



This conference is an opportunity for Catholic families to come together for mutual spiritual, moral and social support in a fun holiday environment.

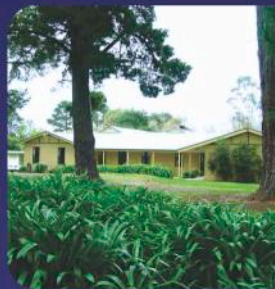
Family Conference

The conference is designed to cater for whole families with conference talks for adults and catechetical talks and activities for teens and children of all ages.

Conference Location

Belgrave Heights Convention Centre
3 Convention Ave, Belgrave Heights,
Victoria 3160

Located 40km east of Melbourne in a beautiful setting of gum trees, bush and ornamental trees, the 8 hectare grounds offer a huge range of accommodation options, including camping and includes a variety of recreational activities.



Therefore encourage one another and build one another up... 1 Thess 5:11



Costs (Refer webpage for latest details)

Special rates may be available for families in difficult circumstances
-contact the organisers for more information.

Family Ticket (food extra)	\$200 per family 2 parents & dependent children
Meals Sat Lunch & Dinner + Sun Lunch	12 years+ \$25 each 4-11 years \$10 each 3 & under - no charge
Cabins sleeping 5 to 8 people	\$25 per head per night
Camping powered site	\$8 per head per night

Registration

All conference booking is to be done online -

www.trybooking.com/276710



Registrations Close 10 September 2017

- Step 1** Read the Conference Rules and Disclaimer online
- Step 2** Complete online registration form including children's details
- Step 3** Forward Payment as directed online

Accommodation

Accommodation is available on site:

Cabins sleeping 5 to 8 people per cabin

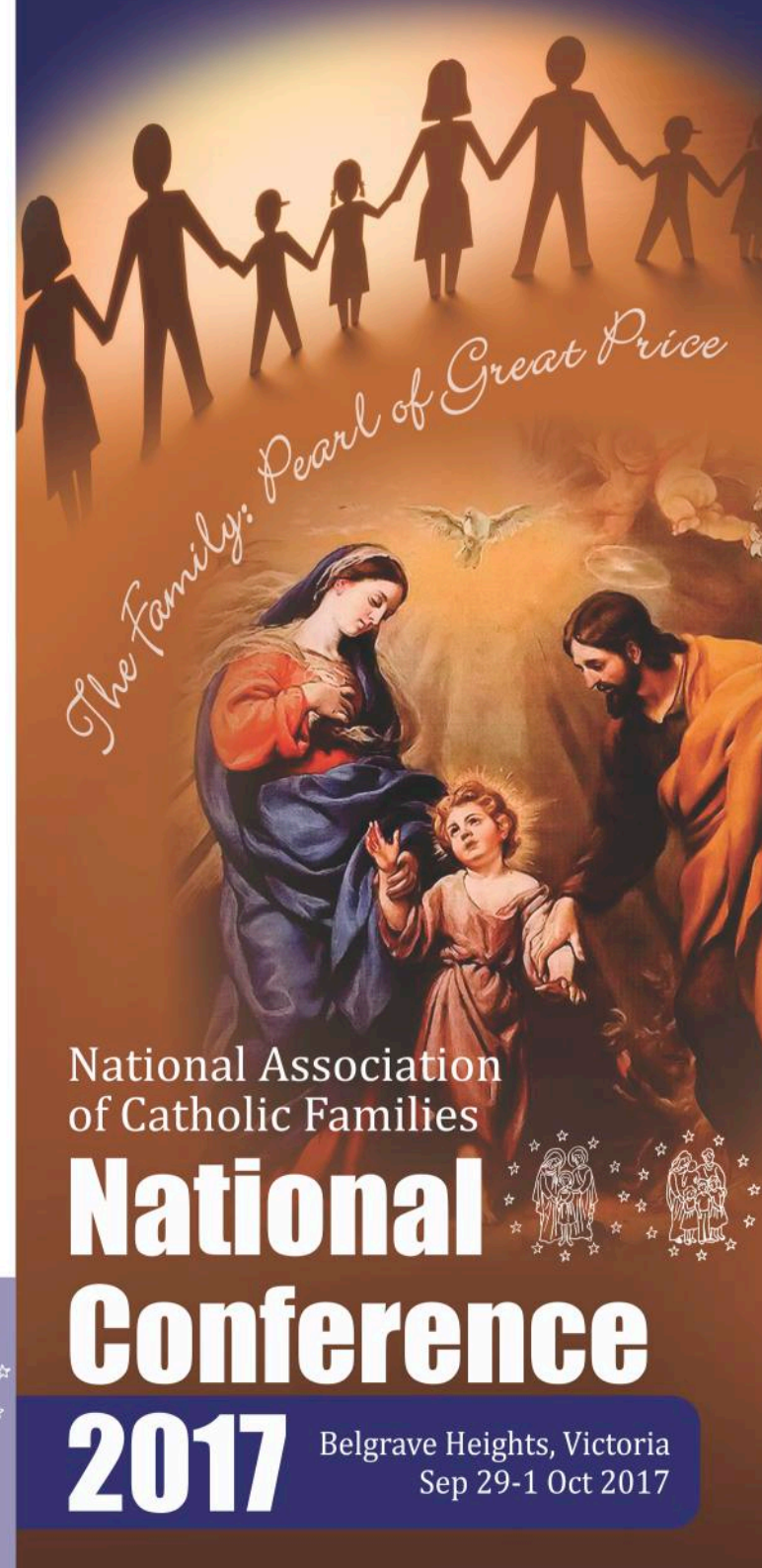
Onsite Camping powered sites with access to ablutions blocks

About the NACF

The National Association of Catholic Families is made up of families who provide mutual, spiritual, moral and social support to other families. Our work is centered around the Apostolic Letter "Familiaris Consortio" as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church in which we are called to "associate, in order to serve one another". We do this by holding regular Family Days, including annual Family Retreats which involve prayer, formation and activities for youth and children.

More information

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National Association
of Catholic Families

**National
Conference
2017**

Belgrave Heights, Victoria
Sep 29-1 Oct 2017

NACF National Conference 2017 - proposed program

Friday 29 September 2017

3pm	Conference Registration & Cabin Allocation Belgrave Heights Convention Centre
4:30pm	Conference Talks - Session 1 Mary Clare Meney - <i>Welcome Address by the NACF President</i>
5pm	Icebreakers & Sports Activities NET - Youth/Children, inc. Catechesis Good Shepherd
6pm	Dinner Each family to bring their own
7:30pm	Family Rosary
8pm	Conference Talks - Session 1 Annie & Steve Lawrence - Adults NET - Youth & Children
9pm	Supper
9:30pm	Commence Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Overnight vigil till 7am. Roster provided.
11pm	Bedtime & Lights out

Saturday 30 September 2017

Babysitting will be available for some conference talks

7am	Benediction
7:30am	Breakfast
9am	Conference Talks - Session 3 Fr Andrew Grace - Adults & Youth <i>The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
10am	Opening Conference Mass Presiding: Archbishop Denis Hart
11am	Morning Tea
11:30am	Conference Talks - Session 4 Fr Paschal Corby - Adults NET - Youth & Children
1pm	Lunch
2 - 5:30pm	Free time AFL Grand Final Screening, Bush Walks, Ball Sports etc
3pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet Confession available 2pm to 5pm
4pm	Afternoon Tea

Protect Your Families...

"Every threat to the family is a threat to society itself. The future of humanity, as Saint John Paul II often said, passes through the family. The future passes through the family. So protect your families! Protect your families! See in them your country's greatest treasure and nourish them always by prayer and the grace of the sacraments."

Pope Francis Address to families, 2015



"The final battle between the Lord and the kingdom of Satan will be about Marriage and the Family.... this is a decisive issue"

Sister Lucia dos Santos Fatima seer



5pm	Conference Talks - Session 5 Peter Stevens - Adults - <i>The Campaign for Porn-Free Internet</i> NET - Youth & Children
6:30pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Rosary Procession
8pm	Family Bush Dance
11pm	Bedtime & Lights out

Sunday 1 October 2017

Babysitting will be available for some conference talks

7am	Morning Prayer - The Divine Office
7:30am	Breakfast
9am	Conference Talks - Session 6 Andrew Mullins - Adults Anna Khron - Youth
10am	Morning Tea
10:30am	Conference Talks - Session 7 James Parker - Adults - <i>Truth & Lies: why redefining marriage destroys society</i> Andrew Mullins - Youth
11:30am	Conference Talks - Session 8 Pat Byrne (NCC) - Adults Annie & Steve Lawrence - Youth
12:30pm	Lunch
2pm	Closing Mass Fr Paul Newton

Speakers

Archbishop Denis J Hart DD

Bishop Hart has served as a hospital chaplain, Cathedral master of ceremonies, liturgy director for the 1986 Papal Visit and parish priest for several Melbourne parishes. In 2001 he was consecrated Archbishop for Melbourne. He is currently a member of various pontifical Councils.



NET Ministries

Started in 1988 as a team running encounter days for schools. NET has since grown into 7 teams of young men and women who have experienced in their own lives the transforming power of God's love and the difference that this love can make.



Fr Andrew Grace

After a huge conversion back to the Catholic faith, Fr Grace was ordained a priest in October 2001 at Vianney College in Wagga Wagga. Fr Grace is now the parish priest at Griffith in NSW. He loves spreading true devotion to the Mother of God.



Fr Paschal Corby

Fr. Paschal M. Corby was raised in West Gippsland, Victoria, he studied Medicine at Monash University before joining the Conventual Franciscans and completing his priestly formation at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne.



Annie & Steve Lawrence

Annie and Stephen are members of the Emmanuel community. They are married with a family and are both former school teachers. Steve is also a former AFL football player. They have a ministry to married and engaged couples.



Anna Krohn

Anna Krohn has positions at John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family (Melb), and is a sessional tutor at ACU. She is also a writer and presenter in the areas of bioethics, spirituality, personal/professional ethics and development.



Peter Stevens

Pastor Peter Stevens is Victorian State Director for FamilyVoice Australia. He is a dynamic speaker, with a vision of righteousness for Australia. He is committed to families, the church and ministry to our nation.



James Parker

British-born James is a Catholic convert from WA. He is a founding member of Harvesters an international Catholic network for men. An abuse survivor and ex-gay rights activist, he is passionate about godly restoration of men and women.



Andrew Mullins

Andrew has taught for over 30 years secondary schools with a focus on classical thinkers and philosophers. As headmaster of Wollemi College, Sydney, he strived for developing values in young people. He is the author of Parenting for Character.



Pat Byrne

Patrick Byrne is National Vice-President of the National Civic Council. He is a regular contributor to the NCC's News Weekly magazine - writing on Catholic social teachings, economics and trade, the family, marriage and life issues.



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