



Vox Populi

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The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (known more commonly as the Synod on Synodality) concluded in Rome last weekend, following a month-long journey of listening and dialogue for the participants.

Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Diocese of Broken Bay Chancellor, Kelly Paget, were both participants in the Synod.

The Final Document of the second session was released following the approval of the 155 paragraphs by the participants in the Synod on Saturday evening. The Final Document is divided into five parts and in particular, challenges Bishops to greater transparency, accountability and consultation with all those entrusted to their care. It also has a strong emphasis that the Church to be seen as a “communion of Churches” with growing contributions from laypersons and women.

It has only been published in Italian but will be released in other languages in the coming days. When published you can read the Final Document.

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In the past few years, the Diocese of Broken Bay has been embracing this Synodal spirit, with the three Pastoral Discernment projects on the Central Coast, Northern Beaches, and North Shore deaneries, inviting people to be a part of the Mission of the Church and listening to the Holy Spirit.

The parish of Chatswood has pioneered a new way to bring the synodal activities of encounter, listening, and discernment into action called Parish-in-Council. The parish is having an information seminar this Saturday to share their experience, and everyone is invited. More information in Other News.

Bishop Anthony has returned from Rome following the Synod, just in time for the 5th Anniversary of his Installation as Bishop of Broken Bay on 4 November 2019.

To mark the occasion, Bishop Anthony will celebrate Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara on Sunday, 3rd November at 9:30am. Everyone from across the Diocese is welcome to join for Mass followed by light refreshments.