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THE LOYOLA INSTITUTE
and
THE INSTITUTE FOR RELIGION AND CRITICAL INQUIRY
invite papers for
**IDOL TALK? IN THE IMAGE OF THE DISABLED GOD
DISABILITY, THE *IMAGO DEI* AND PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES**
to be held on

22-23 MAY 2025
at
ACU'S MELBOURNE CAMPUS

Call for Papers

The Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life conducted two listening exercises among disabled Catholics in preparation for the Synod on Synodality. In its most recent, "An Unlimited Joy", those consulted called upon the Church to recognise that disability has no relationship with sin (original or otherwise) and that limitation is an intrinsic characteristic of the nature of the human person, who is created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1, 26-27). All these limits were taken on and redeemed by a merciful God who through Incarnation took upon himself our humanity in its entirety. Accordingly, the contributors called for a deeper theological reflection on the Incarnation and Redemption and the baptismal dignity of all in the context of disability.

In response to that call, this conference invites papers reflecting on:

- *the theoretical understanding of disability and human limitation (and society's response to it) in the context of Incarnation;*
- *the practical response to it by Church and society at large; and*
- *the prophetic role of the Church in relation to the "internal exile" (Fratelli Tutti 98) of many of its members.*

Proposed contributions should be **either**:

- Suitable for presentation as standalone presentations: 25-30 minutes with time for questions

OR

- Suitable for presentation as part of a working panel: 7-10 minutes

200 word abstracts are required by Monday, 17 January 2025 via email to Elisa Cugliari, Administration Officer at The Loyola Institute – elisa.cugliari@acu.edu.au

When submitting, please advise of any accessibility requirements

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