



# Australian Catholic Historical Society

## James MacGinley Award for Australian Catholic History

### *Conditions of Award*

An Award of \$1,000 is offered by the Australian Catholic Historical Society for a paper on Australian Catholic history. The purpose of the award is to encourage the study of Australian Catholic history and is funded annually by the MacGinley family in honour of their late father.

Entries are invited from students and graduates of accredited tertiary institutions, as well as others who have a scholarly interest in Australian religious history. The topic will cover an aspect of Australian Catholic history and may include, inter alia, biography, social, cultural, institutional, or political history. The paper must demonstrate originality, excellence in addressing its subject, competence in the use of primary source materials, and clarity of expression. The paper must not have been submitted for publication.

The recommended paper length ideally is 5,000 to 7,000 words, excluding footnotes and references. The paper should have numbered pages, be double spaced, and use either Calibri, Arial or Times New Roman font, size 12. Footnotes or End Notes may be used providing they conform to the accepted referencing style for the discipline. All quotations and bibliographic material used in the paper should be carefully referenced. In addition to assessing the content material, the award judges will consider the quality of the supporting evidence used to justify the author's interpretation of the topic.

Jointly authored articles are eligible, and each author must certify their respective contribution as this will determine the allocation of the award funding. Both the paper and entry form are to be emailed to [achsawards@gmail.com](mailto:achsawards@gmail.com). Successful applicants may be offered the opportunity to have their paper published in the Journal of the Australian Catholic Historical Society.

The closing date for entries is 31 March 2025. Applicants must complete the required entry form and forward it along with their submission to [achsawards@gmail.com](mailto:achsawards@gmail.com) by the due date. The judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into. The announcement and presentation of the award will be made at a monthly meeting of the Society. The Council of the Australian Catholic Historical Society reserves the right not to make an award in any year.

### *Presentation Guide*

The paper should have numbered pages, be double spaced, and use either Calibri, Arial or Times New Roman font, size 12. Footnotes or End notes may be used providing they conform to the accepted referencing style for the discipline. For example, History (Chicago), Education (APA), Politics (APA or MLA). All quotations and bibliographic material used in the paper should be carefully referenced. In addition to assessing the content material, the award judges will consider the quality of the supporting evidence used to justify the author's interpretation of the topic.

---