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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This letter is being forwarded to all clergy and religious, school principals and heads of agencies in the Archdiocese of Adelaide. I am writing to you to invite you to discern with your community anyone who you may feel is called to express their interest in being a delegate for our local Church to the Plenary Council.

Our diocese will be sending a delegation of six people to the Plenary Council and this includes:

- The bishop of the Adelaide Archdiocese
- Our Archdiocesan Vicar General;
- Four delegates called from our diocese from the 'presbyters and others of Christ's faithful'

Once you have identified a possible delegate from your community, please approach them to ascertain if they would be willing to attend and are free on the dates mentioned below. Please provide them with the attached form to complete their expression of interest to be returned by 20 January 2020.

Some characteristics of the two delegates to be called are:

- The person's demonstrated commitment to leadership in the Church and/or their ministries (e.g. An active parish ministries leader, Catholic Education staff member/parent/student, Catholic Social Services worker or ecclesial movement leader, etc.)
- The person's living of the gospel in their life through both prayer and deeds
- Their awareness of 'the bigger picture' of Catholic faith, community and works in context of contemporary Australian society
- Previous participation in / leadership of listening and dialogue, or listening and discernment encounters with people in the person's community, workplace or family as part of the preparatory process toward the Plenary Council;

Ultimately, the foundational characteristic to be considered 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.

Any person who expresses their interest in being called by our diocese to be a delegate to the Plenary Council must be available for the following dates:

1. Preparation and formation days for Delegates: **ONE** of the following four dates can be chosen:
 - a. Melbourne: Thursday 5.00pm June 18th 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm June 20th 2020
 - b. Brisbane: Thursday 5.00pm June 25th 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm June 27th 2020
 - c. Sydney: Thursday 5.00pm July 16th 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm July 18th 2020





- d. Perth: Thursday 5.00pm July 23rd 2020 – Saturday 12.00pm July 25th 2020
2. Plenary Council General Assembly 1 in Adelaide: Sunday 2.00pm October 4th 2020 – Sunday 12.00pm October 11th 2020
3. Plenary Council General Assembly 2 in Sydney: Monday 12.00pm June 28th 2021 – Saturday 12.00pm July 3rd 2021

Anyone who cannot be available for all of these dates, unfortunately is ineligible to be called.

Also, please note, the minimum required age for delegates is 16 years of age.

Please promote this throughout your faith community and encourage your ministry leaders to pray together to discern this call.

Please send any expressions of interest by email to smoffatt@adelaide.catholic.org.au by **12.00pm January 20th 2020** for discernment and decision.

If you have questions, or if you require further information, please contact Sarah Moffatt via the above email address or by telephoning 0439 218 859

Finally, although the total number of delegates is quite small, this group of people will represent our local Archdiocesan Church, and help to guide all of the Church in Australia towards the future. It is a great act of faith and we are led by the Spirit every step of the way. Please join me in praying for all of the Church in Australia, and in particular for our Archdiocesan delegation as we continue to journey toward the Plenary Council.

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