



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

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### **Have you got good news happening in your parish?**

Catholic parishes around Australia will soon be receiving a Parish Media Kit aimed at equipping parish communities to share their good news with skill and confidence.

The kit has been prepared by the Bishops' Committee for the Media and approved by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It will begin arriving in parishes next week.

Bishops' Committee for the Media Chairman, Archbishop Barry Hickey, said the kit was an easy-to-use, practical guide to help parishes relate with their local media.

"The committee felt that much of the church's good news happens at parish level and that we could be doing more to help parishes spread that news," he said.

"This kit offers tips for identifying the news within your parish community and for providing it in the most effective way to your local media.

"It also examines the responsible use of the media and puts forward some general principles which guide the Church's relationship with the media."

The Parish Media Kit will also be available via the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference website, by clicking on the Bishops' Committee for the Media section.

Extra hard copies of the kit will be available for a nominal charge of \$2 each by contacting:

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**Pictured below are members of the Bishops' Committee for the Media with the new Parish Media Kits.**



**Pictured from left to right are members of the Bishops' Committee for the Media, Archbishop Barry Hickey (Chairman) Debra Vermeer (Executive Secretary), Bishop Peter Ingham and Bishop Pat Power.**