

Virtual Lecture Series

The Catholic Contribution

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- **Introduction: What does it mean to be Catholic?**
Thursday 14 October, 4.00 pm AEDT

Other lectures in the series:

- **The Jewish/Classical Synthesis**
- **Rebuilding of the West**
- **The Church and Society**
- **Catholic Anthropology and Catholic Education**
- **Professor Haldane in Discussion**

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are proud to present *The Catholic Contribution*, a virtual lecture series from Professor John Haldane.

The aim of this series is to understand the nature, development and self-understanding of Roman Catholicism and its contribution to the culture of Europe and beyond, not just historically but through to the present day and into the future.

This means going to its origins in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the experience of the apostles in making sense of these, as well as in founding communities based upon them, in which those teachings were preserved and transmitted to the wider world.

Turning from the concerns and controversies of the present day to deeper and more enduring matters, the series will explore the Catholic contribution from historical, cultural and philosophical perspectives to build a picture of Catholicism as providing a clear-sighted, realistic and ennobling understanding of human nature.

The first lecture *An Introduction: What does it mean to be Catholic?* will be presented live on Thursday 14 October 4.00 pm AEDT. Following this, the remaining lectures will be uploaded to *The Catholic Contribution* website.

For further information and to register for the first lecture of *The Catholic Contribution* series, please visit macs.vic.edu.au/Haldane.

Attendance is free and open to all.

About Professor John Haldane

Educated by the Jesuits in Scotland, at art schools in Kent and London, and at the University of London, John Haldane is Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of St Andrews, Scotland; Affiliated Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at Baylor University, United States; Professor of Virtue Theory at the University of Birmingham, England; and Professor of Philosophy of Education at the Australian Catholic University (Melbourne). He has written for a number of newspapers and appeared on radio and TV in the United Kingdom, the United States and Australia, including on *The Drum* and *Q+A*.

