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Notre Dame Vice Chancellor becomes a new Plenary Council member

The University of Notre Dame Australia's Vice Chancellor, Professor Francis Campbell, was one of six new members of the Perth Plenary Council welcomed by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB at the 2021 Commissioning Mass on Sunday 23 May, Pentecost Sunday, at Perth's St Mary's Cathedral.

A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all local church around the country.

In October this year, the Catholic Church in Australia will hold the first Assembly of the Plenary Council, where all state representatives will be present to discuss the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Council also has legislative and governance authority. The decisions that are made at the Plenary Council become binding for the Catholic Church in Australia.

Other Perth members commissioned on Sunday were Ms Gemma Thomson, Dean of Mission and Catholic Identity, Iona Presentation College, Perth; Ms Catherine Nguyen, Catechist Services Consultant, Catholic Education Western Australia; Sr Mary Ryan OP, Provincial Leader of the Dominican Sisters; Ms Eva Skira, Chair of the Trustees of St John of God Health Care and Rev Fr George Kolodziej SDS Provincial Superior of the Salvatorian Fathers.

"We are grateful for the tremendous support and dedication of these newly commissioned members, who have been called and also come forward to give of themselves during this time for the service of the Church in Australia," said Perth Plenary Council Co-ordinator, Mr Tony Giglia, following the Mass.

"This is a delicate and demanding task and we pray for our members, and all members of the Plenary Council, that they will continue to be inspired with the discernment of Christ and his Church."

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