

# Deacons Conference

3 - 6 October 2019, Notre Dame University, Fremantle WA



NAD represents all of the Catholic Deacons of Australia



Registration Fees

## Registration is now open

| Type                      | 2019 Registration fee | Early bird saving |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Early Bird NAD Couple     | \$460.00              |                   |
| NAD Couple                | \$535.00              | \$75.00           |
| Early Bird Non NAD Couple | \$510.00              |                   |
| Non NAD Couple            | \$585.00              | \$75.00           |
| Early Bird NAD Member     | \$235.00              |                   |
| NAD Member                | \$270.00              | \$35.00           |
| Early Bird Non NAD Member | \$285.00              |                   |
| Non NAD Member            | \$320.00              | \$35.00           |
| Early Bird Aspirant       | \$265.00              |                   |
| Aspirant                  | \$300.00              | \$35.00           |
| Early Bird Seminarian     | \$265.00              |                   |
| Seminarian                | \$300.00              | \$35.00           |
| 1 Day attendee            | \$105.00              |                   |
| Dinner                    | \$80.00               |                   |

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The 2019 Deacons Conference is about 6 months away.

Early bird registration is open now for the 2019 Deacon Conference through <https://www.trybooking.com/BBVRV>



**History & Arts**  
Visit the WA Maritime Museum and Fremantle Arts Centre.



**Self guided walking trails**  
Follow a self-guided walking trail - interactive online maps [here](#).



**Historic west end**  
Explore shops, galleries and cafes in the historic West End.

## Accommodation

Special rates apply if you tell them you are attending the conference. Click on the links for contact information.

- [Esplanade Hotel](#) (\$190/night)
- [Hougoumont Hotel](#) (\$205/night)
- [Fremantle Bed & Breakfast](#) (\$180/night)
- [Quest Apartments](#) (from \$160/night).  
Booking code NAD19. The link will take you direct to booking with that code and rate.



## Getting there



- All major airlines fly to Perth and airfares are reasonable at the moment if you book early.
- Alternatively you could drive across the Nullarbor and make a holiday of the trip to Perth and Western Australian.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM ConV DD
- Most Rev Christopher Saunders
- Rev Deacon Dr Anthony Gooley
- Rev Deacon Tony Hoban (Pastoral Director St Luke's Parish, Parramatta)
- Dr Debra Sayce (Executive Director Catholic Education Western Australia)



## Things to do in Fremantle

Fremantle was named in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2016. The latest Lonely Planet guide has ranked Fremantle as the 7th-best city in the world, behind the top-ranked Kotor in Montenegro but ahead of the 10th-placed Rome.

WA was also listed among the best-value destinations for 2016. Check out Fremantle's listing on [Lonely Planet](#) to see more!

- There are lots to do and see in vibrant [Fremantle](#).
- Within [walking distance](#) of UNDA are many interesting attractions.

## Things to do in Perth

- [Perth](#) offers even more to see and do and the views from [Kings Park](#) are spectacular.
- Our renovated [Cathedral](#) is well worth a visit.



### Concurrent Speakers

- ✿ Rev Deacon Greg Lowe
- ✿ Rev Deacon Patrick Moore
- ✿ Dr Steve Kiely & Dr Michael Newton from [Thrive Organisational Wellness](#)
- ✿ Annette Hoban & Hilary Kelly

## Things to do in WA

- It will be [wildflower season](#) at the time of the conference and many [tours](#) including drive yourself tours are available to see this magnificent experience.
- Day trips to [Rottnest](#) are a must see (RAC and similar members get a discount). Get a selfie with a quokka.



## Our Speakers



### Most Rev Christopher Saunders Second Bishop of Broome

The Most Rev. Christopher Saunders studied for the priesthood with the Columban Fathers and spent three years studying philosophy. Already interested in Aboriginal issues and involved with some Aboriginal study groups



he made contact with Bishop Jobst from Broome and a short while later offered himself as a candidate for the priesthood for the Diocese of Broome. He completed his theological studies at St Francis Xavier Seminary in Adelaide. In 1975 he worked as a Deacon in Broome and after ordination entered the priesthood. In 1976 he commenced work at La Grange Mission, moving to Lombadina Mission in 1978. He worked as a priest at Kalumburu Mission from 1982-1988. In 1989 he was appointed to Broome as Administrator and retained that position until 1995, interrupted only by two years of study to obtain a Licentiate in Canon Law at St Paul's Pontifical University in Ottawa, Canada.

The Most Rev. Christopher Saunders is in charge on one of Australia's unique dioceses – 773,000 square kilometres with a total population of approximately 50,000 people. He travels enormous distances in his job as he ministers to and oversees the welfare of the 10,000 Catholics in his care.

Bishop Saunders states “I see the Church as having an important role in and contribution to make to the process of reconciliation between individuals and communities.” The motto he chose for his ministry “Caritas Christi Urget Nos”

**See next month's  
Newsletter  
for more speaker profiles  
And more places to visit  
while in WA**

### Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL

Fourth Bishop of Parramatta

In 1984, he became a professed Conventual Franciscan friar (OFM Conv) and studied for the priesthood in Melbourne.



After his priestly ordination on 30 December in 1989, he was sent to Rome for further studies and was awarded a licentiate in Christology and Spirituality from the Pontifical Faculty of St Bonaventure.

He served as an assistant and then parish priest for seven years in Kellyville within the Diocese of Parramatta and for seven years in Springvale in Victoria before being elected Superior of the Order of Friars Minor Conventuals in Australia in 2005. He served as Assistant General in Rome from 2008 until 2011, responsible for the Asia-Oceania section of his Order.

In 2011, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. Bishop Vincent is the first Vietnamese born bishop to lead a diocese outside of Vietnam and the first Vietnamese born bishop in Australia.

He was Episcopal Vicar for Justice and Peace and for Social Services and was Chair of the Catholic Education Commission (Victoria). Nationally, he serves as the Bishops Delegate for Migrants and Refugees and is Chair of

Australian Catholic Social Justice Council.

On 5 May 2016, he was appointed the fourth Bishop of Parramatta in succession to Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and was installed on 16 June