



The Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

INVITATION TO SPEAKERS

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Care needs to be exercised in giving awards and honours and extending invitations to individuals to speak or provide information at any event or gathering affiliated with any Archdiocesan entity. It is important that everything taught or promoted in facilities or events associated with Archdiocesan entities is consistent with the Catholic faith.

2. POLICY

Any entity subject to the authority of the Archbishop of Canberra & Goulburn, and any boards or committees affiliated with them shall not give awards or honours or host presentations, speaking opportunities or appearances by individuals or organisations whose public position is in opposition to the fundamental moral principles of the Catholic Church.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Speakers

The sponsoring organisation should exercise due diligence when researching the appropriateness of a speaker or honoree. When in doubt regarding a speaker or honoree, it is the obligation of the sponsoring organisation to seek clarification from the Archbishop's Office.

3.2 Exception

An exception to the policy may be made in secondary schools or the ACU if a dissenting individual is participating in a debate with an individual who effectively presents the Church's position.

