

## **Staff Formation Workshops**

Spiritual Walk - Bernie Tolan	CST – CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME Pope Francis speaks of an "Integral Ecology" which focuses on our desire to care for our common home and to admire the beauty of creation. As we participate in this season of creation, this is an opportunity to reflect upon, acknowledge, and renew the many beautiful relationships of our common home.
Stewardship of Resources - Megan loannou and Paul Jans	Caritas describes the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of the Common Good as "The common good is reached when we work together to improve the wellbeing of people in our society and the wider world." This is an opportunity to engage in conversation about the work we do each day and what we do to be faithful to this principle.
The Francis Effect - Kim Hawkes and Bernadette Luckman	Pope Francis has been pope for over 8 years and he has been appealing to many people of good will who are concerned about human wellbeing. What do you know about Francis? What is the Francis effect? Why is justice a focus in his writings? In this session, we will engage in conversation about Francis and his style of leadership.
Exploring Human Dignity - Justin McInerney	This Exploring Human Dignity in Luke 6:6-11 and through the work of Caritas workshop applies the steps of Lectio Divina to the text from Luke; 'The Man with a withered hand'. Some theological insights are introduced in unpacking the story and this leads into some critical image analysis involving the work of Caritas sister agency in the UK CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).
Prayer and Adults - Jim Waight	In our work we are presented with many opportunities to facilitate prayer with adults. This may be at the beginning of professional learning opportunities we present to staff in schools, working on teams at inter-diocesan working parties for example, or facilitating prayer with CEB colleagues. In this workshop, participants will explore strategies and resources that may be used to provide meaningful prayer and reflection with adults. The connection between Catholic Social Teaching and the way and how of prayer will be foundational to this workshop.

Sport and Catholic Social Teaching - Tim O'Farrell	Where does Catholic Social teaching come into play within the sporting arena? You are encouraged to come to this session thinking of significant moments within sport that have led to change. This session is intended to provide the participants with the opportunity to reflect on the place of sport within Australian and international culture from the perspective of the Catholic tradition. Australians are passionate about their sport. Local sporting clubs are a nucleus around which a true community can grow up and flourish. Lifelong friendships are forged; young people learn skills and resilience; volunteers devote time and energy to their organisations. Sport brings people together. Sport also makes an essential contribution to our health and wellbeing, both physical and mental. Paradoxically, sport can also bring disillusionment instead of delight. Too often, we see violence on the field, on the sidelines or in the street; we see abuse of drugs and alcohol; we see racism and abuse or exploitation of women; and we see a growing potential for crime and corruption. This session invites us to explore how sport can help us celebrate sport's gifts and use them to bring about God's kingdom on Earth.
Music and Messages of Meaning - Matt Byrne	There are pieces of music and songs for all of us that bring meaning to our lives. Sometimes those songs magnify our beliefs. Like belief in a higher power, our ability to create and comprehend music is a defining feature of humanity. Although the world continues to evolve, religious institutions and predominant spiritual practices continue to be preserved through music. This session allows us to look at music of significance that support belief and bring meaning. Feel free to bring along a piece of music to share or just come along to talk about some artist whose life journey and spirituality comes through their music. Artists such as Paul Kelly, Johnny Cash, Vika and Linda Bull, Kanye Westyou name it – Let's explore music of significance together. Feel free to bring your air pods or ear phones!!
Art as a mirror to our world - Jo-Anne Bond	Art speaks to us in different ways at different times. We can view the same piece and see something different. With a faith lens, we may see the work of God in artistic representations. Art can reflect our world and experiences and our world often reflects the artistic in us.  What artworks reveal the brushstrokes of the Catholic social teaching principles? How does art speak to me and how do I find meaning within it? What do certain artworks evoke in me?  This session provides the chance to explore together artworks of significance, meaning and possibility. You are invited to bring along an example of art and share how it reflects a part of you.