

19 June 2010  
Circular Letter

**To the Father Rectors of all Parishes and Communities  
of the Australian and New Zealand Diocese**

The Diocesan Council, at its meeting on 25 March of this year, resolved to convene the **16th Diocesan Assembly on 26 & 27 December 2010 (new style)** at Sts Peter and Paul Cathedral in Strathfield, NSW.

The clergymen of all the churches of our Dioceses and lay delegates are invited to attend the Diocesan Assembly. The number of lay delegates must correspond to the number of clergy (in accordance with paragraph 17a of the Diocesan By-laws). The members of the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Auditing Commission are, by their position, delegates to the Assembly (see par. 17b).

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the members of each Parish is to be convened to elect lay delegates, in accordance with paragraphs 25, 26 and 27 of the Normal Parish By-laws.

Parishes and Communities that do not have a regular Rector are to choose one delegate. Monasteries may send one delegate to the Assembly.

All Rectors are instructed to assure observance of Paragraph 18 of the Diocesan By-laws.

We request that the names, patronymics and surnames of the elected delegates be sent to the Diocesan Administration **no later than 1 December 2010**.

Travel costs of delegates to the Assembly are covered by each parish. Parishes are requested to provide \$25 per delegate to cover the cost of meals.

The Agenda of the coming Assembly and a schedule of its meetings will be sent out at the beginning of December 2010.

The rectors of churches should prepare brief reports (5 min.) on the life and activities of their respective parishes in the course of the last 3 years. A copy of each report is to be handed to the secretariat of the Assembly.



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