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Stay safe and well, blessings to all, Catholics For Renewal.

EDITORIAL

Royal Commission, Mandatory Reporting & Seal of Confession



Detail of stained glass window, St Aloysius Church, Great Neck New York, CNS, Gregory A Shemitz

Full Editorial [HERE](#)

Limited extract:

Prior to the conclusion of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, few Australian states and territories had laws mandating ministers of religion to report their knowledge or suspicion of criminal child sexual abuse. None had laws extending the obligation to report where the knowledge or belief of abuse was gained in a religious confession. However, based on the extensive evidence it heard over the 5 years of its inquiry the Royal Commission concluded that all Australian states and territories should have laws making ministers of religion mandatory reporters of child sexual abuse, even where that knowledge or belief of abuse was gained in a religious confession.....Catholics for Renewal believes that under Christ's Law of

Charity, the integrity and safety of the child must take precedence over the integrity of the seal. **Full Editorial** [HERE](#)

Launch of 'Know the Dioceses in 2020'

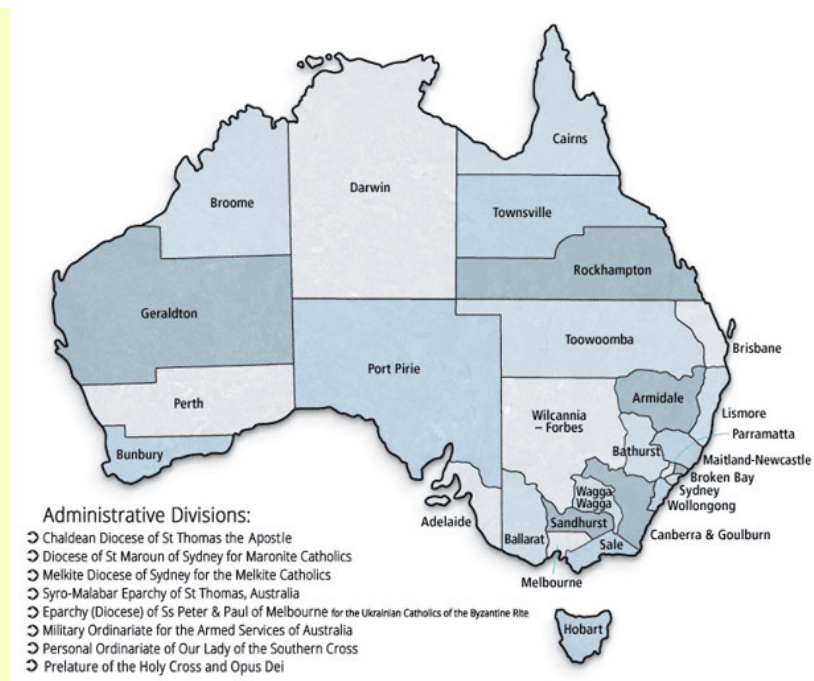
On 3 October 2021 around 260 bishops, priests, deacons, religious and laypersons will assemble in Adelaide's St Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate the liturgical Opening of the 5th Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia.



Painting: Road to Emmaus Daniel Bonnell

These participants, called from the 36 'particular churches' in Australia - 28 territorial dioceses, 5 eparchies and dioceses of the Eastern Churches, the Military and Anglican ordinariates, and the personal prelature of Opus Dei – will, in their coming together, give witness to the 'communion' between all the churches in Australia and with the Bishop of Rome.

To provide a better understanding of the 28 territorial dioceses among the 'particular' churches, Dr Peter Wilkinson, current President of Catholics for Renewal, is preparing a series of profiles on each diocese (map of territorial dioceses [below](#) or download [here](#)) drawn from a variety of official church and government data currently available.....Catholics for Renewal will publish these profiles on our website over the next several months commencing with the October Newsletter. We hope that this information will assist the faithful in all dioceses to prepare for the Plenary Council. The diocesan profiles will appear in no particular order.



Source of Map: The Official Directory of the Catholic Church in Australia 2020-2021 (Map details [HERE](#))

The following listing of recent Catholics For Renewal website News & Opinion items provide a snapshot of current Church issues and may be accessed [HERE](#)

(Note that publication of links to these items does not necessarily indicate editorial support.)

Trump announces Judge Amy Barrett as US Supreme Court nominee.

Putting lower value on older lives unethical.

The first virtual Nuns on the Bus tour begins, highlighting voting rights, poverty and pro-life policies.

People leaving Church in 'droves' warns McAleese.

There will be no return to a pre-COVID world; it has changed forever.

Suspended Irish priest Tony Flannery calls Vatican inquiry 'unjust'.

Gay children are 'children of God', Pope tells parents.

Holy See response to Child Sexual Abuse Royal Commission: another example of clericalist obstinance.

Queensland passes law to jail priests for not reporting confessions of child sexual abuse.

Pope reveals why he said 'no' to married priests.

Holy See offers observations on inquiry's recommendations.

Forget millennials. How will churches reach Generation Z?

Pope Francis: We need to get serious about climate change and unfair economic systems.

Read something spiritually nourishing: Message from Archbishop Comensoli.

Response to the stimulus papers prepared by writing teams for the national plenary council.

Putting Children First: Child Protection Week 2020.

New Plenary Council Timeline.

Growing Voices Displace Indifference.

Archbishops, vaccines and COVID-19.

German bishops say talks with Rome on parish document must include laity.

Australia appoints new ambassador to the Holy See.

Looking to future governance of our Church.

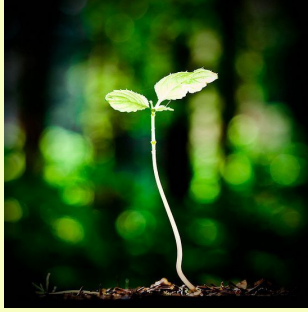
Getting Back On Mission

Getting Back on Mission is forward-looking and founded on trust in the Spirit – it is about hope. The book focuses on Jesus' mission for the Church;

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