

SUPPORT WEBSITE

A website to accompany the book *Will Catholic Schools Be Catholic In 2030 ?* has been created at

<http://catholicschools2030.weebly.com>

The hope is that this website will assist schools to make the best use of the book's many learning and formation resources. Copies of the book may also be ordered through the site.

The latest addition to the site are theme summaries and discussion questions in Word and Power Point files to assist staff in breaking open small sections of the book at a time. These provide ideal opportunities for dialogue and formation at leadership meetings, staff meetings, twilight sessions and the like. The site also provides an opportunity for staff to reflect on the spirituality of daily routines in the school.

The site is a work in progress and the intention is that it may become a forum for networking and exchange, especially among leaders of faith and mission in schools and systems. Further interest in such networking may be expressed at

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become-a-member.html



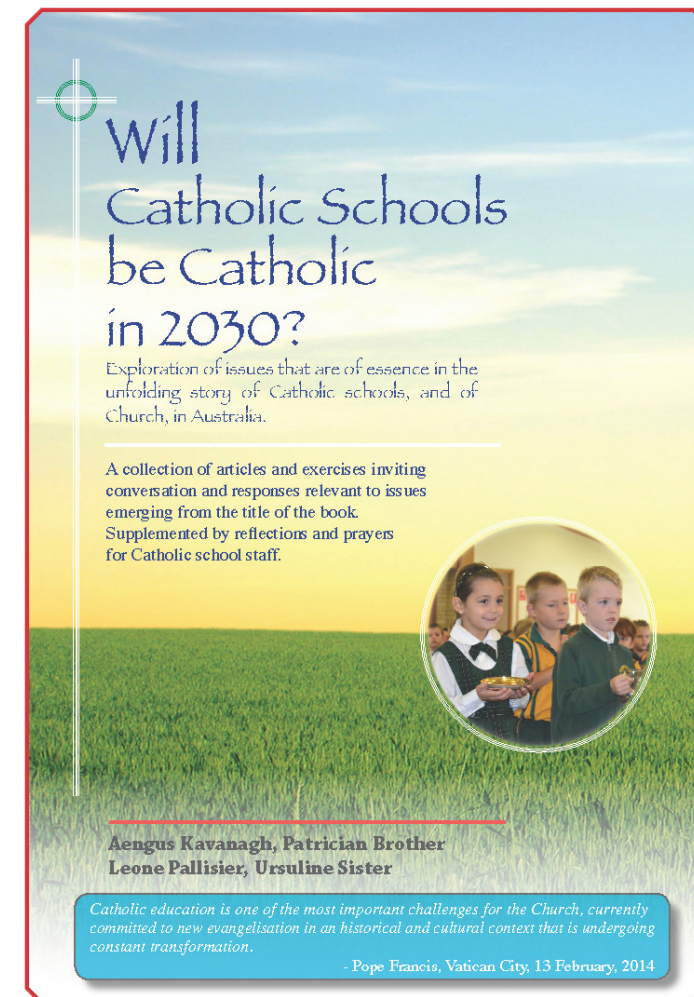
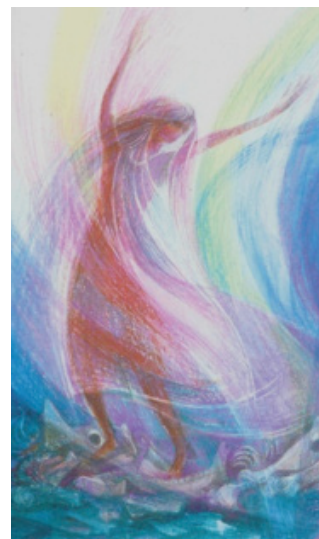
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Co-authored by
**Sr Leone Pallisier &
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with guest articles by
Bishop Geoff Robinson,
former Diocesan Directors
of Schools Br Kelvin Canavan,
Dr Anne Benjamin, Br Anthony Whelan,
Parish Priest Fr Paul Monkerud,
Mr Stephen Aitken, Br Nicholas Harsas,
and others.

A book titled
Will Catholic Schools be Catholic in 2030?
co-authored by

Patrician Brother, Aengus Kavanagh,
and Ursuline Sister, Leone Pallisier

was launched at Holy Cross College, Ryde on Tuesday February 17 by Dr Dan White, Executive Director of Catholic Schools in the Sydney Archdiocese.

Addressing the large gathering of distinguished past and current Catholic Educators, Dr White hailed their book as a perceptive and prophetic insight into the historic transition that has taken place in Australian Catholic Education. The era of leadership by Religious Congregations which spanned almost a century has ended. The co-authors are among the last few Religious who remain actively associated with leaders and teachers in Catholic schools. Lay Catholics are once more the frontline leaders of the Catholic church's education mission.

The 325-page volume explores issues that are of the essence in the unfolding story of Catholic Schools and church in Australia. Intended as resource for schools and systems, it invites a re-focusing on the things that matter most in the distinctive culture of Catholic schools.

Changed circumstance of contemporary Australian society and church set the authors on course to detail the foundation ethos of Catholic schools and to identify contemporary challenges to it. Central to the narrative of the origins of Australian Catholic schools is the conviction that faith and spirituality are integral components of a balanced education. How will the original inspiration and impetus be carried into the future?

In his launch, Dr White reflected "I couldn't help thinking as I delved into the various readings and reflections, that this book was especially written for me as a system leader"

The authors draw on their combined experience of almost a hundred years of personal involvement in Catholic Education at both school and system level to encourage the use of the book as a resource for reflection and dialogue among Catholic educators at every level.

In addition to the work of the co-authors, articles are contributed by other people who have been an integral part of the Catholic school story including Bishop Geoff Robinson, and former Executive Directors of schools in Sydney, Parramatta and Broken Bay - Bro Kelvin Canavan, Dr Anne Benjamin and Bro Anthony Whelan.

About half of the book is devoted to prayers and reflections as a help to schools wishing to develop staff as a prayerful community. This section has been compiled by Sister Leone who, reflecting on her years of leadership as principal, is adamant that Catholic schools will remain authentically Catholic if the embedding of a spirit of prayer among staff, and regular dialogue on the contemporary mission of the church and Catholic schools, are seen as a means of strengthening commitment to the mission of Jesus

And so the answer? Will Catholic Schools Be Catholic in 2030 ? According to co-author, Bro Aengus, Catholic schools will be truly Catholic in 2030 "if the present

generation of system and school leaders is proactive and creative in the provision of a range of relevant programs and experiences which enable leaders and teachers to grow in their faith and spirituality in the changing culture of church and society "

Already, a number of Dioceses have ordered copies of the book for their school principals and their senior consultants. Additionally, quite a few schools have acquired copies for members of their leadership teams.

