

# A big thank you!

It is with great joy that we thank Our Lord for blessing our recent conference.

The conference organisers, Michael, Deirdre and Mike who had the job of putting it all together would like to thank all those who made the CMA's inaugural national conference and White Mass a wonderful success.

Thank you to the national executive who offered their wise advice born of many years of experience.

Thank you to our national secretary, Lucy Hayward, who was invaluable in training us up in the fine arts of running our website and for all her invaluable assistance in recent years.

Thank you to our great speakers, who informed and inspired us as leading experts in their chosen fields.

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Thank you to Bishop Umbers and Archbishop Julian Porteus, Fr Paschal Corby and Fr Anthony who celebrated the White Mass and supported us by their ministry, wisdom and example.

Thank you to Angel Stream Sydney for their excellent and professional work and for recording our events to the highest standards. They are a good Catholic business that deserves our support.

Thank you to all those who attended. Your presence offered much needed support to faithful colleagues. Your company and comfort of God was a great blessing throughout the conference. We need to know that we are not alone and that others are sharing this journey with us. We hope this conference

offered the valuable knowledge and guidance that is much needed for these difficult times.

Finally, we are grateful that the conference has resulted in many new members who will bring new life to the Association and help shape new directions within this community. Many new ideas and proposed activities for the future of the CMA has been another great benefit of this conference.

It was an exciting time for all of us and we are inspired to respond to the many graces provided to advance the CMA into the future, for glory of God and for the benefit of its members.

Thank you again and God bless,

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Dr Dierdre Little  
Mike McHugh RN  
ACMA NSW Conference Committee

PS The preliminary results of the post conference survey were very encouraging. Many of responses highlighted the opportunity to connect with other Catholic colleagues, the White Mass and blessing of hands ceremony and the quality of the speakers as the best things about the conference, confirming that ongoing connection with God and each other is very important to CMA members.