



Plenary Council - First Assembly 3-10 October

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this Historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of Faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via '*one device-one person*' mode. Seventeen members will participate in this gathering called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October).

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

PRAYER OF PETITION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

A prayer used before every session of the Second Vatican Council.

Let us join in this prayer every day of the Assembly.

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts.

Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own
and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God,
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for All enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favour. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants, Amen.