

Areas of Importance for the Diocese

At our 2018 Diocesan Assembly participants were asked to leave a document on their table outlining what people thought were areas of importance for the diocese to consider in the future. The following were gathered up for consideration.

- Lay leadership.
- To create structures of accountability from priests.
- How do we ensure the upholding of the importance of the Sacraments?
- Look at why.
- Disconnected but official Church and many “Catholics”

Prayer.

Lay leadership especially women.

Youth.

Too many rules and regulations, managing chaos in life-giving way.

Listening to parishioners.

- Youth.
- Liturgy – understanding scripture.
- Communication practices.
- Inter-religious dialogue.

Youth – means new and invigorating and out of the box thinking. Of connecting with youth.

Internet, media, It connections.

Liturgy re-education.

Leaders for liturgical celebration. Who will replace priests?

Advertising our product. Making ourselves visible. We have the best kept secret.

- Cluster parishes.
- Financial transparency of diocese and parishes.
- Emotional support for priests.
- Training of Laity for Lay-led services.
- Promote bequests to diocese and parishes.

Next twelve months: * **top five**

Youth participation in the Church. *

Two-way communication.

Listening (really listening).

Prevent diocese from diminishing. *

Don't give parishes back to Adelaide. *

Allow Laity to lead Liturgy (in absence of priest). *

Promoting vocations. *

Have more fun (not super serious).

Sense of music and rhythm.

- Formation of Laity for leadership.
- Acceptance of this need and of this change by clergy and parishioners and acceptance of leadership by parishioners.
- Ecumenism.
- Need to reach out to draw people in and make them welcome and especially need to reach to the marginal.

Youth Council.

Welcome for youth.

Music opportunities.

Ecumenical.

Formation.

Understanding of scripture.

Teaching.

Prayer.

Liturgy.

- Encouraging and supporting of young families and youth in our parishes.
- Educating of the Lay people to take on different roles at our parishes.
- Nurturing and caring for our priests and the elderly and others in need.
- Involvement of youth.
- Stepping out of our safe zones.

Youth.

Ecumenism.

Women deacons with supportive?

Trained supervision for all ministry.

- More priests.
- Youth – more importance of religion in schools.
- Third Rite of Reconciliation.
- Revamp parishes to cover loss of priest.
- Music important in Liturgy – modern.

Families

Connections within diocese. Geographic and demographic.

Disparity.

Centacare and parishes.

Liturgy.

Communication within the diocese.

1. Re: Plenary:
 - a) Ensure information for each parish and discussion on each parish.
 - b) What's the Parish Council for?
 - c) Who's involved?
 - d) Identify matters that need to be addressed before and during the PC.
 - e) Ensure all communities feel their voices have been heard and recognised and respected.
2. Spiritual nourishment of the poor.
3. Future of parish leadership.
4. Church presence among young people.

Youth.
 Women in leadership.
 Diocesan financial sustainability and transparency.
 Listening to other denominations.
 Church formation.

- Parish clusters – how to be served by priests.
- But - Well-being of priests.
- Leadership.
- Woman's' involvement.
- Speaking boldly, thinking creatively.
- Connecting to secular society.

Youth
 Women in ministry.
 Women in leadership.
 Focus Mass / Liturgy.
 Religious – more support.

Alana:

- Youth
- Role of Laity.
- Present hierarchal structure.
- Encounter, create community.

Listening / discussion toward Plenary Council in next year.
 Youth engagement – listening.
 Laity formation of leadership.
 Aged care.
 Positive experience of Church.

- Education of Laity.
- Rights and responsibilities.
- Brainstorm with help from parish for preparation of ourselves so meaningful contribution is possible.
- Youth – belief.
- Women
- Promotion of the positive things being done in community.