

## Diocesan Pastoral Council

Archbishop Christopher has proposed a new Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) that will assist him in the core mission of the Church in this Archdiocese:

- Evangelising: spreading the good news of Jesus to all
- Service: being instruments of mercy and responding to the needs of the poor
- Promoting: human flourishing in a fulfilled creation

A DPC is an instrument of synodality – walking together, inviting all those within the Church and those on the margins to journey in this common mission.

A Report on the future DPC is now available – in summary form (Summary) or the full report (Report) – for discussion and consultation across the whole Archdiocese.

The Working Party, formed by Archbishop Christopher, is seeking your views, as parish and other communities and as individual members of the Church. Four questions have been framed to gather views that might be a single sentence or a more extensive responses:

1. Why should the Archbishop constitute a Diocesan Pastoral Council?
2. In your view what role might a Diocesan Pastoral Council play in the life of the Archdiocese?
3. To fulfil its synodal mission, a Pastoral Council should be both representative and skilled – what advice can you offer to the Archbishop about how best to achieve these goals?
4. Are there elements/issues that you believe the Summary or the full Report have missed that are important for the Archbishop to consider?

You can provide your views through your Parish Pastoral Council, the priests in your parish, or directly in this form <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/diocesan-pastoral-council-join-in-the-conversation/> or via email: (<mailto:workingparty@cg.org.au>).

Please respond by 28 October 2022.

The Working Party is happy to meet with communities or parishes to assist in gathering feedback