



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

## Plenary Meeting - May 2022

### AGENDA

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#### FRIDAY 6 MAY

##### ***Opening Mass***

##### ***Opening Session:***

- Opening of the plenary meeting
- Apostolic Nuncio – Address to the bishops
- Episcopal deaths, appointments and resignations since the last plenary meeting
- Minutes of plenary meeting held November 2021
- Message to the Holy Father
- *In camera* session
- Elections commence: President, Vice-President, Permanent Committee, Episcopal Commissions, Drafting Panel, Membership Panel (see Notes at end of this Agenda)

##### ***Second Session:***

- Permanent Committee Report

##### ***Third Session:***

- General Session: Episcopal Commission reports (see note at end of this Agenda)

#### SATURDAY 7 MAY

##### ***First Session:***

- Annual meeting of the bishops and leaders of religious institutes

##### ***Second Session:***

- Annual meeting of the bishops and leaders of religious institutes (continued)

##### ***Third Session:***

- Pastoral Discussion: Ministry of Catechist
- General Session: Episcopal Commission reports

## SUNDAY 8 MAY

Mass

## MONDAY 9 MAY

### **First Session:**

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

### **Second Session:**

- Pastoral Discussion: Conference participation in the National Council of Churches in Australia

### **Third Session:**

- General Session: Episcopal Commission reports and General Business

## TUESDAY 10 MAY

### **First Session:**

- Special Session: Catholic (diocesan) developments funds and CDPF Limited
- General Session: Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and General Business

### **Second Session:**

- Pastoral Discussion: Pastoral Care and Ongoing Formation of Bishops

### **Third Session:**

- Special Session: Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

## WEDNESDAY 11 MAY

### **First Session:**

- Pastoral Discussion: Ministry of Lector and Acolyte

### **Second Session:**

- Catholic Church Insurance
- General Session: General Business

### **Third Session:**

- Pastoral Discussion: Return to Mass after COVID-19 disruptions
- General Session: General and Other Business

## THURSDAY 12 MAY

**Closing Mass**

## NOTES

### ***Elections***

The elections occur in this order and continue through the sessions for as long as is needed:

- President
- Vice-President
- Permanent Committee
- Chairs of Episcopal Commissions
- Episcopal Commissions
- Drafting Panel
- Membership Panel

*For the election of President and Vice-President, the Congregation for Bishops has recently requested Episcopal Conferences not to elect any bishop who will reach the age of 75 during the term for which the election is taking place. At 75, bishops submit their resignation to the Pope, so it is preferred that the acceptance of a bishop's resignation not be complicated by his holding the office of President or Vice-President in an Episcopal Conference.*

### ***Episcopal Commission Reports***

Reports from the Bishops Commissions and Episcopal Panels are generally considered in the following order:

- 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 Professional Standards and Safeguarding
- Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service
- Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council