

A Journey of Discernment: The Plenary Council

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You are invited to create community online as we gather to share and grow faith.

How to Prepare and Run a Session:

Read *Saturday Sessions 'How To' Guide* for information how to host a Saturday Session.

Presentation:

A Journey of Discernment: The Plenary Council
2020 (Video approx. 7 minutes Reading: 15 mins - 30 mins)

Watch the Video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94CI5NxoDzw&feature=emb_logo

Read the Paper on Discernment at: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/a-journey-of-discernment-The-Plenary-Council.pdf>

About the Presenter:

The Plenary Council offers us the opportunity to really discern what God is asking of us in Australia at this time. We are invited to stop and really listen to what the spirit is saying in our Church and in world. As we journey towards the first council in October 2021, we take a step back to look at the journey so far and the path ahead.

Bishop Timothy Costelloe is the President of the Plenary Council.

Questions to Ponder:

1. What stood out for you in what Bishop Timothy shared?
2. How would you describe what the Plenary Council is to another person?
3. What do you understand of Discernment? How have you practiced discernment in your own life?
4. The original question was asked, 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?' Has this answer changed in the past 2 years since it was first asked?
5. "...it is not every spirit, my dear people, that you can trust; test them to see if they come from God" (1 John 4:1). How do you do this in your life?

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6. "Discernment, then, which is at the heart of our Plenary Council journey, is indeed both an art and a science." How do you respond to this statement from Bishop Timothy?
7. Bishop Timothy talks about "three-fold fidelity" which was essential for any renewal of the Church.
 - a. fidelity to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ, made known to us in the Scriptures, and pre-eminently in the four canonical gospels, as those Scriptures are lived and believed in within the community of faith;
 - b. to the ongoing presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the Church over the last 2,000 years in fulfilment of the promise of Jesus that the Holy Spirit would lead the disciples into the fullness of the truth (cf John 16:13)
 - c. to the presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church, and the world, today, speaking to us in the signs of the times (the concrete circumstances of our individual and communal experience) as they are interpreted in the light of the gospel.
Your thoughts?
8. What can you do to encourage others to be active and be part of the Plenary Journey?

Further Support:

If you would like further support to bring to life a Saturday Session, or Wednesday Wisdom or Tuesday Thinktank (the name can be changed), please contact Lisa at the Pastoral Planning Office at lisa.bright@parracatholic.org

For information about Zoom please contact the Pastoral Planning Office or you can watch a Zoom tutorial at <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362033-Getting-Started-on-Windows-and-Mac>

The Pastoral Planning Office thanks you for your enduring faith, hope, love and commitment as we venture into the deep. We pray that you experience the peace and grace that our God offers and can be an ambassador of Christ's hope and peace to those you encounter and accompany.

Please contact the Pastoral Planning Office for support in all areas of pastoral ministry.

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