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Reflections on power and authority in today's Church

A day-long intensive with
Professor Richard Gaillardetz,
Joseph Professor of Catholic
Systematic Theology, Boston
College

Dates and time

Saturday 4 August 2018,
9am–3pm

Location

Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary,
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“The Church lives to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ, the Word of God. It depends for this authority on God, the Author of life. The Church does not possess its authority any more than Jesus possessed it. Indeed, authority is not really a possession at all. Authority names a quality of relationship.”

Professor Richard Gaillardetz in *By What Authority? A Primer of Scripture, the Magisterium, and the Sense of the Faithful*

As the Church in Australia moves towards the 2020 Plenary Council, this day-long intensive offers a space to explore the nature of power and authority in the Catholic Church as envisioned by the Second Vatican Council with theologian and ecclesiologist, Professor Richard Gaillardetz.

Open to parishioners, ministers, religious and theology students, we will explore the notions of synodality, magisterium, *sensus fidelium*, dogma, doctrine and theology to seek an informed understanding of Church belonging and leadership.

The day will have sessions of teaching, small group sessions and plenaries, to allow the questions and implications of the presentations to surface, and to create a space for dialogue and growth in understanding on these essential themes for the present and future of our Church.

ABOUT PROFESSOR RICHARD GAILLARDETZ

Richard Gaillardetz is the Joseph Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology at Boston College and is currently the chair of the theology department. He previously held the Murray/Bacik Chair in Catholic Studies from 2001 to 2011 at the University of Toledo. Prior to that, he taught for ten years at the University of St Thomas Graduate School

of Theology at St Mary's Seminary in Houston, Texas. From 2001 to 2005 Professor Gaillardetz was a delegate on the US Catholic–Methodist Ecumenical Dialogue, and served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America in 2013–14. His numerous awards include the Sophia Award from the Washington Theological Union for theological excellence in service of ministry, and the Yves Congar Award for theological excellence from Barry University in 2018.

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