

Summary of Workshop ,20th November, 2019.

Theme.....Prayerful and Eucharistic.

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We selected 3 ideas from the documents provided.

- 1) Restoring the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation.
- 2) Removal of existing moral restrictions on attending the sacraments for certain groups of Catholics.
- 3) Need for more laity involvement in the life of the Church.

Suggestions for action in these 3 areas.

- 1) 3<sup>rd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation...The Australian Bishops should reverse their earlier decision to remove the Third Rite from the choices available to Catholics. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Rite should be reinstated.
- 2) Moral restrictions pertaining to the sacraments.....The Plenary Council should decide to remove the current moral restrictions placed on divorced and remarried Catholics and LBGTIQ Catholics which restrict them from participating in relevant sacraments.
- 3) Laity Involvement....Encourage the Australian church authorities to support in principle the ordination of women as deacons and priests.

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