

At a Glance



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

The Listening and Dialogue phase is launched on Pentecost 2018

Where have
we
come from?

Between May 2018 and March 2019, almost 17,500 submissions, from individuals and groups of all sizes (more than 222,000 people in total), addressed the Plenary Council's central question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"

During April and May 2019, all submissions were considered, collated and analysed. The National Centre for Pastoral Research was able to pinpoint more than 100 recurring subject areas from those 17,500 submissions. From those recurring subjects was developed the six National Themes for Discernment.

Re-launch of refreshed Plenary Council website
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Six National Themes for Discernment announced:

- Missionary and Evangelising
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, Healing and Merciful
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community
- Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.

What's going
on now?

The next discernment process will involve establishing Working Groups for each National Theme for Discernment. People in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters. The outcome of this next stage of the process will be an agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council in 2020.



What people talked about

Word map from plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

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What's going to happen next?

There will be an opportunity to participate in the Listening and Discernment process at a local level. A resource to help facilitate this discussion will be available in July.

Recruitment for Working Groups will begin. These Working Groups will continue to work on the six National Themes for Discernment, the outcome of which will be the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council.

Nominations for Plenary Council delegates will open later in 2019. A draft list of selected delegates will be presented to the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council by the end of the year.

Watch this space! Communities will be notified as resources and information becomes available.

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