

Ecological Conversion - A Biblical Imperative
Dr Veronica Lawson rsm July 18th & 19th 2009

Biannual Conference
hosted by the Diocesan Commission for Environmental Awareness,
Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton



Ezekiel spoke on the behalf of God to the people of his time saying, “ a new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you: and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ex 36:27). In 2001 Pope John Paul II urged the faithful to undergo ecological conversion so as to live out our ecological vocation.

It is timely to re-engage with the Christian Scriptures in order to assist our ecological conversion and nourish a strong Christian Spirituality that calls us to live in harmony with our environment.

Dr Veroncia Lawson rsm is a Biblical Scholar and former Senior Lecturer in Theology at the Ballarat Campus of the Australian Catholic University. Veronica is currently the Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Mercy, Ballarat. She has responded generously to the invitation of the Diocesan Commission for Environmental Awareness to be the presenter at the bi-annual conference.

Date: July 18th and 19th 2009

Venue: Middle Hall, Range Site, 263 Agnes Street, Rockhampton

Key Topics will include:

Metanoia and Personal Conversion

Exploring the Jewish Scriptures

Exploring the Christian Scriptures

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Conference Program

SATURDAY 18TH JULY 2009

8:30am	Registration and welcome cuppa
9:30am	Welcome to Country and Opening Prayer
9:45am	Session One: Metanoia and Personal Conversion Morning Tea
11:30am	Session Two: The Biblical Imperative – Exploring the Jewish Scriptures Light Lunch
1:45pm	Session Three: The Biblical Imperative – Exploring the Christian Scriptures Afternoon Tea
3:00pm	Reflection

SUNDAY 19TH JULY 2009

9:00am	Eucharist Morning Tea
10:45am	Session Four: Towards a New Heaven and a New Earth
12 noon	Where to from here?
12:30pm	Closing Ritual
1:00pm	Light Lunch

Conference attendees are asked to bring a Bible which includes Apocrypha

Expression of Interest

If you would like to place your name on a list of people interested in receiving the registration papers (by email if possible, otherwise by mail) please contact the Registrar.

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