

DOMINICAN CONFERENCE 2019



Plans are well underway for Invercargill to play host to the 2019 International Dominican Conference. The theme 'Gifted for the Journey' with the following goals will form the basis of the three days in October.

- To deepen a shared understanding of our mission and identity as Catholic schools in the Dominican tradition
- To explore the many faces of Truth and our search for Truth on personal and structural levels, and as those involved in the ministry of education
- To provide a forum for sharing resources and best practice, developing and consolidating relationships in our regional networks.

International keynote speakers Brendan Spillane and Laurie Brink will be ably supported by various workshop presenters from both NZ and Australia.

Based in Chicago, Sister Laurie Brink, O.P. background includes Testament Studies at Catholic Theological Union, and is an associate editor of *The Bible Today*. As a Dominican, she is keenly interested in promoting biblical literacy and to that end has given presentations and workshops throughout the United States and in Australia, Bolivia, Jamaica, the Philippines, and Trinidad & Tobago. She is also author of a number of successful publications. Her resume also includes as a senior staff member on the Combined Caesarea Expeditions, working in archaeology at Caesarea Maritima in Israel

Brendan Spillane returns to Invercargill where he has been extremely well received in the past. He is an acclaimed Australian educator, speaker and coach. He works as an Executive Coach with a range of senior leaders from business, education and elite sports. A former teacher and principal in Catholic schools, Brendan has held senior roles at executive level on professional associations at both state and national level in Australia.

Brendan is working with a range of corporate and sporting organisations as well as with education providers, systems and professional associations. Current and recent clients include NZ Rugby, Brisbane Catholic Education, Rowing NZ, Challenging Learning (UK) and Catholic Education WA (CEWA).

An engaging speaker and presenter, Brendan uses a powerful blend of story, metaphor and humour to create the conditions for a more authentic and insightful dialogue in groups.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to experience a unique welcome at the Te Rau Aroha Marae in Bluff, social events such as the 'Taste of Southland' evening and a conference dinner and a celebration mass at the Basilica.

Registrations for the biannual conference to be held from 2-4 October has already seen a number of delegates from Australia and around Aotearoa sign up.

Registrations can be made by following this link <https://dcreg.0a.nz> or emailing: dominican2019@stpatinv.school.nz for further information.

