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New National Platform for Catholic Events Launched: Introducing *CathEvents*

Australia, 1 April 2025— A new online hub for Catholic events, *CathEvents*, has officially launched, providing a central platform for Catholics across Australia to find, share, and promote events that foster connection, faith, and Catholic leadership.

CathEvents has been developed through the **foresight and leadership of the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP)**, in partnership with and supported by the **Catholic Development Fund (CDF)**. This innovative initiative is designed to serve as **Australia's pre-eminent site for Catholic events**, creating new opportunities for individuals and organisations to engage with one another and grow in their faith.

For some years, Catholic events have been promoted to members on the AMPJP website, but in response to the call of the Plenary Council and Synod on Synodality to increase formation, AMPJP has established *CathEvents* as a **national service to all Catholics and Catholic organisations**.

"*CathEvents* represents an important step in connecting Catholic communities around Australia. It is a place where anyone—whether from a parish, school, ministry, or community group—can easily find and share events that bring many more people together in faith and fellowship," said **Moira Najdecki, Chair of AMPJP**.

The platform features a **wide variety of events**, including retreats, workshops, conferences, faith formation sessions, leadership training and special celebrations. It is **designed to be user-friendly**, enabling organisations to **submit events for free** and allowing visitors to **search by category, location, and date**.

"We are proud to support *CathEvents* as part of our commitment to strengthening Catholic communities," said **Brendan Hoy, General Manger Client Services at CDF**. "This platform will provide a valuable resource for all those across the sector seeking to learn, grow and engage more deeply with their faith or one another."

Key Features of *CathEvents*:

- **Comprehensive listing** of Catholic events nationwide.
- Easy-to-use **search and filter functions**.
- **Free event submission** for Catholic organisations and groups.
- Focus on **community connection, faith formation and leadership development**.

CathEvents is now live and can be accessed at: www.cathevents.org.au

Catholic organisations, parishes, schools, and individuals are warmly invited to visit the site, explore upcoming events, and contribute their own events to share with the wider community.

Please note - *CathEvents* is not associated with CathNews, and is a separate service to the Australian Catholic community.

About AMPJP

The **Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (AMPJP)** is a national association of Catholic entities entrusted with the mission of governance and leadership within the Church. Its member organisations minister in health, aged care, community services and education. AMPJP promotes collaboration, formation, and shared mission among Catholic organisations.

About Catholic Development Fund (CDF)

CDF provides financial solutions to Catholic organisations that balance margin and mission for the common good. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, CDF supports Catholic schools, parishes, healthcare, aged care, and social service facilities, primarily through funding capital development projects, that strengthen the Church's mission and ensure its lasting impact on the community.

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