



*Choosing hope.
Trust yourself to its leading.*

Rationale

The word, **trasna**, means to cross, to choose which direction to go, to proceed. Not only the physical act of being at a crossroads, but also the spiritual transformation from our old way of living to a new way, from self-centeredness to God-centred, from ordinary to extraordinary. The Crossing Place is one of acting on a decision, of deciding which path will I take now – choosing.

We are living in a time where critical choices for individuals, communities, organisations and ultimately our global future are being made. To do so we are urged to attend to our deeper sources of knowledge, reach into our core, recognise and discern the spirit especially within the collective wisdom and to trust ourselves to a decision - which path will we take? This choice becomes a turning point, a better choice for the possibilities of life, peace and unity in our world. It is a time for choosing hope.

We have a wealth of knowledge, insight, experience, and wisdom sources ranging from the intelligences of our hearts to documents like the 2024 – 2025 Social Justice Statement, “*Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World*” to draw from and help inform our decisions, our actions, our leadership for mission – To trust yourself to its leading.

It is time for choosing. It is time for hope.

At this conference we aim to create a crossing place, an opportunity to develop skills and capabilities to manage the challenges, including the risks, of choosing and deciding the path to take. This place of vulnerability and uncertainty (not knowing) is a place of learning for new possibilities.

The MOHMOV 2025 conference will be informed and enlivened by and contribute to the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council, the Synod on Synodality and the celebration of the Jubilee Year with “deep faith, lively hope and active charity”.

Inspired by Jesus and considering the above, this conference will focus on themes of encounter, inclusion, reconciliation, ecology, governance, justice, formation, celebration, synodality and challenge participants to consider, discern and choose a path to be agents of hope and mission.

There is a seat for everyone at our table.

Other conference aims:

- To empower people with a vision of mission that is collaborative, scriptural and deeply theological; one that affirms, enables, encourages, and inspires.
- To make a significant contribution to the professional and vocational development of the many people who work for Catholic agencies, parishes, religious congregations, and various other organisations to build the Reign of God and God's Mission in Australia and beyond.
- To listen to the wisdom of the many and varied voices within our communities. Mission is a single, yet complex reality and it develops in a variety of ways (Redemptoris Missio #41). It includes proclamation, witness, building community, prayer, dialogue, mercy, charity, working for justice, ecology, peace, reconciliation, equality and interculturality, among other ways. There is much we can share and learn from one another.
- To experience a diverse range of international and local speakers, expert in their field, with broad lived and practical experience through keynotes, specialised workshops and sessions to engage the heart.
- To provide an overall experience which is open and available to the faith community so that all feel welcome, and all find a space and place within the Conference program which enables a synodal path for dialogue and action in the local community.
- To contribute to the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council, in the Synod on Synodality and the Jubilee Year 2025 by providing formative opportunities, of exploration, understanding and competency development related to the areas and focus of these significant events in the life of the Catholic Church.
- To nurture the practice of being missionary synodal people, parishes, agencies and church.
- To capture the spirit and example of Pope Francis to the call of all the baptised to missionary discipleship in our lives and all levels of leadership roles at the service of mission.

All those passionate about mission, those in leadership roles in parishes, communities, organisations and agencies are invited to come together and join a moment of 'wonder' and 'presence' that may enable us all to choose, to be agents of hope and live the joy of the Gospel and lead and act for mission now.

**It is time for Trasná ... choosing ... hope ...
to trust yourself to its leading.**