

We church, and I encourage you to have a personal devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a beautiful tradition of the Church, and I encourage you to have a personal devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion began in the 1670s when Jesus appeared to **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**, in France. Through these visions, He told her how He wished to be honoured with the symbol of His heart, asking for the faithful to make amends for any wrongdoing they had done, frequently receive Holy Communion, and observe the Holy Hour. In 1856, the devotion was added to the church calendar by **Pope Pius IX**. We released a *Narrow Gate Blog* on this topic earlier this month and encourage you to share the articles with your family and friends, as they are very informative and easy to read.

We have so much to share this month so let's dive in!



First, I want to start with our recent tour with Jason Evert the founder of The Chastity Project. This was his seventh visit to Australia and this particular visit raised much media attention. We had 3 full days of talks organised with Jason who speaks on dating, healthy relationships, chastity, purity and the Church's teachings on marriage and sexuality. Both the Sydney Catholic Diocese and Broken Bay Diocese hosted schools during the day while we held events in the evening for parents, young adults and supporters of a brand new ministry called Donum Ministries. It was a full schedule with thousands of students set to hear one of the world's best communicators to teenagers on these topics. Before Jason arrived, controversy was rising from the media about concerned parents not wanting him to speak at their schools. Most of these complaints came from schools on the central coast in the Broken Bay diocese, and a decision was made to change the format of the talk from 'live' to 'live-streamed'. This was decided upon due to the strong opposition to Jason's message, which is nothing more than the Church's teachings, and it was evident that many of these parents did not understand, let alone ever hear Jason's message.

Once Jason arrived, we discovered that a social media group called *MF Witches* was behind the protests and they asked their followers to call the venues and pressure the organisers to cancel his talk. So much has been written about this through various outlets, that I won't go through all the details, but wanted to briefly share with you what happened as it was not all negative, but in fact very fruitful. I want to thank *The Australian* newspaper, the *Catholic Weekly* and other outlets that showcased the truth. Unfortunately, some secular media papers twisted things to fit a narrative, and we should pray that they don't misrepresent someone on what they actually stand for and say. As a result of some of the schools cancelling the face to face format with Jason, we had two other schools jump in to take their place and we were able to livestream to eight schools across Broken Bay simultaneously. Following from this occurrence, there was a very important meeting with the principals and directors of the schools to see what was learnt from this experience, and how they can be better prepared for next time. There is a strong need for good, clear teaching and Parousia is trying to help as many parishes, dioceses and schools **to present the truths of the Church's teaching through an engaging and effective way.** 



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Jason also spoke at the Canterbury Leagues Club in Belmore to over 700 parents who were enthusiastic about his message. The following night Jason was the keynote speaker for the official launch dinner of Donum Ministries, founded by Tomasz and Sarah Juszczak. Finally, the last public event was to over 800 young adults on the topic 'How to find your soulmate without losing your soul'. There was a great atmosphere on the night with important questions and adoration.



One incident that occurred on his final night, to top off the unusual reception Jason received in Sydney was a protestor pouring tomato soup on his head after Q and A time. This man was sitting in the front row and it happened very guickly. As security escorted the man out, Jason's reaction was brilliant. Jason said, "Don't worry about me, I have 8 kids at home, and this happens to me every day so it's perfectly normal, let's pray a Hail Mary for this man, let's call him Tom (short for tomato)". So the 800 young adults prayed the Hail Mary for Tom which was a perfect response to the incident. Thankfully, Jason is well and returned home safely. He has been on several media outlets in America, sharing his experience in Sydney. Please pray for him, and it is a reminder for us to never take our faith for granted and that no matter what happens to us that God can turn any difficult situation into a blessing. Over 6000 people were reached by Jason face to face and over one million people across the world, through the online media. Praise God!.



# **CD OF THE MONTH**

### **Staying Awake in the Woke Culture** Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers

This presentation will look at the key issues affecting family life today, including the "cancel" culture, de-platforming, racism, the so-called "redefinition" of marriage, and gender identity. Deacon Harold will provide practical advice for dealing with the dictatorship of relativism and chart a courageous way forward for families of faith.

In other news, we are preparing for our next tour with **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** and his spiritual director **Fr John Amsberry**. They will be touring Sydney and Melbourne from July 5 to July 15, so not long to go! We will be hosting our 8th Annual Parousia Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, July 12 at Canterbury Leagues Club in Belmore, Sydney. I hope you can join us on the night and enjoy an evening with two powerful speakers and a room full of like-minded Catholics wanting to grow in their faith. There will be a three-course meal as well as unlimited beer, wine and soft drink. We will have raffle prizes, a large bookstore to purchase from, auction items and networking with many people of the same mentality. It is going to be an amazing night so please join us if you can and if you cannot then please pray for the success of the night and tour. For more information, please visit the events page on our website.



## FRI 12 JULY 2024 **PAROUSIA**

**FUNDRAISER DINNER** 

**Canterbury League Club** 

7pm start | 3 course meal Unlimited beer, wine & soft drinks \$99 or \$990 for table of 10



26 Bridge Rd, Belmore NSW



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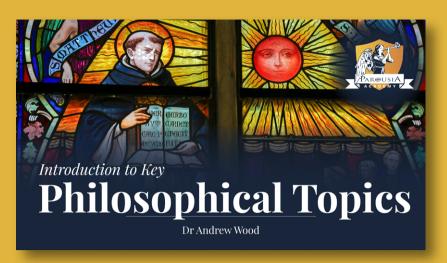






# **FEATURED** PAROUSIA ON DEMAND

Introduction to Key Philosophical Topics | Dr Andrew Wood



Since, as was famously said among the medieval schools of theology and philosophy, "philosophy is the handmaid of theology," this course is indispensable for anyone wanting to study theology. Because philosophy is the science which attempts to attain a knowledge of all things around us, to their deepest degree, from reason alone (unaided by any revelation made by God), it clearly prepares the way for a study of God's revelation through the science of Sacred Theology.

#### **Course Objectives:**

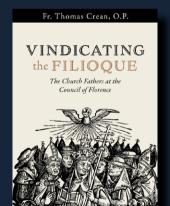
- 1. To obtain an appreciation for the power and importance of philosophy.
- 2. To identify the difference between philosophical sciences and experimental sciences.
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- 3. To gain an awareness of key philosophical notions and questions.

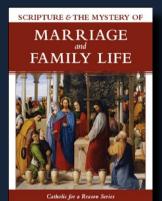
I am currently running multiple bible studies, including 'Unlocking The Mystery of The Bible' for **St Paul's in Winston Hills** and 'A Bible in Four Weeks' at **St John Paul II Maronite Monastery** in Ryde, Sydney. I also spoke at two important events on 'Mary in the Bible'. The first was a half day at **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish** in Randwick with **over 100 people** and the second was a women's luncheon talk. During this past month I have given a 'Bible in A Day' seminar to a primary school staff at **St Joseph's Retreat Centre**, Baulkham hills. There will be many more of these presentations over the coming months so please pray for their success.

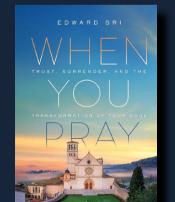


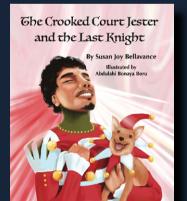
As always, another great month with *Parousia Podcast* hosting **Jason Evert, Dr Edward Sri and Fr Ben Saliba** so please check these out. **Like, subscribe and share with your friends.** We have also released new products this month including the brand new program from Ascension called '*When You Pray*' by **Dr Ed Sri** as well as the '*Scripture and Mystery*' series by **Scott Hahn,** along with a couple of *Emmaus Road* academic books. Check out our online store at <u>store.parousiamedia.com</u> to see the latest releases.

# **OTHER FEATURED PRODUCTS**











Vindicating the Filioque Fr. Thomas Crean, O.P.



Scripture & The Mystery of the Marriage & Family Life Scott Hahn & Regis Flaherty



#### When You Pray Dr Edward Sri (Ascension)





The Crooked Court Jester and the Last Knight Susan Joy Bellavance









DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS & FR JOHN AMSBERRY

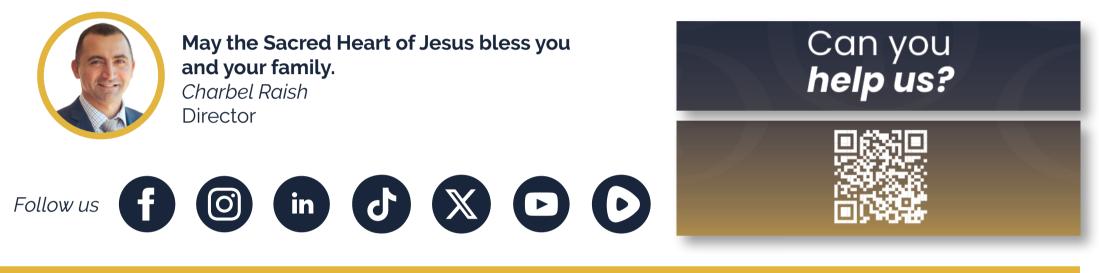
# BUILDING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE 6TH-15TH JULY 2024

Free to register at parousiamedia.com



Excitingly, we have released a brand new **Parousia Academy** course! It's called '*An Introduction to Philosophical ideas*' by **Dr Andrew Wood**, and we are thrilled about this release. It's a twelve-hour course covering different ideas in philosophy and how we as Catholics need to learn basic Philosophy to lay a foundation for our faith. You have the option to rent twelve months access to the videos for **\$99 AUD** or own the videos and hand in an assessment that counts towards the **Certificate of Mission** for **\$149**. As you know, **Campion College** is accepting students who have completed 3 Parousia Academy courses and passed the assessments. This is a great option for homeschooled students or anyone who doesn't have a Higher School Certificate, etc. *Parousia Academy* is available to anyone in the world so please check it out and **consider taking your faith to the next level**.

This wraps up another month at Parousia and as you can see there is always so much happening. We do this with God's grace and the hard work of the small team we have. I want to thank all of you who have supported us financially, through volunteering and most of all through prayer. If you are able to help and support the mission of Parousia please consider financial support on an ongoing basis by becoming a monthly donor, **to help us reach more souls and have a great impact on the Church in Australia and around the world.** 



# **INTERESTED IN TOMASZ JUSZCZAK FOR YOUR EVENT?**

Book Tomasz at parousiamedia.com/ tomasz-juszczak/



### **About Tomasz**

Tomasz has been active in youth ministry and evangelisation for 15 years, with a particular passion for sharing God's message of love and life with young people. He holds a **Master of Arts (Theological Studies)** from the **University of Notre Dame,** Sydney and has worked across the **dioceses of Sydney, Hobart and Broken Bay,** in parish and chancery settings.

Originally from Poland, Tomasz currently resides in Sydney with his wife Sarah and four young children. They are lay members of the Immaculata Community.

## Tomasz Juszczak is a Presenter on the Parousia Speaker Bureau

### **Main Presentations:**

- What You're Made For: Manhood, Marvel and Making it
  Count (Vourag Man)
- Count (Young Men)
- Repentance and the Mercy of God
- The Joy of Authentic Love



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