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***Go Make Disciples!* New Mission Plan places evangelisation at the heart of parish renewal in Sydney**

The Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP has launched a landmark new Mission Plan, *Go Make Disciples*, focused on supporting the renewal of parishes and other Eucharistic communities to revitalise their mission for the 2020s and beyond.

The plan was officially launched on 12 December 2020; the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose 16th century apparitions are credited with bringing millions of Mexicans to Christ.

The new plan has emerged after several years of research and consultation through the five year pastoral planning project *Parish 2020*, which examined the structures which can best support new approaches to evangelisation and renewal of local communities across the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Archbishop Fisher said *Go Make Disciples* is focused on providing support to parishes across five foundations for renewal (evangelisation; leadership; community; formation and worship), with ideas outlined to help parishes transform themselves into living, thriving centres of faith, reaching out to wider Australia.

“The plan marks an exciting new phase of renewal for our Church in Sydney, with the goal of being the best church we can be for returnees and newcomers”, Archbishop Fisher said.

“Ours must be a Church that evangelises and forms, builds community and leads and worships the happy God. *Go Make Disciples* invites each of us by God's grace to deepen our discipleship and calls every community of disciples to embrace the evangelising mission of Jesus, reaching out to others, inviting them through word and deed to encounter the joy of the Gospel”, he added.

The Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, Daniel Ang has been tasked with overseeing the formulation of *Go Make Disciples* and to help translate Archbishop Fisher's vision into reality.

He said the new Mission Plan will benefit all parishes in different ways.

“The plan is designed for adaptability and flexibility, allowing it to be applied across various contexts. It could be used by parish teams, parish pastoral councils or music ministry groups to grow their particular priorities of mission”, Mr Ang said.

Mr Ang said the plan will continue to be explored in greater detail from the New Year onwards in parishes, deaneries and regional and clergy conferences.

From April 2021 onwards. Parishes for Mission days will seek to bring parishes together to unpack and explore more deeply the ways they can focus on evangelisation and building up the life and discipleship of their communities.

The full *Go Make Disciples* Mission plan is available here: <https://bit.ly/2K0Yj6p> and a summary version has also been published: <https://bit.ly/2Lp6GZP>

More information about *Go Make Disciples* is available on a dedicated website: www.gomakedisciples.org.au

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