

RESEARCH BACKGROUND

Developed over 12 months this documentary offers a personal insight into the troubles of a Catholic community and their priest who is sacked by the Vatican for unlawful practices. The film is timely as it not only questions the credibility of the Catholic Church but also puts the priest and his community in a spot light that explores not only their strengths but also their vulnerabilities. What does it mean to be a community in 21st century Australia? Does the Catholic Church have a future?

RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

The filmmaking approach in this documentary is innovative as it explores poignant, critical and relevant questions about the oldest living institution of our time the Catholic Church. It does this through the personal journey of a rebel priest who defied the Church and what it stands for. What is particularly powerful about this film is the unprecedented access gained by the filmmakers to tell this intimate story. The film has created various conversations and discourses among the public.

RESEARCH SIGNIFICANCE

The film has been broadcast on Compass ABC in 2011 and has since been released on DVD and has also been shown at a number of Film Festivals. There is also a plan for a nation wide tour of the film and it's protagonist Fr Peter Kennedy.