



Diocese of Sandhurst



PlenaryCouncil2020  
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## Plenary Council 2020 Delegation

The Diocese of Sandhurst will send a delegation of five people to the Plenary Council, including:

- Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst;
- Fr Joe Taylor, Vicar General of the Diocese of Sandhurst;
- Fr Brian Boyle, Episcopal Vicar for Education, and
- Two delegates from the 'presbyters and others of Christ's faithful' from the Diocese.

**Two delegates** called from the 'presbyters and others of Christ's faithful' from the Diocese will come from the lay people, religious and clergy of the diocese.

### Key Characteristics

Some characteristics of the delegates to be called include:

- the person's demonstrated commitment to leadership in the Church and ministry (e.g. an active parish ministries leader, Catholic Education staff member, Catholic Social Services worker or ecclesial movement leader, etc.);
- a living of the gospel expressed in both words and deeds;
- their awareness of 'the bigger picture' of Catholic faith, community and works in the context of contemporary Australian society;
- their experience in participation in or leadership of Phase 1 *Listening and Dialogue* with people in the person's community, workplace or family.

Ultimately, the main criteria to consider is the person's ability and capacity to discern with an open heart, *listening to what the Spirit is saying* to the Church in Australia.



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## Criteria of delegates

- Delegates must be available for *all three* of the Plenary Sessions (please see calendar dates below). Unfortunately, anyone who cannot be available for all of these dates, is unfortunately ineligible to be called.
- Delegates must be over the age of 16.

## Calendar Dates

### 1. Preparation and formation days for Delegates:

Delegates choose **ONE** of the following four dates:

a	Melbourne	5:00pm Thursday 18 June to 12:00 noon Saturday 20 June, 2020
b	Brisbane	5:00pm Thursday 25 June to 12:00 noon Saturday 27 June, 2020
c	Sydney	5:00pm Thursday 16 July to 12:00 noon Saturday 18 July, 2020
d	Perth	5:00pm Thursday 23 July to 12:00 noon Saturday 25 July, 2020

### 2. Plenary Council General Assembly 1:

2.00pm Sunday 4 October 2020 to 12:00 noon Sunday 11 October 2020.

### 3. Plenary Council General Assembly 2:

12.00 noon Monday 28 June 2021 to 12:00 noon Saturday 3 July 2021.

## To submit an expression of interest

Please complete the Expression of Interest form (available on the Sandhurst website) and email to Bishop Shane Mackinlay for discernment and decision.

[bishop@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:bishop@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

by **12.00pm January 25<sup>th</sup> 2020** for discernment and decision.

## For questions

If you have questions, or if you require further information, please contact:

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