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Fourth Annual St Thomas More's Lecture **"The Mission and Character of Religious Institutions, Then, Now and Looking Forward"**



Presented by
Fr. Mark Raper SJ
Provincial of the Australian Jesuits and
President of Catholic Religious Australia

Wednesday 18 June 2008 7.30-9pm

St. Thomas More's Parish Hall at

30 White Crescent, Campbell followed by light supper.

The Speaker - Fr. Mark Raper was appointed Provincial of the Australian Jesuits at the end of 2002. He had returned to Australia earlier that year from 20 years abroad in the service of refugees, first as the Regional Director of Jesuit Refugee Service for Asia and the Pacific, based in Bangkok, Thailand, and then for over ten years during the nineties as International Director of JRS. During a sabbatical year in 2001, Fr Raper held a visiting chair at the Center for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, USA. In 2001 he was named a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia in recognition of his services to refugees. In July 2006, he was elected President of Catholic Religious Australia.

Short Synopsis of the Address - Despite their ageing and falling numbers, religious still have key roles in many institutions in the Church. Half the Catholic social welfare agencies, more than half the Catholic schools, many Catholic health and some aged care institutions are operated by religious orders. How do religious congregations pursue their prophetic mission in the Church today? How are they handling the transition of their institutions to lay leadership? How can these institutions retain their Catholic identity and remain 'on mission'?

Entry : \$10 per person and \$3 per student at school or university and concession card holders.

The objective of the St Thomas More's Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

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Advance Program

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Wednesday 17 September 2008

**Joint St, Thomas More's Forum Lecture with
Australian Catholic University**

Professor Greg Craven

Australian Catholic University National Vice-Chancellor



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