

Does my voice really matter?

Yes, absolutely

Each person is called as a child of God to respond to Pope Francis's invitation to become a "synodal" Church – a Church of faith-filled people who speak boldly and with passion, and who listen deeply with an open and humble heart.



Whose voice needs to be heard?

Everyone's voice

The Church cannot listen if no-one speaks. This is why it is important that everyone **without exception** has the chance and takes the opportunity to participate in the preparation stage and to submit a response.

No matter whether the person is:

- deeply involved or partially engaged
- uncertain, disillusioned, angry or on the margins
- friend or critical outsider looking in

God speaks to us all and the Church needs to listen

Submit Responses

Another way to participate is by submitting a response online. You can do this electronically, via the Plenary Council website:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Submissions close:
6th March 2019



Speak boldly and with passion, but also listen with an open and humble heart!

(Pope Francis)

Like to know more?

- Contact your local Catholic Parish
- Visit the Plenary Council website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
- Contact Evangelisation Brisbane: eb@bne.catholic.net.au
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Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



Your voice matters!



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What is a Plenary Council?

Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local churches in a country.

Our Plenary Council 2020 is being held so that we can dialogue about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Why do we need to have a Plenary Council?

Pope Francis has invited the local church to dialogue. The contemporary society of Australia has changed significantly, and the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse has been a significant and influential event that requires deep consideration and response.

How can I get involved?

- Visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
- Start the conversation – talk with family & friends
- Reflect/Pray
- Participate in Listening and Dialogue Encounters
- Host your own Encounter
- Submit a response



Your voice matters Get involved!



Listening and Dialogue Encounters

Taking part in a Listening and Dialogue Encounter is one way to get involved.

While the name may sound daunting, these sessions are just an opportunity to gather with other people to spend some time reflecting, thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church.

It gives you a chance to speak about your experiences, but also to hear the lived experience of others.

Everyone is invited to respond to the question:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

All voices matter Get others involved!

Listening and Dialogue Encounters are an opportunity to get together with:

- friends
- family
- colleagues
- parish/community
- school groups
- neighbours

You can do this at work, home, coffee shop, park, pub or wherever suits you and the group.

The local Catholic Parish may host Listening and Dialogue Encounters that you and your friends are welcome to join.

A simple, easy to follow Listening and Dialogue Encounter Guide has been prepared and is available on the Plenary Council website. www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

There are two versions:

- adults and small groups
- youth/young adults

