

# Australian CATHOLICS

## for teachers



*Australian Catholics* can be a helpful resource for staff formation in Catholic schools.

Here are some of the ways the magazine is used:

- Use the liturgy resources and other resources (Sneaky Jesus songs, reflections on faith and justice) to develop prayers for staff meetings and the classroom
- Sharing articles and reflections from the magazine in staff bulletins and newsletters
- Subscribing to our weekly Catholic Teacher e-newsletter for the latest articles, resources and information about events and other formation opportunities

Some examples of how *Australian Catholics* can inform and inspire teachers in Catholic schools:

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**Accessible introductions to diverse Catholic topics**

***Strands of spirituality in the Catholic Church***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/strands-of-spirituality-in-the-catholic-church](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/strands-of-spirituality-in-the-catholic-church)

A brief introduction to some of the major strands of spirituality in the Catholic Church.

***Heroic women in the Bible***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/heroic-women-in-the-bible](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/heroic-women-in-the-bible)

Members of our young writers community share the stories of inspiring women in the Old Testament.

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**Answers to burning questions and explorations of hot button topics**

***What is war good for?***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/what-is-war-good-for](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/what-is-war-good-for)

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ writes regular Explorations articles, looking in-depth at topics related to the Catholic faith. In this one he explores the Church's teaching on war.

***The gift of accompaniment***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/the-gift-of-accompaniment](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/the-gift-of-accompaniment)

A Catholic reflection on euthanasia.

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**Ideas for improving religious education and formation programs**

***Involving families in sacramental education***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/involving-families-in-sacramental-education](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/involving-families-in-sacramental-education)

A look at a sacramental program in Melbourne which brings students and parents together in dialogue.

***Connecting teachers and students***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/connecting-teachers-and-students](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/connecting-teachers-and-students)

A look at a Townsville Catholic Education Office program that's seeking to better engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the classroom.

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**Deeper explorations of pedagogy and the vocation of teaching**

***Teaching public issues in Catholic schools***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/teaching-public-issues-in-catholic-schools](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/teaching-public-issues-in-catholic-schools)

Exploring the importance of intellectual engagement and conversation in faith education.

***Digital citizenship through a Catholic lens***

[www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/digital-citizenship-through-a-catholic-lens----the-challenges](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/digital-citizenship-through-a-catholic-lens----the-challenges)

A Catholic Teacher blog article reflecting on how Catholic schools might go about better equipping students to navigate the online world.

Find many, many more articles, activities and resources at [www.australiancatholics.com.au](http://www.australiancatholics.com.au)