



# Gospel of **stJohn**

Wednesday 16 October 2013 The Love of God Made Visible

## National eConference Facilitator's Notes

### Session 1: Fr Francis Moloney sdb

#### Understanding the World and Message of John's Gospel.

1. Does John's use of the expression "the Jews" make more sense to you after the presentation?
2. Why do you think John had to "tell an old story in a new way"?

### Session 2: Dr Dorothy Lee

#### Understanding John's Theology

1. What aspects of John's theology were new to you after this session? What aspects did you find helpful or challenging?
2. Can you see differences between John's theology and other theologies in the New Testament (e.g. the other Gospels or Paul)?

### Session 3: Dr Dorothy Lee

#### 'I am the Resurrection and the Life': The Witness of Martha and Mary

1. How important a role do you think women disciples play in the Gospel of John? Is this role reflected in the life of the Church?
2. What does it mean for us in our daily lives to speak of Jesus as 'the resurrection and the life' in the here-and-now?

### Session 4: Fr Francis Moloney sdb

#### "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe": A Reading of John 20

1. For John, why were the initial requests of Mary Magdalene and Thomas insufficient? Can you see the relevance of this message for today's believing Christian?
2. Why do you think Jesus' final words are to bless those who believe without seeing? Use John 20:9, 30-31 in your discussion of this question.