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“Late Bird” Sale Announced for National Pilgrims of Hope Conference

The National Liturgical Council (NLC) and the Australian Pastoral Musicians Network (APMN) are excited to announce a special “*Late Bird*” Sale to make the upcoming **National Liturgy and Music Conference – Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed Through Sacrament and Song** more accessible to those who may be struggling with costs.

The conference will be held from **1–3 October, 2025**, at the **Hilton Hotel, Adelaide**, bringing together parish musicians, liturgists, pastoral leaders, educators, and clergy from across Australia and beyond.

Chair of the APMN, **Michael Mangan**, said the initiative was designed to acknowledge the generosity and dedication of those who serve the church.

“The majority of those involved in Music and Liturgy are volunteers who give their time and talent to the church for little or no financial reward. As a ‘pilgrim church,’ it’s important for us to enable as many of these people as possible to come together and be supported and formed in their ministries and vocations. It’s for this reason that we’re holding a one-week sale with a \$50 discount off all Conference tickets.”

The Late-bird sale runs from Thursday 21 August to Thursday 28 August.

The conference will feature an outstanding lineup of international and national speakers, including:

- **Rita Ferrone** (USA), acclaimed author and liturgical scholar
- **Fr Ricky Manalo CSP** (USA), internationally recognised composer and theologian
- **Fr Richard Leonard SJ** (Australia), renowned Jesuit priest, author, and speaker

Participants will experience five inspiring keynote addresses, over 50 practical workshops, uplifting liturgies, and networking opportunities designed to strengthen and celebrate the central role of liturgy and music in the life of the church.

The “*Late Bird*” Sale will run for one week only, giving more people the chance to register at reduced rates.

For more information and to register, visit www.pilgrimsofhope.com.au