

Sydney Archdiocese Clergy Gathering for Reflection on Plenary Council

On Wednesday 26th May a group of priests gathered at the Polding Centre to engage in the discernment process that has been chosen to facilitate dialogue, reflection and discernment during the Plenary Council process. The process is one described as “Spiritual Conversation” and was led by Br Ian Cribb S.J.

Br Cribb led the participants to reflect on scripture and consider what the Holy Spirit is saying and then to share their thoughts and impressions. The process then moved into group sharing, where each member was encouraged to listen to one another and share their insights. Further reflection occurred and the group considered what the common theme was.

The process was totally inclusive with all members having the opportunity to share and to listen to each member of the group. It involved faith sharing but can also help facilitate discussion on issues that we don't agree about; we can engage together recognising and respecting that the Spirit might be speaking through each of us.

The process will be used in group discussion at the Plenary Council Assembly in October and the gathering gave all participants an insight into the process as well as a good methodology for discernment in parishes. Br. Cribb recommended a YouTube clip: “Introduction to Spiritual Conversation” by Fr. John Dardis S.J. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7EDySgbWogU>) that might appeal to parishioners interested in this methodology.

A reflection day for Parish Ambassadors will be held on July 3. If any parish does not have ambassadors and would like parishioners to attend, please contact Sr Jo Brady at jo.brady@sydneycatholic.org



Photo 1: Fr Erick Niyiragira CP, Fr Michael McLean, Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA

Photo 2: Br Ian Cribb SJ, Fr Peter Smith



Photo 3: Fr Erick Niyiragira CP, Fr Michael McLean, Fr Dominik Karnas CSMA, Fr Son-Lam (Remy) Bui, Fr Eduardo Orilla, Fr Michael de Stoop, Bishop Terry Brady

