

# **DIOCESAN ECUMENICAL AND INTER-FAITH COMMISSION**

## **Mandate – DRAFT September 2021**

The Adelaide Catholic Diocesan Ecumenical and Inter-faith Commission has a mandate from the Archbishop to foster the spirit of ecumenism and interfaith relations and dialogue in the Archdiocese.

The Commissions enables this by:

## **Aims and Objectives**

- promoting the directives of the Second Vatican Council, the Directory on Ecumenism and other post-conciliar documents concerned with ecumenical and inter-faith relations;
- in light of these documents, encouraging a spirit of ecumenism and interfaith relations within the Archdiocese, with other Christian traditions and other Faith Traditions;
- offering opportunities for ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue, prayer services and mutual action;
- maintaining communication with the Australian Catholic Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-Religious Dialogue;
- promoting joint witness to Christian faith in collaboration with other Christian churches, e.g. in education, public and private morality, social justice, culture, the arts and in special liturgical occasions.
- collaborating with Archdiocesan offices to facilitate the mandate of the Commission;
- providing educational resources concerning the formal Dialogues of the Catholic Church with other Christian traditions and promoting the study and discussion of statements or reports relevant to these Dialogues;
- promoting the formation of Commission members in their appreciation and understanding of ecumenism, other Christian traditions and other faiths;
- representing the Archdiocese in ecumenical and inter-religious events.

## **Membership and Reporting**

- The Commission will have a minimum of eight members.
- Members are appointed for a term of three years with an option to have this extended for a further term
- Members are commissioned by the Archbishop and will meet with him as a Commission annually.
- Those appointed demonstrate an interest in and engagement with ecumenical and inter-faith activity. This would include members with a background in ecumenical theology and familiarity with ecumenical and inter-religious activities.
- The Commission will report to the Archbishop regularly through his appointee.