

Carrying Forward the Plenary Council

As we continue the
journey together



In 2022, after a two-year period of discernment, and two assemblies, the Australian Bishops and lay delegates of Fifth Plenary Council of Australia chose eight themes or directions they believed the Holy Spirit was calling the whole Australian Catholic Church to give attention to for us all to become a more Christ-centred Church.



WE ARE A CHURCH - A PEOPLE WHO

- 1. ARE COMMITTED TO RECONCILIATION with ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE:** Healing wounds & receiving the gifts of First Nations Peoples.
- 2. CHOOSE REPENTANCE & SEEK HEALING** for those who are victims and survivors of abuse & ensure all children and vulnerable adults are safe and protected.
- 3. AS BAPTISED PEOPLE – ALL OF US ARE CALLED BY CHRIST & SENT FORTH AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES:** The promotion of evangelization through hospitality, encounter, & dialogue; developing a culture of inclusion and a commitment to collaboration and co-responsibility; active engagement with those who experience disadvantage or exclusion; dialogue with other faith traditions.
- 4. WITNESS TO THE EQUAL DIGNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN:** Welcoming the diverse experiences, perspective and gifts of women and men, especially in significant roles of leadership and decision making.
- 5. LIVE COMMUNION IN GRACE: Live Sacrament to the world:** Providing a sacramental, joyful and spiritually rich prayer and liturgical life that is inclusive and transformational.
- 6. GIVE PRIORITY TO FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY:** Providing different types of formation in the many dimensions of church life that are adapted to local circumstances and attend to the needs of different communities and ministries.
- 7. ENSURE GOVERNANCE IS AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION:** To promote a synodal way of operating at all levels of Church practice and decision-making.
- 8. LIVE AN INTEGRAL ECOLOGY FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMMON HOME:** Recognising our sacred duty to care for and protect the earth as our common home; undertake plans of action as a vehicle for ecological conversion.