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Dear friends and colleagues,

I am writing to invite expressions of interest from prospective delegates for the Archdiocese of Perth to attend the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council provides an opportunity for a calling forth of delegates from among the 'presbyters and others of Christ's faithful' from our Archdiocese.

The Archdiocese of Perth has been allocated **four** delegates to attend the Plenary Council sessions in 2020 and 2021.

Some characteristics of the delegates to be called could include:

- a demonstrated commitment to leadership in the Church and/or the ministries of the Church (e.g. parish ministries, Catholic Education, Catholic Social Services, Catholic Health or those associated with the various ecclesial movements etc);
- an intentional living of the gospel in their life, exhibited through both prayer and deeds;
- an awareness of 'the bigger picture' of Catholic faith, community and works in the 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.

Ultimately, the foundational characteristic for a delegate would be 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 Archdiocese to be a delegate to the Plenary Council must be available for the following dates:

1. **Preparation and Formation days for Delegates:** Choose **ONE** of the following four dates:
  - a. **Melbourne:** Thursday 18 June (5.00pm) to Saturday 20 June (12.00pm) 2020
  - b. **Brisbane:** Thursday 25 June (5.00pm) to Saturday 27 June (12.00pm) 2020
  - c. **Sydney:** Thursday 16 July (5.00pm) to Saturday 18 July (12.00pm) 2020
  - d. **Perth:** Thursday 23 July (5.00pm) to Saturday 25 July (12.00pm) 2020



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2. **Plenary Council General Assembly 1:**  
Sunday 4 October (2.00pm) to Sunday 11 October (12.00pm) 2020
3. **Plenary Council General Assembly 2:**  
Monday 28 June (12.00pm) to Saturday 3 July (12.00pm) 2021

Anyone who cannot be available for both the Preparation and Formation dates as well as for both the General Assembly dates of the Plenary Council is ineligible to be called as a delegate.

Please note that the minimum required age for delegates is 16 years of age.

**Enquiries can be directed to either:**

Mr Daniel Lynch  
Director, Office of the Archbishop  
via email at [daniel.lynch@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:daniel.lynch@perthcatholic.org.au) or by telephoning (08) 6104 3650

Mr Tony Giglia  
Archdiocesan Coordinator - Plenary Council  
via email at [tony.giglia@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:tony.giglia@perthcatholic.org.au) or by telephoning (08) 6104 3600

**Completed applications must be sent via email to:**

Ms Jennifer Lazberger  
Executive Assistant to Archbishop Costelloe SDB  
at [archexec@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:archexec@perthcatholic.org.au) by 5.00pm Friday 17 January 2020.

Further information, including an Expression of Interest Form, can be found at [http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our\\_Archdiocese-Plenary\\_Council\\_2020.htm](http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Plenary_Council_2020.htm)

Finally, although the total number of delegates is small, this group of people will represent our local Church of Perth and help to guide 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 the Church in Australia, and in particular for our Archdiocesan delegation, as we continue our journey towards the Plenary Council.

Yours sincerely in Christ

*+ Timothy Costelloe SDB*

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB  
Archbishop of Perth