

Eastern Catholics in Australia booklet now available

Hot off the press this week is the publication, "Eastern Catholics in Australia" providing an insight into the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church. The first people viewing the book in its published format are the bishops of Australia currently gathered in Sydney for their Conference Plenary Meeting. This is what a few bishops had to say about their first impression of the document: "The Catholic Church in Australia has been greatly enriched by migrants and refugees from many countries. Among those migrants and refugees are many people who are 'Eastern Catholics'.... The booklet assists us in understanding, respecting, loving and supporting our brothers and sisters who are 'Eastern Catholics'". The Most Rev Leonard FAULKNER, Archbishop of ADELAIDE "Not only will this booklet help to strengthen the various eastern rite communities in Australia, it will also help to enrich many Australian Catholics in their appreciation of the diversity of Catholic expression which already exists amongst us." The Most Rev Peter STASIUK, Eparch of the UKRAINIAN RITE "I think this is a very pleasant production but also a most useful one, especially for those of us who have Eastern Rite folk in our care." The Most Rev Hilton DEAKIN, Auxiliary Bishop, MELBOURNE To purchase your copy of "Eastern Catholics in Australia" please contact the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office on 02) 6201 9848 or forward your written request to GPO Box 2720, CANBERRA ACT 2601.