit experience, and were inspired by many homegrown ideas, practical pathways and opportunities to renew and revitalise our pastoral settings.

In 2022, Alive in the Spirit returns, with this year's theme: "What does God require of us: To Act Justly, To Love Mercy & To Walk Humbly" (Micah 6:8). This interactive online pastoral experience offers both individuals and groups a variety of ways to flexibly engage including both one-month and 12-month options.

As conference convener, Lisa Bright explains, "The online environment offers a creativity in how we engage. We know people in pastoral settings have crazy schedules. So, while there is a three-day intensive, we are opening Alive in the Spirit to a space that is accessible over a longer period."

This option is attractive to many in parishes. Carmel Fenton, a conference committee member, says, "People want choice. Pastoral councils can meet maybe four times in June, or a faith group or prayer group or catechist team can gather a few times over four weeks, like a Lenten group, and experience the keynotes that way. I think people really appreciate that they don't have to try and squeeze it all into three days."

With parishes and dioceses hungering for fresh hope, new ideas, and positive stories and models of practice in service of Christ's mission, Alive in the Spirit delivers with over thirty presentations from Australian and NZ based practitioners, balancing on-screen input with time for off-screen prayer, reflection and a call to action. There is time for networking with participants and guides are available to accompany either an individual or group three-day intensive or a one-month engagement.

Keynote presenters include Dr Christina Kheng, a Singaporean pastoral theologian and planning consultant for the Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific; Dr Maeve Heaney, Director of the Xavier Centre for Theological Formation at ACU; Luke Tobin, Mission Formation Educator, Catholic Mission; and Dr Dan Ebener, United States leading Author and Lecturer in the space of leadership and organisational change. Each presenter explores an element of Micah's theme.

Our Catholic Church offers so much richness, and Alive in the Spirit celebrates the good of who we are, while inviting us to continue to cooperate with the Holy Spirit as we engage with the Signs of the Times in our Oceania Region.

### More Information

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