

CONCERNED CATHOLICS Canberra-Goulburn

Public Forum

Amazon Synod – Learnings for Australian Catholics and the Australian Plenary Council

7:30pm Thursday 2 April 2020

The Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture

15 Blackall Street Barton ACT

Objective

The forum is to inform Concerned Catholics of Canberra Goulburn on the processes and outcomes, including the Pope's response, of the Amazon Synod. A specific focus will be to draw out reflections and learnings relevant to the Australian Plenary Council process.

Speakers

Br Mark O'Connor FMS

Vicar for Communications, Parramatta diocese; official observer at the Amazon Synod.

- Objective and background to the Amazon Synod
- Synodality: processes leading to and during the formal sessions of the Synod
- Principal outcomes and recommendations and the Pope's formal response
- Conclusions from the Synod and relevance to the Australian Plenary Council.

Paul Nicoll

Canberra Catholic with experience and insight into the Brazilian/Amazon church.

- Unique cultural and ecclesial characteristics of the Brazilian church
- Environmental challenges for the Brazilian church and their relevance to Australia

Agnes Dodds

Melbourne Catholic and member of Women's Wisdom in the Church (WWITCH)

- Women and the Amazon Synod: Recommendations and conclusions
- Impact of the response by Pope Francis

Terry Fewtrell

Lead author of [CCCG submission](#) to Plenary Council

- Current status of Plenary Council processes and next steps
- Post Amazon Synod considerations for the church reform agenda leading into the October sessions in Adelaide and following stages of the Plenary Council

Background Papers are available on the CCCG website [here](#)

All are welcome.

Supper provided.

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