

Name and position today and a short background

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Biography

Dr Paul McQuillan has been a teacher, high school principal and Education administrator in various states of Australia for the past 40 years. His current position is Coordinator of Research with Brisbane Catholic Education. He has written extensively in the fields of youth spirituality and youth ministry.

Other information

Dr Paul McQuillan is a member of the International seminar for Religious Education Values (ISREV) and a member the editorial board for the seminar's journal, *Panorama*. He is a member of the International Association for the Study of Youth Ministry (IASYM), and a member of editorial board for the associations journal, *The Journal of Youth and Theology*. Dr McQuillan is also a Counsellor and therapist and an Academic Associate of the Viktor Frankl Institute of Logotherapy.

Research and interest fields (short description and publications on each of them)

- Religious experience, in particular the religious experience of young people.
- Youth ministry and ministry to young people.
- The values, attitudes and beliefs of students, parents and staff in catholic schools.
- Logotherapist, a qualified practitioner in the Logotherapy of Viktor Frankl and undertakes family and relationship counselling in Brisbane.

Current projects (short summary)

- "Who's Coming to School Today?" In 2009 Brisbane Catholic Education conducted research in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Educational Research (ACER) across 112 primary and 33 secondary schools, among 18,000 students and their families and 8000 school staff. The survey data, with over 44 000 responses, explores the core values, beliefs and spirituality of each of these groups.
- "Defining Catholic Schools" is a book encapsulating the themes of the "Who's Coming to School Today?" research. It is due for publication late 2011.

Bibliography

1 Books

2008

"The Spirit Within: the liminal experiences of some senior catholic high school students" VDM – Online.

This book explores the level of recognition and reporting of a group of senior high schools students in Brisbane Catholic Schools. By means of factor analysis it also makes links between the factors identified for student values and those identified for liminal experiences.

Keywords: Youth, High school, students, religion, religious experience, values, practical theology

2009

“*Encountering the Mystery : discovering God with young people in a secular world.*” Edited Dr Paul McQuillan with Forward by David Hay. YTC press.

This book consists of six chapters arranged in three sections of two chapters each. The first chapter in each section examines the theoretical issues around ministry to youth in various context- ministry in Australia today, ministry to disaffected youth, ministry in a school and education context. Each theoretical chapter is accompanied by a practical application chapter outlining how youth ministers have attempted to address the issues raised in their practice.

Keywords: Youth ministry, education, sociology, religion, practical theology

2. Book chapters in English

2011

“Ministry to the deaf: youth ministry in Australia in the new millennium” in *The World of Youth Ministry*, Linhart, T. and Livermore, D. (eds.). Zondervan/YS. (in press).

The chapter provides an overview of the difficulties of ministry to young people in Australia today.

3. Articles in journals in English (if possible together with a short summary or keywords)

2002

“Encounters Beyond the Pond” – *Occasional paper 34, 2nd Series*, Alister Hardy Society, Religious Experience Research Centre, University of Wales, Lampeter, 2002.

Keywords: Youth, High school, students, religion, religious experience, values, practical theology

“Religious Experience of Senior Students – Researching the Reality” *Catholic School Studies* May 2002

Keywords: Youth, High school, students, religion, religious experience, values, practical theology

“The Limit Experience of Senior High School Students”, Pointers, *Christian Research Association Bulletin*, June 2002

Keywords: Youth, High school, students, religion, religious experience, values, practical theology

2003

“A Sense of the Sacred: The Liminal Experiences of Some Senior High School Students”. *Journal of Religious Education*, 51 (3), 2003.

Keywords: Youth, High school, students, religion, religious experience, values, practical theology

“Forming the Future Church”. *Catholic School Studies*, October 2003.

Keywords: Education, youth, church, religion, theology

2004

“Can Faith Based Schools Evangelise?” *Occasional paper for the Alister Hardy Society*, Religious Experience Research Centre, University of Wales, Lampeter, 2004.

Keywords: Religion, faith, evangelisation, religious experience

“Beyond Words: Liminal Experiences of Senior High School Students”. *Journal of Religious Education*, 53 (2), 2004.

Keywords: Youth, High school, students, religion, religious experience, values, practical theology

“Youth Spirituality – A reality in search of expression”. *Journal of Youth and Theology*. Scheduled for November 2004.

Keywords: Youth, youth ministry, religious experience, church, faith, spirituality

2005

“Spotlight on Dr Paul McQuillan and the International Research Project on Youth Spirituality”. *Journal of Youth and Theology*. November 2005.

Keywords: Research, religious experience, international research.

2006

“Partnership, conflict or control? The challenge of negotiating the channels and shoals of equitable school funding.” *The Australian Educational Leader*, Vol 28, No. 3

Keywords: Government, catholic schools, funding,

“Youth Spirituality, a reality in search of expression”, republished in the e-Journal of Theology, ACU from the *Journal of Youth and Theology*.

Keywords: Youth, youth ministry, religious experience, church, faith, spirituality

2007

“Youth ministry in a world of diversity: a review of the international research project on youth spirituality.” *Journal of youth and theology*, April.

Keywords: Youth ministry, theology, research, faith, international, spirituality

“Youth ministry in a world of diversity: the international research project on youth spirituality.” *Compass*, Vol. 21, No. 2, Winter, republished from the *Journal of youth and theology*.

Keywords: Youth ministry, theology, research, faith, international, spirituality

“From original vision to world vision – a comparison of the level of reporting and recognition of religious experience among two groups of catholic high school students”. *Journal of Youth and Theology*, November.

Keywords: Religious experience, high school, practical theology, faith.

“Leading catholic schools in an era of religious diversity”. *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Catholic Educational Leadership*, Sydney.

Keywords: Leadership, catholic schools, ecumenical, theology

2008

“Leading catholic schools in an era of religious diversity”. *Journal of Religious Education*, November 2008.

Keywords: Leadership, catholic schools, ecumenical, theology

2009

“Youth ministry in a changing world”. *Journal of Youth Ministry*, Spring, 2009.

Keywords: Youth ministry, theology, research, faith, international, spirituality

2010

“Religious experience among contemporary Japanese university students” *Modern Believing*, Vol. 51:2, April.

Keywords: University, religious experience, Japan, spirituality