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THIS *Handouts* is the introductory letter and page 2 of the Submission I am sending to bishops. It will continue into *Handouts* nn. 167 to 176 of page pairs, including the start of its Appendix on pp. 21-22. The rest of the Appendix, pp. 23-40, are *Handouts* already and do not need repeating for recipients of *Faith Resources Newsletter* (unless on request). For the bishops, the *Handouts* are printed in full. Their text of 40 pages fits in a vinyl letter file of 20 transparent pockets.

Send your own submissions. Help the Bishops see the falsehoods of dissenting submissions.

My Submission is dated for the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* on **25th July, 2018.**

A Submission being sent direct to Bishops

Re the A.D. 2020 PLENARY COUNCIL to fix things up and do better

"The time has come for judgement to begin with the household of God" (1 Peter 4:17a).

But how will we know **what the Spirit is saying to the Seven Church Provinces**, of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, with the Archdioceses of Hobart and Canberra-&-Goulburn? Not by opinion, but by memories of Divine Revelation of Scripture, Tradition, Magisterium and experience.

Behaviour is purposive! The Plenary Council has at least four 4 big C's awaiting urgent attention:-

- **Christ** has not yet reached the lax or lapsed, and desacralized liturgies are not what human nature needs.
- **Catechetics** suffers from ignorance, falsehoods and confusion.
- **Confession** is almost abolished, or replaced by General Absolution, and we no longer regularly repent.
- **Conception** of saints is thwarted by sexual contraception and priests who "contracept" Gospel truths.

Let us priests, bishops and laity not "play the blame game" with each other. As St Dorotheus said, "The problem of discord is that no one blames himself." So we all must seek greater Godliness.

For the **CHURCH**, much ennobling is needed to produce the vocations on which she subsists:

- **Lay Apostolate** based on Baptism and Confirmation, and regular Confession and Communion;
- **Priesthood** for the adoration of God at Mass, the salvation of souls and activation of the lay apostolate;
- **Marriage** — rename it matrimony — of male and female to sanctify each other and their children;
- **Religious Life** of seeking perfection, a witness to the world and a public 'demo' against sin.

With the **WORLD**, we might be more publicly assertive and thereby heal some damaged aspects:-

- **Natural Law** (natural moral law, natural morality) is ignored, unheard of, often violated;
- **Conscience** is mocked, untaught, unknown and replaced by political correctness and intimidation;
- **Belief in God** as Creator and Judge is replaced by atheism as an aggressive anti-religious 'religion'.

My submission is the 16 pp. 5-20 on gold paper to fulfil CCL c. 445, "for your use and information". The introductory material is on pp. 2-4 on pink paper, and Appendices on 20 pp. 21-40 of blue paper.

Let us not get too euphoric about new structures or master plans. There is no "easy fix":

For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid — Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11).

Preparatory planning might inspire us right now to greater apostolic efforts, lest mere talk be used by the Devil to distract us from our usual good works. The situation is too urgent for delay.

Begging your Episcopal Blessing, and with promise of prayerful support, I am,

Yours sincerely and obediently in Our Lord,

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PUBLISHED WORKS

Catholic Family Catechism Apostles' Edition II (500 Q&As), also
Disciples' Edition II (only 50 Q&As); *Confirmation Kit for Home Preparation*;
Heart Speaks to Heart prayer book; *Apostles of Christ in High Schools* Teacher's Books;
For other publications: Cardinal Newman Faith Resources Inc. 02 9673 2235
and see <www.cardinalnewman.com.au> for regular *Handouts* (single A4 sheets).

Bush Boys & Cuthbert (2 in 1);
Bush Boys and Bush Rangers;
Bush Boys on the Move;
New Boys in the Bush;
Squiggles and Squinter;
New Boys Go Bush Again

A Foreword of **Encouragement** to move forward together

BISHOPS, Priests, Religious and Laity — working together for the Lord, with the Lord.

That in all things God might be glorified through Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 4:11)

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you.

Avoid the godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge... (1 Timothy 6:20)

URGENCY “Without a vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18; adapted from KJV)

What is most needed in the Church today, is to have in each parish a group of laity who are at the same time **virtuous, enlightened, determined, and really apostolic.**”

Pope St Pius X about 1905, quoted in *The Soul of the Apostolate* by Dom Chautard

THE SEVEN SENSES to cultivate for THE APOSTOLATE

A sense of Faith — “Without faith it is impossible to please God” (Hebrews 11:6)

A sense of The Sacred — “The place on which you are standing is holy ground” (Exodus 3:5)

A sense of Compassion — “When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them” (Matthew 9:36)

A sense of Humour — “Abraham fell on his face and laughed...” (Genesis 17:17)

A sense of History — “Halt at the cross-roads: which path stood you in good stead long ago” (Jeremiah 6:16)

A sense of Wonder — “Heaven and earth are full of His Glory” (cf. Isaiah 6:3)

A sense of Urgency — “Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

NEW EVANGELIZATION, not a New Paradigm, not a New Gospel

The Second Vatican Council (VCI) began our new evangelization with a refreshing presentation of the Good News of the New Covenant, to be “**guarded and taught more efficaciously**” (CCC p. 2).

Consultation is for the memory of the Deposit of Faith, not for mere opinion, but for new ways to apply revealed truth to current situations. There is much to be done, much lost ground to recover.

“New Paradigm” Catholics are simply new Anglicans. Henry VIII and Elizabeth I unravelled the seamless Catholic garment. A later insidious consequence was a capitulation to contraception at the 1930 Anglican Lambeth Conference, now become the norm. Ex-Anglican converts to Catholicism recognize the New Paradigm at once for its relativism in morals, situation ethics, and Christianity without the Cross.

Preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings... (2 Timothy 4:2-4; cf. Acts 20:24)

For many deceivers have gone out into the world... Any one who goes ahead and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God... If any one comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into the house or give him any greeting... (2 John 1:7, 9, 10)

SATAN RENOUNCED — the LIAR & DECEIVER, our ENEMY & ACCUSER

The Devil plans to wreck each of us and the Plenary Council — before, during and after it:-

He... a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him.

When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (John 8:44)

The accuser of our brethren... who accuses them day and night before our Gpd. (Apocalypse 12:10)

Prayer for Bishops

ALMIGHTY GOD, strengthen the successors of the Apostles to bear faithful witness to Christ's Resurrection even unto martyrdom, and to sanctify each other and their priests in the risen life, along with Religious and the laity, in their apostolates to families and the world, for Thy glory and the salvation of souls, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, help of Christians: Pray for us.
St Paul, apostle to the pagans: Pray for us.
O Holy Innocents & St John the Baptist
and St Stephen & St James, first martyrs: Pray for us.
St Therese of the Infant Jesus: Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross: Pray for us.

Prayer for Priests

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, look with mercy on Thy priests sharing Thy Fatherhood in Holy Church, for Thy Son, the Lord Jesus, has made them priests and victims with Himself, that day by day they may offer the worship of His Mystical Body in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, with their own homage of heart, mind and body, and, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be zealous for the priestly ministry, devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, obedient to the Pope and their own Bishop, and an inspiration to young men to serve Thee in the Priesthood, so that to Thee, O Holy Trinity, there will be honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

St John Vianney: Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross: Pray for us.