

Summary of Workshop, 13th November 2019.

Theme....Inclusive, participatory, synodal.

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We selected 3 ideas from the documents provided...

- 1) Synodality and its importance in church governance.
- 2) Participatory....the inclusion of women, divorced, LBGTIQ...refugees and our indigenous Australians in full Church life.
- 3) Ending clericalism.

Suggestions for actions in these 3 areas

- 1) Synodality. a) Establish and put in place a process of performance review for all Church leaders....Bishops, Priests, Lay leaders, leaders of religious congregations.
b) The Plenary Council's composition to be synodal in that the majority of members are diocesan priests, laity, religious brothers and sisters and members of congregational orders, whose views are to be respected and whose vote taken into account.
- 2) Participatory. Develop specific plans for full inclusion in Church life of..
*Women *LBGTIQ *Indigenous Australians * the divorced and remarried
*refugees .
- 3) Ending clericalism. Re-shape the training of priests, including establishing greater involvement in communities outside the seminary experience.
 - a) The re-shaping to include enlarging access to the priesthood by accepting women, married men,(viri probati) , and welcoming back priests who left the priesthood to marry.
 - b) The re shaping to extend to officially discouraging any undue deference given to ordained clergy by some of the laity in ignorance of their rights and responsibilities as baptised Catholics.

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