CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn

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Our Church or Our Museum?

Contributing to a confident, humble, listening, and questioning Church

In Christus Vivit, Pope Francis says, 'A Church always on the defensive, which loses her humility and stops listening to others, which leaves no room for questions, loses her youth and turns into a museum.' #41

7:30pm Wednesday 26 June 2019

The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

15 Blackall Street Barton ACT

Frank will be leaving Canberra by the end of the year to become Rector of Newman College at the University of Melbourne in 2020

See Frank Brennan's biography over the page.

For details about the forum visit: www.concernedcatholicscanberra.org

All are welcome.

Supper provided.

Overnight billeting is available for rural and interstate visitors to Canberra (Contact rod@rodpage.com)

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Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO is a Jesuit priest and CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia. He is superior of the Jesuit community at Xavier House in Canberra. He is professor at the P M Glynn Institute at the Australian Catholic University and research professor at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. He chaired the National Human Rights Consultation for the Rudd Government and more recently has been a member of the Turnbull Government's expert panel conducting the Religious Freedom Review. His latest books are No Small Change: The Road to Recognition for Indigenous Australia, Amplifying That Still, Small Voice, The People's Quest for Leadership in Church and State and The 2015 Gasson Lectures: Maintaining a Convinced and Pondered Trust. An Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for services to Aboriginal Australians, particularly as an advocate in the areas of law, social justice and reconciliation, he was the recipient of the Migration Institute of Australia's 2013 Distinguished Service to Immigration Award and of the 2015 Eureka Democracy Award in recognition of his endeavours which have contributed to strengthening democratic traditions in Australia. When launching Frank's book Acting on Conscience on the place of religion in Australian politics and law, Kevin Rudd described Frank as 'an ethical burr in the nation's saddle'. Earlier during the 1998 Wik debate, Paul Keating labelled him 'the meddling priest'. The National Trust has classified him as a Living National Treasure. Frank serves on the board of the National Apology Foundation and on the Advisory Council of the Global Foundation. His research interests include conscience and faith, human rights and the rule of law, and the rights of Indigenous peoples and asylum seekers.