

Society of the Divine Word, Australia Province

Invites You to the 1st Jubilee Online Public Lecture Reflecting on
The SVD's 150 Jubilee Theme:



witnessing to the LIGHT

from everywhere, for everyone

From the Biblical Perspective

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* All are welcome ** No prior registration is required



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UPCOMING LECTURES:

Fr. Stanislaus Lazar, SVD: "Witnessing to the Light: From Everywhere, for Everyone" from Mission Perspective (19 February 2025)

Fr. Benigno Beltran, SVD: "Witnessing to the Light: From Everywhere, for Everyone" from JPIC Perspective (8 May 2025)

Most Rev. Tim Norton, SVD: "Witnessing to the Light: From Everywhere, for Everyone" from Social Communication Perspective (7 August 2025)

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