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## **Bad Catholics - Good Trouble**

### **The Intersection of Faith and Social Justice in New Webcomic Series**

[Melbourne, 21/03/2024] - Common Home TV is delighted to announce an exclusive interview with Matthew J. Cressler, a distinguished religious scholar, Chief of Staff of the Corporation for Public Interest Technology, and creator of the educational web comic series "Bad Catholics, Good Trouble." The interview offers an in-depth look into the inspiration, creation, and impact of this innovative series that intertwines Catholic history with social justice narratives.

**Watch:** [Bad Catholics - Good Trouble](#)

As a huge comic book fan, Cressler emphasised the visual power of comics to combine storytelling with compelling visuals, making complex historical narratives accessible to a wide range of readers. The digital platform created for the web comic aims to offer an honest portrayal of the history of Catholic complicity in racism while providing a model for what it could mean to be a Catholic committed to justice.

Cressler explained the significance of the title *Bad Catholics Good Trouble*, which reflects the duality of the term "bad Catholics" and draws on the late John Lewis's concept of "good trouble" necessary for social justice. The title is intended to provoke thought and challenge readers to critically examine their own positions and the broader implications of what it means to be a good or bad Catholic.

*"Bad Catholics Good Trouble,' is an incredible resource for our youth. It presents complex historical narratives of faith and social justice in an engaging and accessible format. Our young people are educated about the real struggles and triumphs of past generations, making it an invaluable tool for fostering a deeper understanding and commitment to social justice within our community."* - Dr Anne Walsh, Redemptorist Lay Missionary

In addressing the polarized world we live in today, Cressler stressed the importance of confronting uncomfortable truths and learning from history to build a more just and equitable future.



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