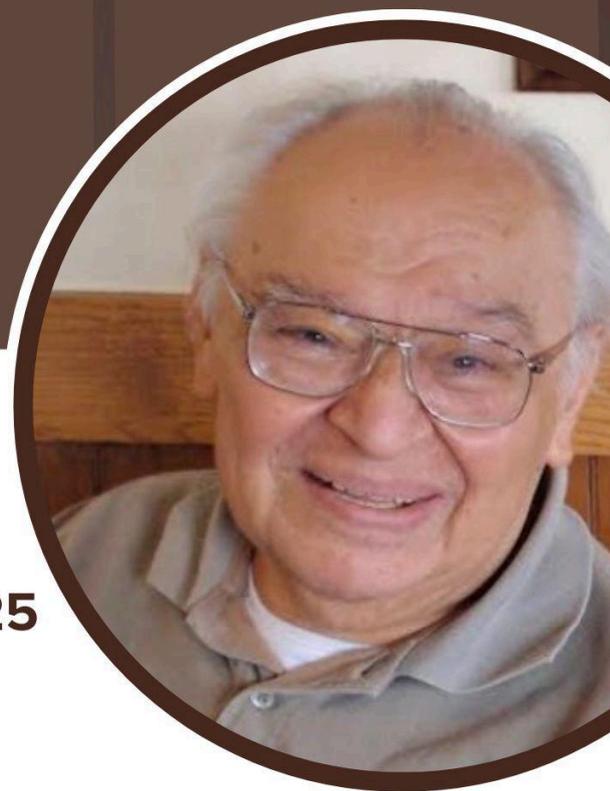


# REMEMBERING GUSTAVO

## Australian Connections

*Australians who met and knew  
Fr Gustavo Gutierrez o.p.,  
remember his pioneering  
contribution to the development  
of liberation theology.*



**ACI Webinar**  
**Tue, 11 February 2025**  
**7.00pm AEDT**

**SR ANGELA  
CARROLL SOSJ**

**JORGE  
JORQUERA**

**MICHAEL  
ELPHICK**

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## **ACI Webinar: Remembering Gustavo Gutierrez: Australian Connections: Tue 11 February 2025**

For our first ACI webinar of 2025, the Australian Cardijn Institute welcomes Sr Angela Carroll rsj, Jorge Jorquera and Michael Elphick, who will recall the influence of theology pioneer and long-time YCS chaplain, Fr Gustavo Gutierrez op.

Born in Peru in 1928, Fr Gustavo died on 22 October 2024 at the age of 96.

His classic book, *A Theology of Liberation*, made a huge impact upon its publication in 1971 and continues to do so today.

For this webinar, we have invited several people, including Sr Angela, Jorge Jorquera and Michael Elphick, to share their respective experiences of meeting him, reading his writings and their knowledge of his theological contribution.

### **Webinar details**

Tuesday 11 February 2025, 7.00pm AEDT

### **Register**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/f3Pvtq5XSrmehrDsdI7S5g>

### **Speakers**



### **Sr Angela Carroll rsj**

Originally from Brisbane, Angela Carroll is a Sister of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart who joined the Congregation in 1959 after being in the YCS at secondary school for two years.

A copy of *The Theology of Liberation* which she received in 1975 changed her life in a wonderful way. Joining the Josephite mission in Lima in 1984, she saw and heard P Gustavo Gutierrez speak many times during the popular summer theology courses.

In Peru, she developed a catechetics program for families that was translated into the local Quechua language. The program works on developing the relationship between husband and wife, as well as between parents and children. It also empowers women to have a voice at home when they are threatened by machismo and the effect of alcohol.

In her work, Sr Angela also helped establish a flourishing craft micro-business in a village near Cusco called Picumarca.



### **Jorge Jorquera**

Jorge Jorquera arrived in Australia with his family over 40 years ago from Chile.

An activist since his student days, he was elected secretary of the University of Queensland Student Union and coordinator of the National Free Education Coalition, which led the national campaign against the reintroduction of university fees. During the 1990s he helped establish one of the first branches of the Green Party in New South Wales.

Now living in Footscray in Melbourne's west, he has been involved in community advocacy and development, and social and environmental justice campaigning for over four decades. Currently he also serves as a councillor for the City of Maribyrnong.

Characterising himself as “a socialist, a unionist, an anti-racist and an advocate for migrant communities, working class families and young people,” Jorge is also the coordinator of the Borderlands Cooperative in Footscray.



### **Michael Elphick**

Michael Elphick has had a career long interest in human rights, theology, and religious education. He spent the first half of his career as a high school teacher and administrator before joining Edmund Rice Centre as a community educator where he took responsibility for the Centre's overseas immersion program. In this role Michael led numerous study visits to India and South-East Asia, and participated in human rights delegations to Africa, Palestine, and Central America. Michael later taught as an adjunct lecturer in the School of Religious Education at Notre Dame University, Fremantle and Sydney as well as at Arcadia University Philadelphia (USA) in their Sydney program.

Michael completed two Boston College Summer School programs under Gustavo Gutiérrez in 1997 and 2006, the experience continues to influence his political and theological outlook.

He now works in safeguarding and professional standards as the Professional Standards Officer for the Missionary Society of St. Columban (Oceania) and the Safeguarding Support Officer for the Scalabrinian Province of St Frances Xavier Cabrini Province.