



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Plenary Meeting - May 2021

AGENDA

FRIDAY 7 MAY

Opening Session:

- Opening of the plenary meeting
- Apostolic Nuncio – Address to the bishops
- Episcopal deaths, appointments and resignations since last plenary meeting
- Minutes of plenary meeting held November 2020
- Message to the Holy Father
- *In camera* session
- Elections: Permanent Committee (2 members)
- Membership Panel – Proposal(s)

Second Session:

- Permanent Committee Report

Third Session:

- Permanent Committee Report (continued)
- Elections: XVI Ordinary General Assembly of Synod of Bishops (2 delegates and 1 substitute)
- Conference Priorities

Fourth Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Catholic Schools

SATURDAY 8 MAY

First Session:

- General Session: General Business

Second Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

Third Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council Report
- Election of Vice President of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Fourth Session:

General Session: Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council Report (continued)

SUNDAY 9 MAY

Mass

Recollection and Benediction

MONDAY 10 MAY

First Session:

- Special Session: The Seal of Confession

Second Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*
- Launch of Australian Catholic Liturgical Art website

Third Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

Fourth Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

TUESDAY 11 MAY

First Session:

- Special Session: Response to *The Light from the Southern Cross* – action on recommendations

Second Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Pastoral Care of Bishops

Third Session:

- Special Session: Clergy permanently removed from ministry

Fourth Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports* and General Business

WEDNESDAY 12 MAY

First Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports* and Other Business

Second Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports* and Other Business

Third Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports* and Other Business

Concluding Mass

THURSDAY 13 MAY

Conclusion

** In addition to Bishops Commissions named above, reports from the following Commissions and Episcopal Panels will be provided*

Bishops Commission for Catholic Education

Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue

Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement

Bishops Commission for Liturgy

Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding

Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service

Episcopal Panel for Canon Law

Episcopal Panel for Doctrine and Morals