

Background Information

The Diocesan Pastoral Plan outlines the vision, mission, pastoral goals, theological principles, pastoral planning principles and norms for pastoral councils, assemblies and teams.

Our Vision

To hear God's people and to empower them to participate fully in Christ's mission.

Diocesan Liturgy Council

The Diocesan Liturgy Council is responsible for assisting the entire diocesan community in the area of liturgy. Identifying liturgical issues; providing liturgical formation and education; consulting and communicating with parishes, regions and apostolic groups; being an informed resource group in relation to liturgical matters; are ways in which this Council provides advisory services to the Bishop and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Diocesan Faith Development Council

The Diocesan Faith Development Council is responsible for the entire diocesan community in the area of faith development and formation. This Council provides opportunities for dialogue with parishes and provides partnerships in the area of faith development and formation by developing programs, seminars and workshops in order to meet the needs of the community. It communicates the availability of resources in education and formation across the local and wider church. In this way it is advisory to the Bishop and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Diocesan Social Justice Council.

The Diocesan Social Justice Council is responsible for assisting the entire diocesan community in the area of social justice. This Council monitors international, national and local social justice events and issues and provides advice to the diocesan community as to an appropriate way to respond, so that the church remains relevant and responsive to the signs of the times. This Council has a strong relationship with the Australian Social Justice Council and other church and community organisations that advance the issues of peace, justice and concern for the marginalised. It is advisory to the Bishop and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Diocesan Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Council

The Diocesan Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Council is responsible for assisting the entire diocesan community in the area of ecumenism and inter-faith dialogue. This Council remains informed about ecumenical and inter-faith matters and communicates, educates and forms the community on an ongoing basis. It assists in the promotion of initiatives across the diocese which strengthens ecumenical and inter-faith attitudes while encouraging participation in inter-church gatherings and ventures. It provides advice to the Bishop and the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Diocesan Youth Advisory Council

The Diocesan Youth Advisory Council is responsible for imagining what initiatives might respond to the needs of young people across the diocese. It aims to communicate with young people across the diocese and it hopes to increase the engagement of young people in parish and diocesan life.