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## EDITORIAL

### The Rights and Responsibilities of Christ's Faithful in Australia

**Extract**, January 2020

Catholics for Renewal is closely monitoring preparations for the 5th Australian Plenary Council.

With the First Session to be held in Adelaide on 5-11 October

2020, just a little over 8 months

away, important matters still to be finalised include the selection of lay delegates to the Council and preparation and setting of the Council agenda. We have concerns with these matters and with commitment to

carefully considering contributions of the Faithful to the Plenary Council.....*Our concerns and suggestions are described in the full editorial*



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## Incremental set of 2020/2021 Plenary issue summary documents

The 3rd incremental Summary Document "**Co-responsibility: sharing in church governance**" is now published and available [HERE](#). It is also available with the two prior Summary Documents within 'Document 93' on our website Documents page [HERE](#) These documents are designed as brief, accessible overviews, with links to source material.

- 1) **Sensus fidelium** (sense of faith of Christ's faithful) [Dec. 2019]
- 2) **Synodal governance** for a pastoral church [Jan. 2020]
- 3) **Co-responsibility: sharing in church governance** [Feb. 2020]
- 4) Women and Ministry [March 2020]
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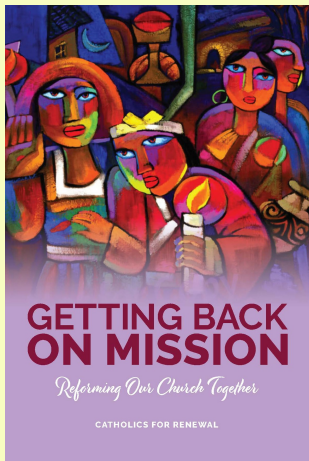
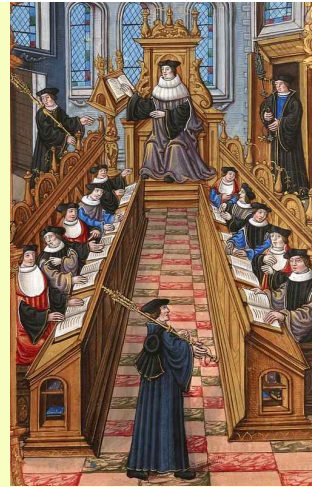
## Querida Amazonia' – an initial response

Pope Francis has released his response to the recent synod on the Amazon - 'Querida Amazonia' (Beloved Amazon). Reactions have ranged from praise to disappointment. There are already messages for our Plenary Council. With much more to be revealed and considered, an initial response is offered [HERE](#)

## Papers in the series Early Australian Catholic Councils / Plenaries available

Australia's 5th Plenary Council will soon be upon us. Providing historical context and adding to his

earlier articles in the series on the ‘particular’ (plenary and provincial) councils held in Australia since 1844 and published over time in The Swag, Peter Wilkinson's papers are being progressively reprinted with kind permission as Document 78 on the Documents page of the Catholics For Renewal website [HERE](#)



## Getting Back On Mission

Getting Back on Mission: Reforming Our Church Together - “... a realistic, hopeful and authentically Catholic roadmap for the forthcoming Australian Plenary Council.....” (Frank Brennan SJ, AO)

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*\* Note that publication of links to these items does not necessarily indicate editorial support.*



## News and Opinions

**New Wine, New Wine Skins.**

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**Another US Catholic diocese seeks bankruptcy after abuse deals**

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**Querida Amazonia has much to offer the Church in Australia**

**What's in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the Amazon synod?**

**'Querida Amazonia': Commentary on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation**

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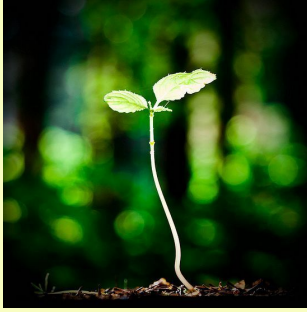
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