

Take THE Way OF THE Gospel

Welcome to our Leading for Mission forum



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Seven Points

1. Thankyou
2. Pentecost Letter 2021
3. Why would the Archbishop set out on the *Take the Way of the Gospel* strategy?
4. Pope Francis and Vatican II
5. Pope Francis' expectations for Dioceses
6. Pope Francis's expectations for local communities
7. What Archbishop Comensoli asks:
8. How can we best bring people to the Lord Jesus?



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Thank You

Thank you for being here ...

Trust yourself and trust the process



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Pentecost Letter 2021

1. Sought to bring the vision to the whole Archdiocese
2. Was set within the hope of emergence from COVID
3. But then we got locked down again



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Why *Take the Way of the Gospel*?

1. Genuine need in Melbourne
2. In Communion with the whole Church as per *Evangelii Gaudium* – *The Joy of the Gospel*



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Pope Francis

- 1. Not at Vatican II**
- 2. Is the Pope of the reception, interpretation, and implementation**
- 3. Pope has called for renewal of the church with missionary energy**
- 4. Vatican II Documents:**
 - On the Church – pilgrim people of God**
 - On bishops – Synodal Church**
 - Church in the Modern World – option for the poor and going to the margins**
 - Christian unity and dialogue with other faiths – Fraternal dialogue**
 - On the Liturgy – Renewal of the Liturgical life and the church's prayer**



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What does Pope Francis ask the diocese to do?

1. Call to missionary conversion
2. A resolute process of discernment, purification and reform
3. Foster missionary communion
4. Go before, beside and walk after the flock
5. Strike new paths



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What does Pope Francis ask of local communities?

1. Assume different contours
2. Be an environment for hearing God's word, for growth
3. A community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink ...



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What the Archbishop has asked for:

1. That we walk together towards a more energised purpose for our local church
2. Take time and put in the effort
3. Bring it to prayer
4. Talk to one another.
5. Refer to current need not needs of the past



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How can we best bring people to the Lord Jesus?

The Emmaus Story: Our own hope had been ... let go of those hopes to embrace a new vision.

Leave the old nets and boats ... to follow the Lord

Put down the bucket of agenda ... to receive the spring of living water

Hearts that listen to and receive the call of the Lord burn within.

Jesus taught his disciples to pray not “My kingdom remain” but “thy Kingdom come”.

We have much to give each other: collaboration, care and prayer.



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