

Newsletter Five: Sense of the Faithful website - 8 October 2020

[Pope Francis Encyclical Letter](#)

Please find attached a PDF copy of Pope Francis's Encyclical Letter on Fraternity And Social Friendship, entitled 'Fratelli Tutti', released on 4 October.

The Encyclical is highly relevant to understanding the turmoil and uncertainties generated by current events. Francis's analysis of the signs of the times has, on first glance, major implications for setting the agenda for the Plenary Council.

We seek your feedback on the issues you think need to be addressed in the light of Francis' insights and calls to action. Please send your comments to: senseofthefaithful@gmail.com

I have taken the liberty of inserting a Table of Contents at the beginning of the document. This is to make it easier to get an overview of the topics covered and to return to particular chapters of interest. You can navigate to each chapter by using (in Windows) Control and click on the chapter heading in the Table of Contents. The references can also be accessed the same way.

The following links take you to documents on the senseofthefaithful.org website that we want to highlight, including new documents posted on the website recently.

[Towards the Plenary Council Working Document: Some Reflections](#)

An analysis by the Sense of the Faithful Editorial Committee

It is vital that the Working Document prepares the ground for firm and detailed proposals for change that can be quickly implemented by the Australian bishops. Pope Francis has been urging local bishops to take greater authority. Our bishops should be encouraged to expand their envelope of their authority to make real change possible, rather than hiding behind Rome as a defence against change.

[Issues for Consideration at the Plenary Council](#)

Fr Terry Kean, St Francis Xavier's, Montmorency, Victoria, offers his personal views on what the Council can and cannot achieve.

[The Need for a Eucharistic Presider](#)

Vianney Shiel AM, St. Kevin's Parish, Lower Templestowe, Victoria, proposes alternatives to a priest centered liturgy.

