

**Table: Top 20 ‘most prominent’ or ‘most widely discussed’ issues in 17,500 submissions:
within and across Australia’s 28 territorial dioceses**

Ranking of ‘most prominent’ and ‘most widely discussed’ issues (Topic area)	Most widely discussed within dioceses						Total number of dioceses where issue discussed
	# 1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6+	
1. Greater inclusion of all (A)	27	1					28
2. Greater involvement of the Laity (B)	2	6	9	2	3	5	27
3. Remaining faithful to Church teaching (A)	3	2	2	5	8	6	26
4. Greater role for women (B)	21	3	1	1			26
5. Ending compulsory celibacy & allowing priests to marry (C)	15	9	2				26
6. Ordination of women (C)	2	14	9	1			26
7. Care for neighbour (A)	4	4	4	5	3	5	25
8. Greater trust, faith and hope in God (A)	6	7	5	3		3	24
9. Greater focus on Jesus Christ (A)	12	6	5	1			24
10. Better faith formation (A)	1	7	5	3	2	6	24
11. Fighting for human rights issues (E)	18	5					23
12. Greater outreach to youth (F)	11	6	3	2		1	23
13. Greater sharing of the faith with others (F)	7	7	5	2	1	1	23
14. Greater focus on the Word of God (A)			4	6	3	9	22
15. Greater leadership from bishops (B)		4	3	4	7	3	21
16. Greater emphasis on prayer & sacraments (C)	9	8	3	1			21
17. Care of the environment (E)	1	2	13	3	1		20
18. New leadership & governance model (B)		3	5	4	4	3	19
19. Ending clericalism (B)	3		4	6	2	3	18
20. Greater leadership from priests (B)			2	3	1	12	18

Source: NCPR, *Diocesan Reports*, March-April 2020