



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Plenary Meeting – November 2021

AGENDA

TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Opening Session:

- Opening of the plenary meeting
- Episcopal appointments, resignations and deaths since last plenary meeting
- Confirmation of Minutes of plenary meeting held May 2021
- Message to the Holy Father
- *In camera* session
- Elections: Delegates and Substitute, XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops
- Membership Panel – Proposed appointments

Second Session:

- Permanent Committee Report
 - 2022 Budget
 - Finance-related matters

Third Session:

- Permanent Committee Report *cont.*

Fourth Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

First Session:

- Special Session: Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited
 - National Catholic Safeguarding Standards
 - National Response Protocol

Second Session:

- Special Session: ‘Half-way’ Review of the Conference – Final Report
- Special Session: *The Light from the Southern Cross* – implementation of recommendations
- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

Third Session:

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Fourth Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Fifth Plenary Council of Australia *cont.*

THURSDAY 11 NOVEMBER

First Session:

- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

Second Session:

- Special Session: Responding to complaints concerning a bishop
- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

Third Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Apostolic Letter *Antiquum Ministerium*
- Pastoral Discussion: Apostolic Letter *Traditionis Custodes*

Fourth Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Fifth Plenary Council of Australia *cont.*

FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER

First Session:

- Special Session: Pastoral care of bishops (*cont.* from May 2021)
- General Session: Bishops Commission reports*

Second Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Synod of Bishops process – Local Churches, Bishops Conference, and Oceania region ('continental' phase)

Third Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Dioceses facing difficulty
- General Session: General Business

Fourth Session:

- Pastoral Discussion: Fifth Plenary Council of Australia *cont.*

** Reports from the following Commissions and Episcopal Panels will be provided*

Episcopal Panel for Canon Law

Bishops Commission for Catholic Education

Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue

Episcopal Panel for Doctrine and Morals

Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement

Bishops Commission for Liturgy

Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council

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