



SRC NEWS

Introduction



This newsletter focuses on the Plenary Council the most important event in the life of the Catholic Church for the past 85 years.

How many of you have been following the developments with the Plenary Council? As you may be aware the council is not meeting until July 2021, due to Covid-19. You will find below a website that has been set up by a number of parishes in Victoria. The site will bring you up to date on the activities of the committees. There are also a number of articles that give you an insight as to how the preparations are going.

The site also gives you the opportunity to express your views on the Plenary council and the opportunity to suggest ways that you think may help the church in Australia to move into the future. Remember, you guys are the Church of the future. What you think is important to be heard.

Sense of the Faithful website

A group of concerned parishes have set up the Sense of the Faithful website:

<https://www.senseofthefaithful.org.au> to provide a place for discussions between parishes and for

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individuals who are involved in the Plenary Council 2021 process through their parish. We have called parishes in Melbourne to promote the Sense of the Faithful website. Please ask your parish to put details of the website in their parish newsletter, as some parishes have done so already. We now have just over 100 subscribers to this newsletter.

During the break you might also like to visit the Plenary Council Website and sign up for their Newsletter. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

We are all working very hard to get our essays finished this week remember to give yourself some rest as you go on this journey with your faith.

Prayer & Intercessions



We remember all those undergoing persecution and those undergoing social justice deprivation, and those in hospital, sick with Covid-19 and those caring for them.

This Week's Quote

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they **gave up.**"

Unknown author

The following documents might be of interest to you as they will assist you in the road to the Plenary Council in 2021 and 2022.

The Catholics for Renewal website (catholicsforrenewal.org) has published a summary document on the Sensus Fidelium (Sense of faith of Christ's faithful). This is the first of a series of short accessible key Plenary Council issue documents they have published to date.

- 2) Synodal Governance for a Pastoral Church [Jan. 2020]
- 3) Co-responsibility: Sharing in church governance [Feb. 2020]
- 4) Clericalism [March 2020]
- 5) Women and Ministry [April 2020]
- 6) Priesthood, Celibacy & Marriage [May 2020]
- 7) Subsidiarity [June 2020]
- 8) Signs of the Times [July 2020]
- 9) Stewardship [August 2020]"

A new report on Church Governance was released last week by the Bishop's Conference: "**Light from the Southern Cross: Promoting co-responsible governance in the Catholic Church in Australia.**" You can find this document on senseofthefaithful.org website.

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