



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

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TO THE CLERGY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Dear Brothers,

The following message from Pope Francis has been received, and I invite you to use it in any way you see fit for the official launch of the Plenary Council on Sunday:

I extend cordial greetings and prayerful good wishes as the Catholic community in Australia joins in prayer this Pentecost Sunday to launch the immediate preparations for the forthcoming 2020 Plenary Council. Upon all taking part in the preparatory process, I invoke the Holy Spirit's gifts of wisdom, harmony and openness to the Lord's will for the future of his pilgrim Church in the country. It is my hope that through patient dialogue and faith-filled discernment, the conciliar journey will confirm the Catholics in Australia in a spirit of fraternal unity and missionary discipleship, thus enabling them to be a leaven of holiness, justice and reconciliation in today's rapidly changing society. As a pledge of the sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, I willingly impart my Apostolic Blessing.

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