



MOST REVEREND TERENCE BRADY DD VG
Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, Titular Bishop of Talattula

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January – February 2021

With the foundational and invitational theme of the Fifth Australian Plenary Council, '**Listen to what the Spirit is Saying**' we gathered at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 31 January, for the blessing and commissioning of delegates from our Archdiocese who will represent all Catholics in Australia at the Plenary Council Assemblies. Due to COVID -19, the first Assembly (October 3-10, 2021) will be conducted using a combination of video-conferencing and in - person delivery in diocesan, inter-diocesan or provincial groups, while the second (July 4-9, 2022) will be in Sydney.

During the service, the delegates were presented with candles lit from the Plenary Council candle, reminding us all that the Holy Spirit is at the centre of this journey, accompanying each of the delegates as they listen to what the Spirit is saying or asking of the Church in Australia at this time. Deep faith, humility, prayer and discernment is required to be able to genuinely respond to this, to be able to listen to one another. Archbishop Tim Costello, describes the undertaking of the delegates as a "delicate and demanding task".¹

Over the months ahead the delegates will meet together for prayer and spiritual reflection as they prepare for the first Assembly. The first reflection day will occur mid-February 2021, with spiritual direction and input from Fr Aloysius Rego.

The task of the delegates on behalf of all the faithful and the whole Church requires your support and that of your parish community by keeping the delegates in your prayers. Joining 278 delegates from across the country, the Archdiocese of Sydney delegates are:

Archbishop Anthony Fisher

Bishop Terry Brady

Bishop Richard Umbers

Ms Jacinta Collins[#]

Dr Rohan Curnow

Fr Michael de Stoop

¹ Amanda Murphy, 'Do not tear down the Lord's Church, instead renew and restore it,' http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/News_Events-News-2020-October-Week_2-Do_not_tear_down_the_Lords_Church_instead_renew_and_restore_it_Archbishop_Costelloe.htm?latest_news=yes



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Fr Gerry Gleeson

Ms Selina Hasham

Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan

Mr Christopher Lee

Fr Kelvin Lovegrove

Fr Michael McLean

Fr Paul Monkerud

Professor M Isabell Naumann ISSM

Professor Dermot Nestor

Mrs Francine Pirola

Professor Hayden Ramsay

Professor Michele Riondino

Professor Zlatko Skrbis

Fr Eric Skruzny

Fr Maurice Thompson

Mr Gabriele Turchi

Mr John Watkins[#]

Fr Julian Wellspring

On another note, Barbara Perry has taken up a new position within the Archdiocese as the Community Engagement Manager in the Parish Renewal Team. I thank Barbara for all her work in support of the Sydney Archdiocese Plenary Council Working Group. We are privileged that Sr Josephine Brady will be joining the Archdiocese and continuing to work in the liaison role which is so integral to engaging with the broader faith community, particularly in this year of the first meeting of the Plenary Council.

[#] Jacinta Collins (NCEC) and John Watkins (CHA) have been called to the Assemblies in their capacity as representatives of Catholic Ministries.



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Sr Josephine is a member of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart and brings significant broad experience in working in communities and Catholic education (for many years at secondary and tertiary level as a teacher and principal in Tasmanian Catholic schools). Sr Jo has also been a senior lecturer and the national director of secondary teacher education courses at Australian Catholic University. In 2015, Sr Jo accepted a position as foundation Vice Rector Academic to assist in establishing the Jesuit Secondary Teachers' College (ISJB) in Timor Leste. On returning to Australia she became Head of Mission at Caritas Australia.

Sr Jo completed her doctorate in 2005 on the foundation of the Sisters of St Joseph Tasmania 1887 -1937 and is currently involved in writing a biography of one of the founding members of the diocesan Josephites. Sr Jo is a member of St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne where she is a lector and spiritual advisor to the Catholic Women's League.

Thank you for continuing to walk the journey towards the Plenary Council Assemblies and for your encouragement and support of your parish communities.

In Christ

Bishop Terry Brady