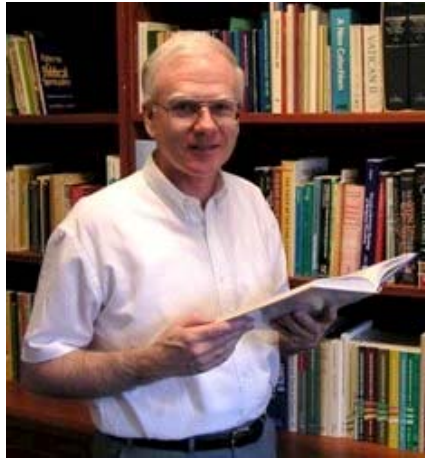


The Rev. Dr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney, will deliver the keynote address on Tuesday morning and will offer theological and ecclesiological framework for our reflection on the major theme.



Gerard is a priest of the Archdiocese of Sydney. He joined the Academic staff of the Institute in 1980 and, apart from a break to undertake doctoral studies has taught there ever since. His research interests include ecclesiology, with a particular focus on Christian unity, and baptism and eucharist and their significance for the unity of the church.

The Rev Dr David Orr OSB will deliver the public lecture on Tuesday evening. David is a member of the Benedictine community and has done his doctoral studies at the Pontifical Institute of Liturgy on the Priesthood of the Faithful. He has continued to teach in tertiary institutes and work in various parish formation programs. Currently he is pastor of the Catholic Parish of Arcadia.



He will address us on the topic: "You are a priest forever" - lessons from our traditions and practices regarding the Priesthood of the Faithful. He plans to offer a brief review of scripture and the works of Augustine and to look at pastoral issues that face the various ecclesial communities today: particularly the inclusion of the laity in the life and worship of the Church and the question of lay presidency at Eucharist. His intent is that this will be of help to small congregations gathering for Sunday worship.

Pastor Ross Neville, Rural Consultant for Evangelism and Mission with the NSW Uniting Church Board of Mission, will offer the keynote address on Wednesday morning and provide an overview of the current situation and how the challenges involved can best be addressed.



Ross had a background in farming, teaching and counseling before taking up his current role. He has been part of the Uniting Church since its inception and has exercised a variety of ministries within it. He has been a lay preacher for 38 years and has been preaching and leading worship in both small and much larger congregations. For the past 9 years he has been traveling around the state of NSW and beyond working with well over 200 different congregations and faith communities. In this role he has led worship in many different styles.