



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Take the Way of the Gospel

Stakeholder Advisory and Reference Group

Purpose:

The Stakeholder Advisory and Reference Group provides advice, suggestions and feedback regarding the *Take the Way of the Gospel* journey to the Steering Committee (and other sub-working groups).

Responsibilities:

- Provide advice on stakeholder (parish, community, clergy, lay leaders, parish staff) requirements or issues.
- Receive regular updates on project planning and progress.
- Provide feedback, suggestions and advice on proposals and plans from working groups.
- Submit suggestions, questions or express areas of concern that need addressing by the Project Team.

Frequency of Meeting:

Monthly initially, then shift to quarterly
Meetings after business hours (and include a shared dinner)

Membership:

- Director of Mission and Vicar General (Co-chairs)
- Four Clergy – one from each North, East, South, West region
- Four Lay parish leaders – Parish Pastoral Council members, parish staff, ministry leaders
- Two Lay/Cultural Community leaders
- Project Director (ex-officio)

Members are sought via Expressions of interest and then subsequently selected by Take the Way of the Gospel Steering Committee.



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Membership Selection Criteria:

The Steering Committee will make reasonable efforts to select members who reflect:

- a commitment to living the Gospel through prayer, sacramental practice and work;
- an informed awareness of the broader context and challenges of the Church in Archdiocese of Melbourne;
- an evident ecclesial practice within the Archdiocese of Melbourne;
- experience of leadership in the Church and/or its ministries;
- the diversity of cultural identity, age and gender balance in the local Church.

Members should demonstrate maturity and ability to engage with presentations, participate in discussion and make an informed contribution for the good of the wider Church community. Theological qualifications are not necessary, however, a spiritual and prayerful sense of their personal growth in Jesus Christ will be helpful features to sustain a contribution to *Take the Way of the Gospel* which is of service to the People of God in a time of change and immense challenge.

Members are not 'representatives' of particular causes, groups or issues, but individuals in service to the Gospel mission in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Establishment Date:

Post-Easter 2022 for a term of two years.