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Plenary Discernment Papers Released

With the Plenary Council National Assembly postponed to October 2021 (Adelaide) and July 2022 (Sydney) it is imperative that the momentum gathered over the last 18 months through the response of our parish communities to listening and discernment continues to be encouraged. On Pentecost Sunday the National Plenary Council released the discernment papers, a significant next step on our journey toward the Assemblies. The papers provide a foundation for the ongoing work of the National team that will lead to the development of the working paper (*Instrumentum Laboris*) and ultimately the agenda for the Council assemblies.

COVID 19 may have delayed the dates of the Assemblies but engagement with the papers is significant for the continued inclusion and participation of our community. I encourage you to promote and highlight the release of the papers within your parish. In consultation with your Plenary Council ambassadors and other leaders in your parish community, you may wish to consider the potential for group reflections on the content of the working papers, prayer and discernment about God's plan for us as stimulated by the papers and other opportunities to engage with the Plenary Council process.

The papers are available on the National Plenary Council web page at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

I ask for your continued prayer that the Holy Spirit will keep our hearts and minds open to each other as we enter the next stages of the Plenary Council.

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