



# St. THOMAS MORE FORUM

St. Thomas More:

The Patron of Statesmen, Politicians and Lawyers

The objective of the St Thomas More Forum is to promote thought, discussion and debate on the challenges of faith in the workplace, family and public life in the modern world.

## Wednesday 9 November 2011



**Venue: St. Thomas More Hall at 30 White Crescent, Campbell**

**Time: 7.30 – 9.00pm followed by light supper.**

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## “Leading in Australia”

Presented by

**General Peter Cosgrove, AC, MC**

**Chancellor of Australian Catholic University and  
former Chief of Australian Defence Force**

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### The Speaker

Three significant factors – service to the community, family, and faith – came together early in Peter Cosgrove’s life. Born into a family of distinguished military men who had served their country in war and educated in faith by his immediate family, the Sisters of Charity and later the Christian Brothers at Waverley College, Peter’s entry to Duntroon College would seem a natural vocation.

General Cosgrove has served our country and the democratic ideals in many theatres of conflict including Vietnam, where he was awarded the Military Cross, and more recently in East Timor, Afghanistan and Iraq. He has made a major contribution to the restoration of Darwin after cyclone Tracy, to the Indonesian province of Aceh after the 2004 tsunami, and to the citizens of northern Queensland after cyclone Larry had caused so much destruction of infrastructure and property. He also led the INTERFET operation in East Timor.

His appointments as Chief of the Army, Commandant of Royal Military College, Duntroon and Chief of the Defence Force. General Cosgrove has been recognised by governments both here in Australia and overseas. He was named the Australian of the Year in 2001.

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## **“Leading in Australia” Speech Synopsis**

The challenge of being a leader in Australia today is enormous. As a nation, in economic terms, we are doing well by almost all internationally credible measures – yet many, even most Australians feel that they are doing it tough. We recognise that Australia is a wonderful place to live and that other places are not nearly so fortunate, but we are left in a quandary over what to do with people who desire to come to Australia to live. We take great pride in our achievements in science, health care, business and sport but we are too often reluctant to champion our best and brightest on the international stage. We value leaders but too often treat them as participants in some kind of blood-sport and this is true as much of the Australian Cricket captaincy as it is of the great offices of state. Australia has produced many fine leaders in politics, business, sport, the Churches, academia and the military. Leadership is an essential quality within any society. It is both an art and a science; the attribute of those who can be held up as the quintessential example of a group or how a group imagines itself and it is the capacity to weld a group, a society or nation into coherence to move to a new position where not all want to go. Leadership is the both the capacity to express the will of the nation and also to redirect the nation to a new understanding of how it can be the best. Essential in good leadership is the ability to communicate with those being lead and to communicate what it means to be part of this group or nation.

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### **ST THOMAS MORE FORUM 2012 PROGRAM**

#### **Wednesday 22 February 2012**

The future for Catholic health care in Australia within the Charitable Health Care Sector in Australia.

Andrew Podger - Formerly National President of the Institute of Public Administration Australia, Public Service Commissioner and Secretary of the Department of Health and Aged Care

Lynne Pezzullo - Director of Deloitte Access Economics and Lead Partner of the Deloitte Health Economics and Social Policy group and former 2008 Telstra ACT Business Woman of the Year

#### **Friday 22 June 2012**

Eighth Annual St. Thomas More Lecture and Dinner – Speaker to be announced

#### **Wednesday 5 September 2012**

Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of the Archdiocese of Parramatta

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#### **Entry:**

\$10 per person and \$3 per student at school or university and concession card holders.

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#### **Booking Details:**

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Enquiries for online bookings: Suze Forster (02) 6163 4300
2. By Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) using the following banking details:  
Account Name: St Thomas More Forum Bank: CDF  
BSB: 062786 Account Number: 0002245  
Prior to transferring funds please write your full name in the description line.
3. By cheque made out to: St. Thomas More Forum posted to PO Box 68, Campbell, ACT 2612.

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