



SYNOD RESOLUTIONS

WHICH RESOLUTIONS DO YOU BELIEVE MOST ALIGN WITH OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS?

1 AN INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING CHURCH

1A. To take active steps to build a culture of welcome, hospitality, and meaningful community across the Diocese.

1B. To create a safe and welcoming environment for all, especially the divorced, people with disabilities, refugees and asylum seekers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and members of the LGBTIQA+ community.

1C. To intentionally seek out the gifts and talents of the members of our parishes to strengthen communion, participation, and mission.

1D. To prioritise resources that support parishes and ministry groups in our work with families in all their diverse structures and circumstances

2 A HUMBLE AND HEALING CHURCH

2A. To continue to offer, its unreserved and deepest apologies to those who have been betrayed through sexual, and other forms of abuse by clerical and lay representatives of the Church, and to further processes for safeguarding, healing, and support.

2B. That, given the high population of Indigenous people in our Diocese, we continue meaningful dialogue with local Aboriginal communities, to find opportunities to listen and share stories and learn from their wisdom and relationship with the land.

2C. That, in the service of reconciliation, parishes and diocesan agencies discern appropriate ways of acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land.

2D. That, parishes will help build united and harmonious civic communities by working collaboratively with like-minded organisations and individuals for the common good.

3 A LISTENING CHURCH

3A. To prioritise the allocation of resources towards sustaining existing youth ministries and co-creating new forms of engagement with young people within parishes, schools and beyond.

3B. To commit to working collaboratively with other faith-based and civic organisations at local levels to promote care for the earth and more sustainable stewardship of our common home across every parish, school, and agency, especially by joining the Laudato Si' Action platforms.

3C. To promote the rich and faith-filled multicultural diversity within the Diocese and explore ways to integrate cultural traditions in our parish ministries, while respecting our theological and liturgical principles.

4 A CHURCH RENEWED IN SPIRIT AND PRAYER

4A. To strengthen adult faith formation through regionally focused programs that draw on Biblical studies, rich and diverse Catholic spiritual traditions, Church history, liturgy, theology and Catholic social teaching.

4B. To continue preparing and commissioning women and men in various liturgical ministries including lectors and acolytes (Spiritus Domini 2021).

4C. To enhance the experience of liturgy through resourcing and preparing those involved in the celebration of the Mass that inspires communion, participation and mission.

4D. To re-affirm the importance and impact of the homily on our daily lives and explore synodal ways of enhancing its relevance to all.

5 A CHURCH THAT REACHES TO THE MARGINS

5A. To strengthen our commitment to respect and protect the dignity of human life, from conception through to old age and natural death.

5B. To strengthen our commitment to welcome, support and advocate on behalf of refugees and asylum seekers and work together in partnership with current and new agencies.

5C. That each of our local communities will take steps to reach out and identify the greatest needs of their people and prioritise and allocate resourcing to address those needs.

5D. To engage experts in research, social sciences and organisational best practice in exploring emerging models of pastoral care, leadership and ministry.

6 A CHURCH WALKING TOGETHER

6A. To provide ongoing formation that enhances a culture of synodality for those preparing for ordination, clergy and all others in leadership roles in parishes, agencies, ministries and councils.

6B. To engage experts in ecclesiology for facilitating discussion on models of parish and faith community to better respond to contemporary pastoral care, leadership and ministry issues.

6C. To provide women with opportunities for mission, formation and education in a variety of leadership roles in the Church, supported by appropriate resources.

6D. To institute, where absent, a pastoral council at the diocesan, deanery and parish level (including ethnic chaplaincy), as a principal form of collaboration, dialogue and discernment (Christifideles Laici #25) in accordance with the law of the Church.

6E. To continue to promote interfaith and ecumenical dialogue and shared endeavours among our parishes, schools, agencies and ministries.