

FCBCO ASSEMBLY SESSIONS
'SAVE THE OCEAN TO SAVE MOTHER EARTH'
5-10th February
The Pearl Resort, Pacific Harbor



***FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS
OF OCEANIA***

FCBCO ASSEMBLY PROCESS

Friday 3rd Feb		Executive Council Arrive in Fiji Secretariat and FCBCO Executive Meeting			
Saturday 4th Feb		<i>Bishops arrive in Suva</i>			Hospitality Team
Sunday 5th Feb 10.00am		Opening Liturgy at the Sacred Heart Cathedral			Liturgy Team Celebrant Card. Michael Czerny
12.00 pm		Fijian Traditional Welcome Ceremony			
1.00 pm		Lunch Hosted by the Archdiocese of Suva			Women's League
2.30 pm		<i>Depart for Pearl Resort</i>			
4.30pm		Opening address by Cardinal Michael Czerny. Orientation of the Assembly by Archbishop Loy Chong, FCBCO President Veitalanoa: Get acquainted, share something about yourself and your diocese around social drinks	Chair welcomes group, introduces Cardinal Czerny 5 mins Opening address 10 mins Orientation 10 mins Logistics Team gives practical announcements 5 mins Talanoa 40 mins, moves		Chair: FCBCO President Cardinal Czerny Logistics Team

			naturally into pre-dinner social time		
5.00 pm		<i>Social time, building fraternity</i>			
7.00pm		Dinner			

Monday 6th Feb		SEEING & LISTENING TO PEOPLES' EXPERIENCE			
7.15 am		Mass: Celebrant Archbishop Tim Costello			Liturgy Team
8.00 am		Breakfast			
9.00 am	Receiving the fruit of the local stage of the Synod: the experience of the Churches in Oceania	<p>Morning</p> <p>Chair welcomes group, gives overview of the day, hands over to Liturgy Team for prayer</p> <p>Prayer: Contemplating the Incarnation in Oceania We prayerfully receive the fruit of the local stage of the Synod via short videos from each Bishops Conference that present the lived experience of people in relation to key themes in their Conference Synthesis.</p> <p>Full text of Bishops Conference Syntheses in Assembly supplied before Assembly and in pack.</p>	<p>Use Psalms from the Ocean</p> <p>Incorporate 4 x 5-minute videos from each Bishops Conference as a form of <i>visio divina</i>.</p> <p>Time for silent reflection, letting the messages speak to our hearts.</p> <p>Prayers of intercession allow for an initial response.</p>	<p>Chair's welcome 5 mins</p> <p>50 mins</p>	<p>Chair for each day drawn from FBCO Exec.</p> <p>Liturgy Team</p> <p>FCBCO Exec to ensure videos are provided</p>

10.00 am		Chair introduces Facilitator to explain process. Veitalanoa: – what touched you? – what did you feel?	Notes from groups given to Facilitation Group	30 mins	
10.30 am	Break				
11.00 am	Placing the experience of the Churches in Oceania in dialogue with the experience of the Universal Church 1. Presenting the draft response to DCS	Chair explains the role of the Oceania Taskforce and introduces Susan to present the draft. Oceania Taskforce presents the first draft Oceania response to the Document for the Continental Stage.	This response should offer an Oceania perspective on the DCS.	15 min	Oceania Taskforce
11.15 am	Placing the experience of the Churches in Oceania in dialogue with the experience of the Universal Church 2. Considering the draft response to the DSC in Conference groups	Chair invites Facilitator to explain process. Bishops consider the draft response to the Document for the Continental Stage in Conference groups (larger Conferences may break into smaller groups). What are: - Strengths of the draft - Reservations concerning the draft Suggestions for amendments	Notes are given to the Oceania Taskforce.	40 mins	
11.55 am	Placing the experience of the Churches in	Facilitator to manage this process leaving the Bishop who is chairing the day free to contribute.	Notes are given to the Oceania Taskforce	40 mins	

	<p>Oceania in dialogue with the experience of the Universal Church</p> <p>3. Considering the draft response to the DCS together</p>	<p>Conference groups share in plenary session.</p> <p>Five-minute report from each Conference followed by general discussion.</p>	<p>4 x 5 min reports 20 mins.</p> <p>Plenary discussion 20 mins.</p>		
12.35 pm	<p>Way forward for the Oceania response to the DCS</p>	<p>Chair presents the FCBCO Exec’s proposed process for finalising and submitting the Oceania response to the DSC.</p> <p>Questions of clarification 10 mins</p>	<p>The Assembly will return to the draft response for further consideration after analysis of key issues and shared theological reflection.</p> <p>Oceania Taskforce will work further on the draft response in the light of the Assembly input.</p> <p>Voting process for the acceptance of the final document (a 2/3 majority in each Conference?)</p>	<p>5 min presentation</p> <p>10 mins for questions</p>	
12.50 pm	<p>Preparation for Visits</p>	<p>Chair explains the purpose of the visits and introduces the Logistics Team to explain practical arrangements.</p>	<p>Bishops should know before lunch how to be ready to</p>		Logistics Team

			depart on visits after lunch.		
1.00 pm		Lunch at Pearl Resort			
3.00-5.00PM	Listening to the Cry of Earth and vulnerable peoples	The visits aim to intensify listening to creation and vulnerable peoples. Dogoru Village – impact of sea level rise Mau Village – impact of extractive industry	Bishops divide into two groups for visits		Logistics Team
	Veitalanoa / Spiritual Conversation	Chair welcomes the Bishops back from their visits and hands over to the Facilitator to introduce the Spiritual Conversation / Veitalanoa approach. 10 groups of 8 participants Where did I encounter the Lord today? What surprises me?	Adapt the Synod Secretariat handout as a basis. Notes to the Facilitation Team. Write / draw on songlines sheets.		Facilitation Team
5.00-6.00	Leisure/Exercise				
6.00PM	Evening Prayer – followed Social Drinks				
7.00 pm	Dinner				
8.00pm	Cardinal Michael Czerny's address				

TUESDAY 7th February		ANALYSIS – understanding the social and historical background and root causes of our experience.			
7.30 am		Morning Prayer: Contemplation on Vanua		30 mins	Liturgy Team
8.00 am	Breakfast				
9.00 am	Gathering the Fruits of Monday's reflections	<p>Chair introduces a member of the Facilitation Team or FCBCO Exec to present a synthesis.</p> <p>Opportunity for Bishops to offer a brief response – 1 sentence or write/draw on the 'songlines' sheets around the room.</p> <p>Chair introduces facilitator to introduce the analysis stage of the Assembly.</p>	<p>Chair's opening comments 5 minutes.</p> <p>Facilitation Team meet with the FCBCO Exec on Monday night to prepare the synthesis from the notes handed in and observation of the Assembly. Synthesis no more than 10 mins.</p> <p>Responses for about 10 minutes.</p>	30 mins	FCBCO Exec Facilitation Team

			Introduction to analysis stage 5 mins		
9.30 am	Pastoral Challenge 1: Care for the Oceans	<p>Facilitator introduces content area expert to provide a 20-minute input.</p> <p>10 mins for Q & A with the presenter.</p> <p>Bishops then discuss the pastoral challenge in small groups for 15 minutes.</p> <p>Plenary discussion for 15 minutes.</p>	Notes from the group discussions to the Facilitation Team.	60 mins	Identify content area expert to give input - draw on material from the preparatory event
10.30 am	BREAK				
11.00 am	Pastoral Challenge 2: ?	<p>Facilitator introduces content area expert to provide a 20-minute input.</p> <p>10 mins for Q & A with the presenter.</p> <p>Bishops then discuss the pastoral challenge in small groups for 15 minutes.</p> <p>Plenary discussion for 15 minutes.</p>		60 mins	Identify content area expert to give input
12.00 pm	Pastoral Challenge 3: ?	Facilitator introduces content area expert to provide a 20-minute input.		60 mins	Identify content area expert to give input

		<p>10 mins for Q & A with the presenter.</p> <p>Bishops then discuss the pastoral challenge in small groups for 15 minutes.</p> <p>Plenary discussion for 15 minutes.</p>			
1.00 pm	LUNCH				
3.00-5.00pm	Personal reflection	Opportunity for personal prayer and reflection on the pastoral challenges in preparation for spiritual conversation.		20 mins	
3.20 pm		<p>Veitalanoa / Spiritual Conversation: What is emerging in relation to these pastoral challenges?</p>	<p>Provide handout with process.</p> <p>Bishops participate in Spiritual Conversation</p> <p>Notes to the Facilitation Team</p> <p>Write / draw on songlines sheets</p>		
4.30		Prepare for Lomary			
5.00 pm	ITAUKEI INCULTURATED MASS	LOMARY PARISH			Liturgy Team

6.30 pm	Depart Lomary				
7.00 pm	DINNER	PEARL RESORT			
8.00 pm	CREATIVE SHOW	PEARL RESORT	Artistic presentation (music, stories, dance & song) of experiences and voices of vulnerable communities in Fiji		

WEDNESDAY 8th February		JUDGE, THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION, LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT			
7.15 am	MASS	CELEBRANT: Cardinal John Dew			Liturgy Team
8.00 am	BREAKFAST				
9.00 am	MORNING PRAYER	Chair welcomes participants, explains that we are moving into the theological reflection stage of the Assembly, invites Liturgy Team to lead us into this stage with prayer. Listening to the Holy Spirit: Meditation on the Air / Breath			Liturgy Team
9.30 am	Gathering the Fruits of Tuesday's Reflections	Chair invites a member of the Facilitation Team or FCBCO Exec to present a synthesis. Opportunity for brief responses. Introduction to the theological reflection stage.	FT and Exec meet on Tuesday night to prepare 10 min synthesis. Up to 15 mins for responses. 5-minute introduction to the theological reflection stage.		
10.00 am	Theological Reflection on	Chair introduces theologian for 15-minute input or video.	Notes from small group reflections to FT.		Gather Oceania theologians to prepare input in response to the

	Pastoral Challenge 1: Care for the Oceans	Bishops reflect together in small groups for 15 mins.			experience described in the Conference syntheses
10.30 am	BREAK				
11.00 am	Theological Reflection on Pastoral Challenge 2	Chair introduces theologian for 15-minute input or video. Bishops reflect together in small groups for 15 mins.	Theological Reflection Two Questions and Responses		Gather Oceania theologians to prepare input in response to the experience described in the Conference syntheses
11.30 am	Theological Reflection on Pastoral Challenge 3	Chair introduces theologian for 15-minute input or video. Bishops reflect together in small groups for 15 mins.	Theological Reflection Three Questions and Responses		Gather Oceania theologians to prepare input in response to the experience described in the Conference syntheses
1.00 pm	LUNCH				
3.00-5.00	SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION	Space for silent personal reflection in preparation for spiritual conversation.	The grounds and surrounds provide a variety of conducive spaces		
3.20 pm	Veitalanoa / Spiritual Conversation	Group listening to God: <i>all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:17), in order to know what He is saying to the Church-FCBCO"</i> What is emerging? - What is God saying to us in Oceania? - How should we respond to the DCS?	Provide handout with process based on the Synod resource. Notes to the Facilitation Team Write / draw on songlines sheets		

5.00 -6.00	Leisure/Exercise				Liturgy Team
6.00pm	Evening Prayer Followed by Social time				
7.00	Dinner				

THURSDAY 9th February		PASTORAL ACTION			
6.45	MORNING PRAYER	Contemplation on Mission			Liturgy Team
7.15	MASS	PNG			Liturgy Team
8.00	BREAKFAST				
9.00	Gathering the Fruits of Wednesday's Reflections	Chair invites member of the FT or Exec to present a synthesis. Opportunity for brief response. Chair invites facilitator to introduce the pastoral response stage of the Assembly.	FT and Exec meet on Wednesday night to prepare 10 min synthesis. Up to 15 mins for responses. 5-minute introduction to the pastoral response stage.		
9.30	2nd Draft Response to the DCS	Chair invites Oceania Taskforce to present a second draft and / or path to finalisation of the Oceania response to the DCS.	Process to be decided in light of the content and issues by Wednesday night.	60 mins	
10.30	BREAK				
11.00	PASTORAL GOAL SETTING	Chair introduces Facilitator to lead the Bishops in a brainstorming process to prioritize three key goals for the FCBCO Pastoral Plan 2023 - 2027.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm goals for FCBCO Facilitators summarize goals 	60 mins	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitators present the goals back to bishops and ask them to prioritize • Bishops rank the goals in terms of priority • Facilitators summarize the goals 		
12.00	Possible Actions	<p>Facilitator invites Bishops to meet in 3 groups – 1 for each key goal – to brainstorm possible FCBCO actions.</p> <p>Discussion of action ideas in plenary.</p>	<p>Goal groups for 30 mins. Notes to FT.</p> <p>Plenary for 30 mins.</p>	60 mins	
1.00	LUNCH				
3.00	Personal Prayer and Reflection	Opportunity for personal prayer and reflection in preparation for spiritual conversation.			
3.20	SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION	What action do we feel called to as FCBCO?	<p>Provide handout.</p> <p>Notes to the Facilitation Team</p>		

			Write / draw on songlines sheets		
5.00-6.00pm	Leisure/Excercise				
6.00pm	Evening Prayer Followed by Social Drinks				Liturgy team
7.00	DINNER				
8.00		Conferences meet to choose their reps to FCBCO Exec. Council Australia selects the President for next FCBCO COUNCIL			

FRIDAY 10th February		ORGANIZATION & SUPPORT STRUCTURE			
7.30	MORNING PRAYER	Focus on mission, sending out.			Liturgy Team
8.00	BREAKFAST				
9.00	Gathering the Fruit of Thursday's Reflections	<p>Chair invites member of the FT or Exec to present a synthesis.</p> <p>Opportunity for brief response.</p> <p>Chair explains the tasks for the day of the Assembly.</p>	FT & Exec meet on Thursday night to prepare synthesis and draft FCBCO Pastoral Plan 2023-2027.	30 mins	
9.30	Organisation and support structure	<p>Exec Member presents the Draft FCBCO Pastoral Plan.</p> <p>Bishops discuss the Plan and the organization and support structure needed to implement it.</p>	<p>Present draft Plan 10 mins.</p> <p>Discussion in Conference groups and in plenary.</p>	60 mins	
10.30	BREAK				
11.00	NEW FCBCO COUNCIL SELECTION PROCESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selection of New FCBCO Exec. Council 2. Conferences present their representative to FCBCO Council 		120 mins	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Australia presents the next President of FCBCO 4. Passing on of the FCBCO Pastoral Mission Plan 5. Next Plenary Assembly date 			
12.00-3.00					
1.00	LUNCH				
5.00PM	MISSIONING MASS	Celebrant: Bp. Peter Brown			Liturgy Team
6.00PM	DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT				