



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

General Secretariat

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His Eminence
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 Prefect
 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
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 VATICAN CITY

Your Eminence

I am writing to you with some preliminary advice for the forthcoming ad limina visit of the Australian Bishops (10 – 22 October).

At this stage there will be 40 bishops attending.

I will be with the bishops at Domus Sanctae Marthae from afternoon of 7 October 2011 and my contact details by mobile phone will be +61 419 243 959 or email at gensec@catholic.org.au.

I understand that the time for the visit has been set at 10.00am on Monday 10 October 2011.

The Australian Bishops Delegation will be led by Cardinal George Pell, Chair of the Bishops Commission for Doctrine and Morals. From the indication that the bishops have provided I expect that the delegation will comprise almost all of the bishops.

The topics which the bishops have indicated they would like to discuss include:

- Process for the dismissal of absent priests
- Sexual abuse by clergy and new CDF guidelines
- Removal from clerical state
- *Anglicanorum coetibus* and its potential to be divisive
- Priests not acting in fidelity to Catholic doctrine

A smaller group of about 6 would like to meet with Officials of the Ecclesia Dei Commission to discuss:

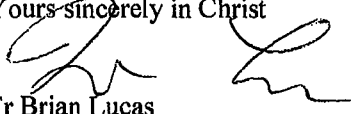
- Celebration of Mass according to the 1962 Missal and its potential to be divisive

I presume that meeting will follow after the main meetings as Monsignor Janusz has not set a separate time. You may wish to advise if it is to be at a different time.

I understand there is to be a separate meeting with the bishops involving yourself and Cardinal Ouellet to discuss the Diocese of Toowoomba. I have not yet been advised of the time and place for that meeting.

If you have any particular issues you wish to discuss apart from these please let me know and I will advise the leader of the delegation so that he can be prepared.

Yours sincerely in Christ


 Fr Brian Lucas
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 Australian Catholic Bishops Conference