

QUESTIONS FROM
THE BISHOP'S MESSAGE IN *THE WITNESS* APRIL 2018
TO BE CHURCH

- How better to be Church in a great regional area with a small Catholic population of few resources? (Ourselves and Tasmania have the lowest proportion of Catholics in the Australian dioceses, around 16%. The national average is 22%).
- How to reinforce and strengthen our Regional Councils, (Northern, Western, Cathedral, Riverland) to enable participation, the hearing of voices, the implementation of ideas. The structure of the four Regional Councils is crucial if we wish to maintain our identity as a diocese, and not just as a scatter of local communities. The Riverland is one parish of six communities; the other Regions consist of several individual parishes.
- How is our Church to find its attractive voice again, speaking to our youth, our wider society, and ourselves individually as Catholics?
- What can we do better in order to be servant Church?
- How do we develop further the conviction of adult faith responsibility, that all are baptised for mission?
- The need to look at the pastoral and human development issues for our clergy, to reinforce the humane and the fullness of soul.
- How do we create a governing structure for the Church that is life-giving, that includes gender balance in its structures, enhancing the role of women and parents?
- What do we do to re-engage the young and to welcome back Catholics no longer involved in the Church?
- Recruitment of Clergy and religious.
- The recruitment and formation of Pastoral Associates.