

# CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn

## ZOOM Public Forum

### *The Pope's Revolution: The Implications of Laudato Si*

5:00-6:30pm Thursday 26 November 2020

#### OBJECTIVE

*Laudato si'* is a revolutionary document, perhaps the most radical ever issued by any pope. It is not only Francis taking science seriously, but it is his emphasis on bio-centrism and our human connection to nature and the world that is most revolutionary. He casts anthropocentrism in a negative light and encourages us to recover the fact that we are part of the natural world, not separate from it.

Collins will tease out the implications of this for theology and spirituality and discuss his appeal to the Christian mystics and his interesting rejection of technology as a panacea for our environmental ills.

Hindmarsh will outline the Pope's call to ecological conversion and action and how this is or is not being responded to at local and national levels. She says a strength of the encyclical is its emphasis on 'Integral Ecology' as an umbrella term for all aspects of ecological responsibility, and therefore that the 'women' question needs to be seen as an integral aspect of the 'Social ecology' the Pope is so committed to, women being the ones who suffer the most through the poverty that results from environmental degradation.

#### SPEAKERS



**Dr Paul Collins**  
Historian, broadcaster, writer



**Dr Patricia Hindmarsh**  
Justice, peace and ecology advocate

#### FORUM CHAIR



**Andrea Dean**  
Chair WATAC (Women and the Australian Church)

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