

DEACONS' CONFERENCE 2022

About the event

The Deacons' Conference is a biennial event that is under the auspice of the National Association of Deacons (NAD). This year the Diocese of Parramatta is organising the event which will take place between the 13th and 16th October 2022 at St Joseph's Conference Centre, Baulkham Hills.

The conference theme is "Deacons going into the deep – 'Speak Lord your servant is listening'" (1 Sam 3:7-11. Deacons are called to the service of the Gospel. By listening and discerning what the Lord is saying to the Church in these challenging times of the Plenary Council, the role and ministry of deacons in the Church becomes clearer.

The conference will feature keynotes and invited speakers, social events for deacons and wives, prayers, celebration of Mass and Liturgy of the Hours. You will also be able to network and experience the hospitality of the largest diaconal diocesan community in Australia and visit our beautiful City of Sydney.

Who can attend?

Any Lay person, Seminarians, theological Students, members of Religious Orders, Postulants, Aspirants, Deacons and their wives, and Presbyters who are interested in the role and ministry of deacons in the church today.

Accommodation

We recommend St Joseph's Conference Centre. A special price for those attending the conference has been negotiated with the facility. Mention the deacons' conference when booking.

<https://www.stjosephscentre.org.au/accommodation/our-accommodation-service/>

Also, a home-stay option can be arranged. Please register your interest for this option during the registration process. We will endeavour to find a suitable welcoming home for couples and singles.

Program

The conference program will be released in early 2022.

Speakers

The Conference Organising Committee are currently working on a dynamic line up of presenters for the 2022 conference.

Pricing

Registration is open and you can book now!

www.deaconsconference2022.floktu.com

<u>Registration Categories</u>	<i>Until 30th June 2022</i>	<i>from 1st July 2022</i>
	Early Bird	Standard
1. NAD member Couple	\$515	\$590
2. Non-NAD Member Couple	\$565	\$640
3. NAD member single	\$290	\$325
4. Non-NAD member single	\$340	\$375
5. One Day Registration	\$99	\$120
6. Conference Dinner only	\$60	\$60

Conference registration includes:

- Access to all conference sessions from Thursday evening, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.
- Morning Tea, Lunch, afternoon tea and dinner for all conference days INCLUDING Saturday Night Conference dinner with your full registration for the 3 days.
- Conference name badge, conference handbook and sponsors literature.
- Ticket/s to the welcome reception on Thursday evening - drinks and canapés will be served.
- High Tea for wives on one of the conference days.

Welcome Reception

Join your colleagues, deacons, and wives for a complimentary welcome reception on Thursday 13th October 2022. We will have the opportunity to network with peers over canapes and beverages.

Attendance at the welcome reception on Thursday 13th October is complimentary for conference delegates. Please indicate if you are planning on attending during the registration process.

Conference dinner

The conference smart dressed Dinner will be held on Saturday 15th October at 6.30pm at St Joseph's Conference Centre. It will be a 3- course meal, alternate plate dinner. For any special dietary requirements or allergies, please indicate during registration.

Dinner tickets are included in the full registration for the conference. If you would like to just attend the Conference Dinner only with a guest speaker and not register for the conference, you can purchase the ticket for the Conference dinner separately for \$60.00 only.

Payment

Please note that registrations for this conference, must be paid for via credit or debit card through our online booking system. Payment via invoice is not available. A receipt will be provided via your email upon completion of your booking online.

Call for Abstracts

Abstract submissions are open.

Please contact Deacon Tony Hoban for more information on:

deaconsconference2022@gmail.com

Support

The conference organising committee would be delighted to offer various support/sponsorship packages that will maximise your company's visibility at the Deacons' 2022 Conference. To discuss support opportunities please email Deacon Roderick Pirotta on: deaconsconference2022@gmail.com

Terms and conditions

Delegate cancellation - Change of mind

Change of mind cancellations must be made in writing and sent to deaconsconference2022@gmail.com. We understand the impact COVID-19 may have on travel and States Government restrictions; therefore, no administration fees will be charged for cancellations made prior to Friday 23rd September 2022 or by a sudden Covid-19 State Government restrictions prior to the conference.

Cancellation requests made between Saturday 24th September 2022 and Friday 7th October 2022 not related to the above, will receive a full refund minus an administration fee of \$75. Any cancellations made after this date will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Delegate cancellation - Medical

The health and safety of conference attendees is our highest priority. The conference committee is mindful of the health risks posed by COVID-19, and the importance of following official medical advice with respect to social distancing, practicing good hygiene and staying at home when unwell. The conference committee requests that any delegate who is feeling unwell or has cold or flu like symptoms, or who may have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, not attend the conference.

If, on medical grounds, you are unable to attend the conference, you must cancel your attendance in writing by email to: deaconsconference2022@gmail.com . A full refund will be provided however you may be asked to provide additional details.

Conference cancellation

The conference committee is monitoring the latest health advice from both the Department of Health (Australia) and the Government of New South Wales and we ask that all delegates do the same. If we are required to make any changes or cancellations to our conference due to Government restrictions in relation to COVID-19, delegates will be notified by email and will be provided a full refund of their registration fee.

Contact tracing policy

By registering for this event the organising committee reserves the right to provide your contact details to authorities for the purposes of contact tracing and any relevant Government requirements.

For any other information, contact:

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