



Bishops Commission for Life, Family and Public Engagement  
Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

19 June 2020

Via email



Your Graces, My Lords, Reverend Monsignor and Reverend Father,

**Notice regarding the ACBC Australian Catholic Men's Gathering 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

As you may be aware, it was decided to postpone the ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 which will now take place on Saturday 31st July, 2021 at the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield.

Whilst preparing for the 2021 gathering, the Working Committee has decided to take the opportunity to present a modified version of the original program and so will be offering an online event which will be available to registered participants from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

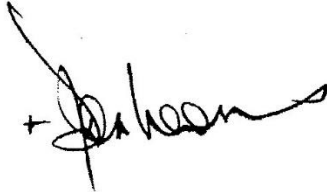
Registration will be free and will be available from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Registration also provides access to the program which will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions, each of approximately 1 hour in length. The Working Committee believes that this format offers flexibility in how the participants may choose to access and engage in the event, either individually or perhaps gathering with others from their parish/diocese or men's ministry group, especially now that restrictions have eased. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The modified online program is attached for your information.

The Working Committee invites you to promote the 2020 Catholic Men's Online Program within your diocese, along with the promotional flyer and parish notes that are also attached. A general email about the modified online program will be sent to all parishes prior to registrations opening on the 29<sup>th</sup> June.

We would like to remind you that this is an initiative of the Australian Catholic Bishops and the aim of the program is to inspire and encourage men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. The program will reinforce that it is important to gather as men in the faith environment of the Church and be challenged to ensure the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities.

We thank you for your support of this event.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by the name 'Julian Porteous' in a cursive script.

**Most Rev. Julian Porteous**  
**Archbishop of Hobart**  
**Bishops Commission for**  
**Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry**

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by the name 'Michael Kennedy' in a cursive script.

**Most Rev. Michael Kennedy**  
**Bishop of Armidale**  
**Bishops Commission for**  
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