

2020 PLENARY COUNCIL LISTENING SESSIONS

As you may recall, on May 20th, 2018 the Feast of Pentecost the 2020 Plenary Council called by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Australia was launched. Following the launching, the organising team presented a timeline for the processes leading to the two major sessions in 2020 and 2021.

What is a Plenary Council?

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches at all levels: parishes, Deaneries and dioceses within a country. This Council is called by the Bishops Conference to chart the future direction for the Church based on her particular needs. The current Plenary Council will determine legislation which will be binding for the Catholic Church in Australia.

Who are the participants?

All Christ's faithful including you. Thus the Bishops are asking all to participate in the Listening Sessions around Australia.

Focus Questions

1. *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*
2. *What questions do you have for the Plenary Council to consider?*

Listening and Dialogue Sessions

The initial phase involves listening in groups of individuals, families, churches and communities where we gather to:

PRAY

REFLECT

TALK

SHARE

You are therefore invited to join in a listening session near you in preparation for the 2020 Plenary Council where we are going to respond to 2 questions.

St Bernard's Parish: Saturday September 15: 10 – 11.30am

Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya: Sunday September 16: 11.15- 1.00pm

All responses are sent forward to the Plenary Council Facilitation Team. Also, other meetings can be held at other times as the demand grows. You can also respond individually online via the website: www.plenarycouncil.org.au