



AMPJP Forum Melbourne 27th August 2018

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"A FORUM is a place, situation, meeting or group in which people exchange ideas and discuss issues, especially important public issues.

In ancient Roman towns, the Forum was a square where people met to discuss business and political matters."

Collins Dictionary (accessed online)

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“The Forum will offer an opportunity to gather as canonical stewards of Ministerial PJPs in order to:

- Reflect on our role as leaders and influencers in the Church in Australia and beyond in the 21st century
- Consider the value of the Association as a support and resource to canonical stewards and their PJPs (the internal support and capacity building function of the Association)
- Determine the role the Association might play in working with Catholic and other bodies on shared issues and representing the collective of PJPs when they wish to speak as a group” (the Association in relation to the external environment)

The charitable objects of the Association identified in its constitution are:

- a) offering a contemporary, encouraging example of Christ's mission at work in the world – "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10)
- b) actively enabling the co-responsibility of laity and clergy for the life of the Church and its ministries
- c) facilitating collegial interaction between canonical stewards of the member PJPs
- d) providing the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia, their respective members and other Catholic entities with a point of liaison with member PJPs and their canonical stewards
- e) supporting canonical stewards in their ministry of governance by -
 - fostering the capability of current and future canonical stewards, including through facilitating formation activities and qualifications to support canonical stewards and their staff
 - facilitating access to canonical governance and related advice
 - communicating to the member PJPs relevant matters of significance
- f) promoting and proclaiming Catholic identity as an integral part of the PJPs ministries.

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Objects (A) & (F)

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Object (B)

Actively enabling the co-responsibility of laity and clergy for the life of the Church and its ministries

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Session 1

- Do I and my PJP acknowledge the call to Church Leadership?
- How is this expressed?
- What challenges have we (I and my PJP) experienced in exercising this leadership and what blocks might we anticipate?
- How might we lead in contributing to a Church of the future
- How might the Association contribute?

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Session 2: Objects (C) & (E)

Facilitating collegial interaction between canonical stewards of the member PJPs

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- What enables the effective exercise of canonical governance for you individually and as a group of stewards in your PJP?
- What challenges do you encounter in exercising your canonical governance?
- How do you currently manage these challenges?
- How might the Association more effectively support and resource you – individually in your role as canonical steward and collectively as a group of canonical stewards?

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Session 2:

- What would you like to see more of/less of from the Association with regard to providing support, recognising the limits of its resources?
- What could you/your PJP offer in collegiality to support the capacity of Ministerial PJs to exercise their leadership ... of their PJs and in the wider Church?

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Session 3: The Association acting as a point of liaison with Catholic groups.

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- What do you understand as the role of the Association with regard to its liaison role between PJs and other Catholic ministries?
- What areas should the Association be engaged in, given its limited resources?
- In light of Berneice's presentation regarding Church leadership, are there matters that require a 'common voice' from PJs that the Association could provide?

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- Are the actions outlined in the Strategic Plan in line with the agreed position of members regarding areas of liaison?
- What else would you like to see?