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**Media Release: Australian Catholics offers online formation opportunity for Catholic educators**

**Bringing faith to life – An online conversation with Dr Richard Rymarz – 13 October 2021**

*Australian Catholics*, in association with Broken Bay Institute, presents an exclusive Q&A session with Richard Rymarz, Head of Religious Education and Director of Research at BBI – The Australian Institute of Theological Education.

The conversation will be open to all Education Hub members.

Born in Melbourne, Richard was the inaugural Peter and Doris Kule Chair in Catholic Religious Education, St Joseph's College, University of Alberta. In addition he serves as the Director of Graduate Programs in Religious Education at Newman Theological Seminary in Edmonton.

Before his move to Canada, he worked at the Australian Catholic University where he continues as Visiting Research Professor. Richard also spent 12 years as a RE teacher at secondary Catholic schools in Melbourne. He is also an Honorary Research Fellow at both the University of Divinity and the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Professor Rymarz holds doctoral degrees in both education and theology and has an extensive publication record in both areas.

Dr Rymarz's general area of interest is how religious groups pass on beliefs, values, practises and culture. A large, but not exclusive, part of this interest is in religious education in formal settings such as schools and colleges. He has had extensive experience in curriculum development and also producing educational materials in religious, moral and ethics education.

Attendees will be able to post questions and topics for discussion prior to the event via the Teacher Forum on the *Australian Catholics website*. Attendees will need to register in order to be provided with a link.

The session will be held via Zoom on Wed 13 October 2021 16:30 – 17:30 (AEDT) and is an ideal formation opportunity for RE staff.

Head to <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/qasessions> for more details

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