



## Concerned Catholics Wagga Wagga Diocese

We are a group of Catholics in the Wagga Wagga Diocese  
who desire a Gospel-Centred Australian Church  
which is accountable, inclusive and transparent.  
“Love one another as I have loved you” (Jn 15:12)

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Peace be with you.

We hope the New Year has begun well for you and that we all experience a much better one than last year. It was a mixed year for the Diocese COVIDS wise. Those along the river had to put up with border closures, border bubbles, permits to travel 10km across the river etc. Those above the border bubbles had a reasonably unaffected year, apart from not really being able to travel far. Hopefully, things will continue as smoothly as they appear to be heading at the moment. Let's all hope and pray we will not return too quickly to 'normal' where there are huge winners and many many losers – unemployed, homeless, 'living' on inadequate benefits, making sure 'we' get all the immunisations we 'need' while many poorer nations battle to get the supplies they need.

We also apologise for the long delay since the last newsletter. Not sure where the time has gone, but we have enjoyed a good rest.

The main thing that has happened of concern to all Catholics in Australia is the response of the Australian Bishops to the landmark document they commissioned top Australian and overseas experts in governance, administration, canon law, theology to write for them: *'Light From The Southern Cross'*.

The Bishops issued their response at their November meeting. We believe the response is very disappointing. A copy of the response can be found at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1okB3jSsJ4dYAt\\_0GzrIjyVZS2l1cZBtC/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1okB3jSsJ4dYAt_0GzrIjyVZS2l1cZBtC/view) and is also posted on our web site <https://concernedcatholicswagga.com/articles-and-talks> Our web site also has some commentary on the response

The Committee is planning its first meeting mid-February. If there any items members of CCWWD would like raised, please email them to [concernedcatholics.wwd@gmail.com](mailto:concernedcatholics.wwd@gmail.com).

Finally, to help keep everyone's spirits high, we recommend you watch the following version of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus: <https://aleteia.org/2021/01/04/352-singers-perform-handels-hallelujah-chorus-in-spectacular-pandemic-style/amp/>

Peace, patience and persistence to you all. Keep the faith, and keep faithful to the Gospel message of Jesus. Stay Safe. Stay Well.

CCWWD Committee.