

## REASONS FOR HOPE

MARCH 13 - 15, 2009

### BENEDICT XVI RETREAT CENTRE

347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale  
(3 km from Richmond), NSW

Name .....

Address .....

Phone .....

Email .....

FULL WEEKEND  \$140

FULL WEEKEND EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT\*  \$130

FRIDAY NIGHT + SATURDAY DAY  \$80

SATURDAY NIGHT + SUNDAY DAY  \$80

SATURDAY only  \$50

SUNDAY only  \$50

### HOW TO REGISTER & PAY

- a) BY CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER: Fill out this form, and send it along with your cheque or money order to the address below.
- b) BY CREDIT CARD: To pay by credit card, simply head to [www.reasonsforhope.net](http://www.reasonsforhope.net) and follow the prompts.

#### Please Note:

\*To receive the Early Bird Discount, the discount rate of payment must be received by 13th February, 2009

\*Due to accommodation, bookings are strictly limited. Any payments for the "FULL WEEKEND" must be received **BEFORE 13 March, 2008** to secure your place.



CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: 'REASONS FOR HOPE'

SEND TO: 43 The Crescent, Homebush, NSW 2140

ENQUIRIES: Bridget Spinks - m. 0408 496 610



### What is Reasons for Hope?

*Reasons for Hope* is a chance for young people (aged 16 - 35) to learn more about God and deepen one's faith in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It is also an opportunity to reflect on the Sydney World Youth Day experience.

The weekend will be held in the spectacular rural setting of the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre near Richmond, NSW. The location is so quiet and picturesque you will feel a long way away from the hustle and bustle of urban life.

During the weekend there will be time for prayer, inspirational talks, sport, entertainment and the chance to enjoy great company. Eucharistic Adoration will be held for the entire weekend.



### Hosting Bodies

*Reasons for Hope* is coordinated by a small committee of young people from all over Sydney in association with the Thomas More Centre Youth.



### Supporters

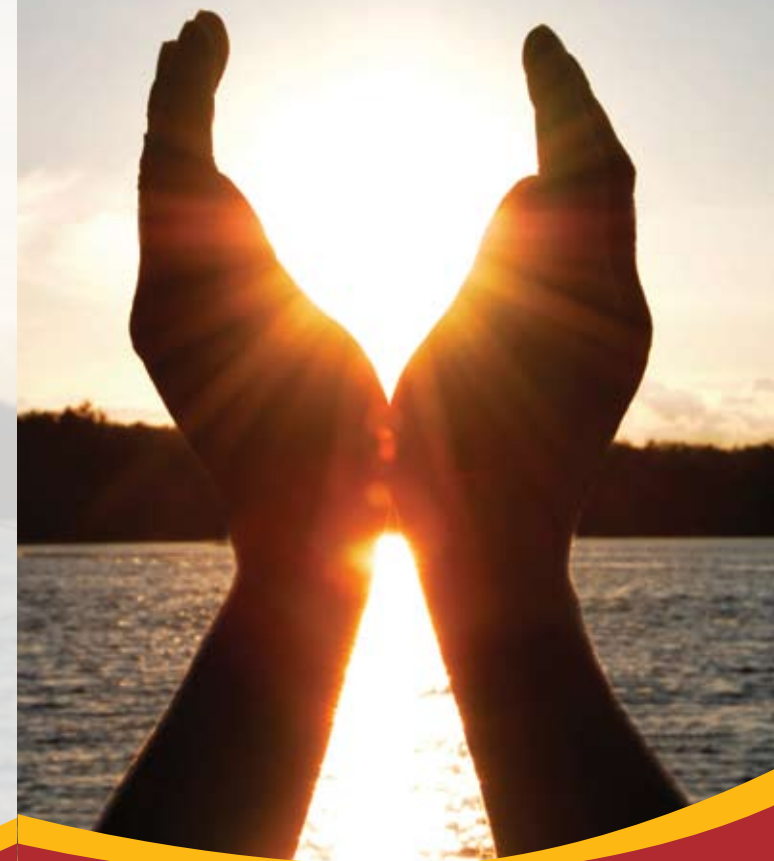
*Reasons for Hope* is supported by the Archdiocese of Sydney; the Catholic Women's League (Archdiocese of Sydney) and Artes Christi.

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“ Let unifying love be your measure;  
abiding love your challenge;  
self-giving love your mission.”

(Pope Benedict XVI, WYD08, Papal Vigil)



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## FRIDAY NIGHT - March 13

6pm Registration  
 8pm Opening Intro & Small groups  
 9.15pm **Opening Mass** followed by Supper

## SATURDAY - March 14

7.30am Breakfast  
 9am **Meditation** with Fr Tony Percy  
 9.30am **Mass** followed by Morning tea

10.45am **Keynote Address**  
*'Lord, Increase Our Faith!'*  
 – Archbishop Mark Coleridge

12pm **Simultaneous Talks:**  
*'Young Men Rise Up'* – Fr Ken Barker MGL *or*  
*'Should We Follow Our Feelings?'*  
 – Sr. Mary Sarah O.P.

1pm Lunch & Free Time

3.30pm **Simultaneous Talks:**  
*'How To Really Love'*  
 – Dr. Adam Cooper *or*  
*'How To Really Read The Bible'*  
 – Anthony English

4.30pm Afternoon tea

4.45pm *'Freedom, Choice, Gender & Christians'*  
 Men's and Women's debates with a panel of speakers followed by small groups

6.30pm Dinner

8pm **Eucharistic Procession**  
 9pm *'Back to the Pool Room'* with Jerome Smith



## SUNDAY - March 15

7.30am Breakfast  
 9am **Meditation** with Fr Brendan Lee  
 9.30am **Mass** followed by Morning tea

11am

### FAITH IN ACTION FORUM

- 'Helping The Poor & Disadvantaged With St Vincent de Paul'*  
 – Matthew Spinks, Sonia Sidler
- 'Say No To Sex Ads Campaign Presentation'*  
 – Bridget Spinks; Matthew Restall
- 'Faith And Politics In The Public Square'*  
 – Representatives from both major parties

11.45pm

### FAITH IN ACTION WORKSHOPS

(Break into three workshops to explore ways people can get more involved in the forum topic of their choice), followed by small groups.

1pm

Lunch

2.15pm

*'Make Your Resolution a Reality'*

– Kelly Walsh and YOU

2.40pm

**Final Meditation** with Fr. Brendan Lee

3pm

**Benediction** and Close

4.30pm

Coffee in Richmond



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Archbishop Mark Coleridge** is the Archbishop of Canberra-Goulburn Diocese. He was previously Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. He is very popular with young people and is an engaging and profound speaker.

### CHAPLAIN

**Fr Brendan Lee** is a young priest in the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. His enthusiasm, humour and zeal for spreading the Gospel have made him very popular at previous youth events.



## The Speakers



**Dr Adam Cooper** is a senior lecturer in theology and philosophy at the JPII Institute for Marriage & Family in Melbourne. He is the author of several books and is a brilliant and engaging speaker.

**Fr Ken Barker MGL** is a member of the Disciples of Jesus Community and founder of the Missionaries of God's Love brothers and sisters. He is the author of three books and is dedicated to the 'New Evangelisation' especially with young people.



**Rosina Gordon** was married in 2004 and has three children. Based in Canberra, she holds a degree in Communications and Music and has worked in television and telecommunications.

**Fr Tony Percy** is the rector of the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Sydney and author of 'Theology of the Body Made Simple'.

**Mary-Louise Fowler** is the NSW president of the Australian Family Association. She is a gifted speaker and has a heart for young people.

**Anthony English** is a popular Sydney-based speaker. A father of five, Anthony is known for his sense of humour. He is a teacher at the Centre of Thomistic Studies.

**Kelly Walsh** is a Sydney-based primary school teacher. A young person herself and one of deep faith, she is also part of the *Reasons for Hope* organising committee.

**Matthew Restall** is an inspiring young man who is passionate about improving sexual integrity within our nation. He currently works for the Thomas More Centre Youth in Melbourne.

**Sonia Sidler** is a young volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul Society in Sydney. Originally from the North Coast of NSW, Sonia is currently a psych nurse with a big heart for helping others.

**Noel McCoy** is an upstanding young man with a strong background in politics. In 2008, Noel was Federal President of the Young Liberals after having served as NSW Young Liberal President. He has worked in advisory and campaign management roles within both Federal and State politics.