

**A National
Gathering for
all involved in
Catholic Schools**

spirit dream in burning hearts

Friday 27, Saturday 28, Sunday 29 May 2011

Sydney Showground, Olympic Park, Homebush Bay

"I have come that you may have life and have it to the full"
- (Jn 10:10).

Jesus' mission was essentially concerned with an evangelisation that actually transformed our humanity at the core of our being into right relationship with ourselves, with one another, with all of life and ultimately with God.

It is this transformative and relational dimension of evangelisation within our Catholic school communities that is the concern of the Spirit Dream In Burning Hearts Gathering.

**Celebrating the *Spirit and Heart*
of Our Catholic Identity**

"Catholic educators need a "formation of the heart": they need to be led to that encounter with God in Christ which awakens their love and opens their spirits to others", so that the education commitment becomes a "consequence deriving from their faith, a faith which becomes active through love (cf. Gal 5:6)."

(The Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education, (2008) Educating Together In Catholic Schools: A Shared Mission between Consecrated Persons and the Lay Faithful. St Paul's n.25)

What are the Gathering's objectives?

This National Gathering offers a creative forum for all those involved in Catholic schools to come together to:

- Name the reality, affirm the strengths and reflect on the issues concerning Catholic identity, faith formation and evangelisation in our Catholic school communities
- Address the issues concerning Catholic identity, faith formation and evangelisation of staff, students and families in our school communities
- Review current directions concerning evangelisation and envisage and explore possibilities for a new evangelisation within our Catholic school communities

Who is the Gathering for?

The Gathering is open to participation of representatives from all levels of involvement with Catholic schools:

- Bishops and Church Leaders concerned with Catholic school communities
- Diocesan Catholic Education Directors and Personnel
- National and Diocesan Catholic Education Commissions
- School Executives, Teachers and All Staff
- School Boards, P & F Associations and Interested Parents
- Parish Priests and Leaders involved in Catholic school communities

What will the Gathering provide?

The very structure, program and atmosphere of the Gathering will seek to embody the spirit of a new and creative evangelisation. The Gathering will use as both its inspiration and model for a new evangelisation, the **Emmaus Story** (Luke 24), and will provide:

- Keynote presentations
- Creative theological reflection
- Workshops consisting of various tracks which will accommodate the diversity of the participants and their areas of concern and interest, as well as their professional, personal and spiritual enrichment and formation
- Creative Forums and cluster conversations

- Ritual and liturgy
- Quiet space and personal reflection
- Community celebrations, street theatre, concerts and performances
- Exhibits of various resources and organisations relevant to the participants

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