



The Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra and Goulburn

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Parish Pastoral Councils should be formed to engage the people and the parish priest prayerfully in common reflection about the parish's mission and the ministry, to plan and to evaluate in light of the Gospel and church teaching.

2. POLICY

Each parish (and ethnic community with resident chaplain) shall have a Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). This provision has the force of a Diocesan Decree¹.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Responsibility

The PPC shall be responsible for pastoral planning, including periodic reevaluation of the parish mission statements, ongoing needs assessment, defining parish goals, setting broad strategies for implementing these goals and evaluating the parish's success in carrying out the Church's mission.

3.2 Membership

The PPC shall be composed of members of the parish and shall be presided over the parish priest. The members of the PPC shall work together in making decision after prayerful discernment, study and discussion.

3.3 Coverage

The PPC shall give special consideration to parish spiritual life; human concerns and parish life.

3.4 Parish School

Because the school (should one exist) and the religious education program are integral parts of the ministerial life of the entire parish, they shall constitute an important component of the PPC's agenda in the same way as all other areas of parish life.



¹ Decree of Promulgation 24 March 1990, Archbishop Francis P Carroll & Bishop Patrick P Power. *Diocesan Synod 1989*.