

## **Ad Limina Visit – June 2019**

The Australian Catholic Bishops, myself included, will be absent in Rome over the next two weeks, undertaking a spiritual retreat together, and then a week of meetings with various Vatican departments.

This visit takes place once every five or seven years and is known as Ad Limina Apostolorum, which means to the “Threshold of the Apostles”, referring to Sts Peter and Paul, both martyred and interred in Rome. Each Diocese has prepared a detailed account of the pastoral and practical activities of the previous five or seven years, and these were forwarded to Rome several months ago, and can form part of the basis for conversations with the Vatican departments.

Given in the link is the outline of appointments which will be attended by the Bishops. We will commence with a five day retreat for all the Bishops conducted by Br Ian Cribb SJ (formerly in charge of the Sevenhill Retreat House). After that the Bishops move to Domus Australia, the former Marist Fathers Seminary in Rome now functioning as a residence for Australian visitors.

**Bishop Gregory O'Kelly SJ**