



HEARTBEAT

QUICK UPDATE FROM THE LAITY OF THE CHEVALIER FAMILY AUSTRALIA

16 February 2023

Introduction

I recommend the article "Made in God's Image". The Australian Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family Australia has spent much time reflecting on this justice statement.

It is wonderful to see that the Heartworks group is getting back together too. Maybe you know of someone who may be interested in coming along.

The Australian Council meets again at the end of the month to consider, among other things, the national gathering of the Laity of the Chevalier family scheduled for September. Any ideas for a theme are welcome!

Take care with every blessing,

Fred Stubenrauch

(Chair, ACLCF)

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Made In God's Image

'Made in God's Image' is a justice statement on gender, sex, and sexuality diversity from the Australian Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family (ACLCF). The justice statement and associated logo below will appear on the ACLCF email signature and website footer.



"We rejoice in our differences and celebrate the gift of the LGBTQIA+ community. We live 'to be on Earth the heart of God' and welcome and include all people in their diversity."

[Read](#) and [download](#) the justice statement on the LCFA website (Mission and Ministries - Gender, Sex, and Sexuality Diversity).

Michael Fallon's article, "Paul's Writings on Homosexual Behaviour", is also available to [download](#) (Resources - Documents - Diversity).



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Made in God's Image

A Justice Statement on Gender, Sex, and Sexuality Diversity

The Australian consciousness is formed by the understanding that it is illegal to discriminate based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and intersex status. Indeed, Australians have embraced the idea that gender, sex, and sexuality diversity is to be welcomed, included, and celebrated.

The Catholic vision of a human person is entwined in the inherent dignity of individuals as lovingly formed by the Creator God. Each person's uniqueness and diversity reflects God's image and the goodness of Creation.

As Australian people living Spirituality of the Heart and called to be on Earth the heart of God, the Australian Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family issues the following justice statement on gender, sex, and sexuality diversity:

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The Australian Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family make the following concrete promises:

- To be informed and caring people, who recognise the dignity of everyone.
- To reach out with love to people, particularly those who are marginalised.
- To provide a safe and respectful environment for people to raise issues, ask questions, and share information.
- To provide formation resources regarding gender, sex, and sexuality diversity.
- To include the justice statement on gender, sex, and sexuality diversity on the Laity of the Chevalier Family website and in the Australian Council communications.

The Australian Council acknowledges that while this justice statement might be challenging, it represents the desire to recognise God in each person and embrace with love each person's diversity.



With deep respect and love, we acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (the traditional custodians of this land) and their Elders - past, present, and emerging. We support the Uluru Statement From The Heart and recognise the importance of ensuring First Nations people have a voice in Australia.



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Heartworks

*Heartworks Building
St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park*

Thanks to all who came to the last gathering to kick off the year. It was certainly good to gather together again. We will be gathering on the second Sunday of every month. The next Heartworks gathering will be Sunday, 12 March 2023.

We welcome back existing members and invite new people to join us. Our gatherings are fun, friendly, and relaxing.

Connect with us on [Facebook](#) or by [email](#).

Hope to see you there!

- Aidan -



**"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor;
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!"**

**"Happy are those who mourn;
God will comfort them!"**

**"Happy are those who are humble;
they will receive what God has promised!"**

**"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires;
God will satisfy them fully!"**

**"Happy are those who are merciful to others;
God will be merciful to them!"**

**"Happy are the pure in heart;
they will see God!"**

**"Happy are those who work for peace;
They will be called God's children!"**

**"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God
requires;
the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!"**

**"Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you because
you are my followers, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven."**



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