



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

**November 27, 2006**

### **Australia's Bishops gather for Plenary Meeting**

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference will hold its twice-yearly Plenary Meeting in Sydney this week, from November 27 to December 1.

Australia's 43 Catholic Bishops will gather for the meeting, during which they will celebrate daily Mass in the chapel holding the tomb of Blessed Mary Mackillop.

The meeting gives the Bishops, who come from all parts of the nation, the chance to share time together and discuss all aspects of the Catholic Church in Australia.

This will be the first Plenary Meeting since the major restructure of the ACBC earlier this year. The new Bishops' Commissions will meet before the Plenary session and will bring forward items for consideration and discussion. Following the restructure there are now Bishops Commissions for: Doctrine and Morals; Liturgy; Mission and Faith Formation; Catholic Education; Pastoral Life; Relations with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders; Justice and Service; Church Ministry; Caritas; Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations; Canon Law; Administration and Information.

The Plenary Meeting will be opened by the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Ambrose de Paoli.

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