

2016 SPEAKING OPPORTUNITIES

The Vocations Office is offering a variety of talks and seminars that you may be interested in including in your curriculum.*

Ordained a Priest in 2010 at the age of 26. Fr Pearce has a background in youth ministry and has been involved with leadership and training of young people in a variety of Catholic settings for the past 16 years. He is currently appointed to the Parish of Mount Waverley and works in the Vocations Office, endeavouring to help young people engage with questions of faith, discernment and vocation. He brings to his work a great deal of experience and passion.



Fr Nicholas Pearce
Assistant Vocations Director



Vocations Forum Year 10 1.5 Hrs

Designed specifically for Year 10 students as they consider life beyond school. The Vocations forum brings together men and women from the various vocations in an interactive workshop that helps introduce students to the idea of how all Christians are called to follow Jesus in both their baptismal calling and then in a particular way, through their vocation. Designed to complement curriculum on vocations, the forum exposes students to the different vocations and how they are lived out in today's world.

It definitely makes hearing about 'vocations' easier coming from a young priest. We look forward to having the Vocations Office back to visit! – Youth Group Leader.

Hot Seat Year 11 50mins - 1.5hrs

Ideal for Year 11 students studying ethics, the Hot Seat workshop provides students with the opportunity to ask questions from the floor (or pre-submit via email), on any issue, giving them the chance to engage with 'The Church' in a way not usually possible. Schools have found this workshop helpful for students studying the ethical dilemmas facing society, as it helps them to think more critically about these issues and challenges them to look at the Church's stance in a new light.

"Stimulating, Refreshing and really making a difference" – Participant.





Courageous Discipleship - Facing Big Decisions Head On Year 12

1.5 Hrs - 3 Hrs

Utilising his recent experience of leading a group of young Catholics on the Camino and a brand new documentary which includes interviews with pilgrims and footage from his trip, this presentation helps students to face the tough questions surrounding discipleship and decision-making head on. Directed at senior students as they look towards life after school this session helps them to consider some of the big questions about faith, discipleship, vocation and making life choices based on their own values, in often challenging and difficult circumstances.

"The highlight for me was the connection Father Pearce made with his pilgrimage and how it can be related to the boys' lives now." - Year 12 Classroom Teacher

Offered in 2 formats:

This workshop can be run at a school based seminar or alternatively to be included as part of your Year 12 retreat or Reflection Day program. This extended workshop will include reflective time and goal setting exercises and can be tailored to suit the needs of individual schools. To discuss your current program and how *'Finding The Way'* and the *'Courageous Discipleship'* workshop can be included contact the Vocations Office.

"This was one of the best presentations that I have witnessed in more than 15 years as a Coordinator of Year 12 students at a Catholic boys school." - Year 12 Co-ordinator, Catholic Boys School

***All seminars are offered free of charge due to the generous support of
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