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Transcript of the CHAT input

(The CHAT recording commenced with the beginning of the conversation section of the webinar. It has been edited only to remove irrelevant comments and insert a few clarifications).

From margaretbannan : The web address for sending in a submission please?

From Nehme Khattar : <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

From SMorley : Today the National Synod of Bishops Committee, of which I'm a member, was decided to extend the diocesan consultation period until 13 March. This information will be sent to diocesan contacts tomorrow.

From patriciaboylan to All panelists : I couldn't help but view that every picture in the synod power point excluded women. Women are more than 50% of church membership.

From Peter Flint : There has been very minimal engagement with this Synod in my Archdiocese. I will seek to send any submissions I am connected with directly to the Vatican. People I speak with agree that anything sent to the Archdiocese will be censored. I live in an ultra-conservative Archdiocese.

From Padmi Pathinather - SSI : I love that concept of dialogue Andrea - well articulated!

From Wayne McGough : Dialogue must always begin with mutual respect on the same plane which frankly has not been the case between several bishops and the People of God in the Plenary so far .

From Kim Crawford to All panelists : Is the data submitted to/in Plenary consultation being reshaped and submitted to Synodal consultation?

From SMorley : A simplified conversation process "Coffee Conversation" can be downloaded from <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>. Go to the heading "Other Resources" and it's the first item.

From Eric Snowball NSW : Thanks Andrea and I would add that dialogue offers inclusion for all

From Bernadette Wurlod to All panelists : Sadly not all parishes have pastoral councils. In regional areas there seems to have been little dialogue but parishes are growing as one parish across larger geographical areas. This is often titled as pastoral planning but it seems obscure to really see what pastoral planning is going to develop.

From Paschal Kearney : if nothing changes at the local level, there will be no reform

From carols ipad to All panelists : Carol Murphy. Great to be here! Thanks

From Anne Frawley-Mangan to All panelists : Great news on the extension, Sophy!

From Kay : I have no camera on this computer. Thanks for this opportunity.

From Marilyn Hatton : Andrea that is a very useful explanation of dialogue, thank you

From Angela Collins : As a Religion teacher, I loved your explanation of dialogue, Andrea. Very accessible for students

From Marianne Zeinstra : Vincent mentioned that the German Church went a "different way" Could he say a bit more about how it was different?

From Paschal Kearney : Our local communities are the context of our lives.

From Claire Thomas : So powerful Kevin! Fostering agency within us all. Thank you

From Anne Benjamin to All panelists : If there is no synodality in local parishes and dioceses, there is no synodality.

From drewj : Will we get a copy of this - I would like to use it with my staff at school?

From Michael Furtado : Maybe, Peter, send it to both the Arch AND Rome. That way we follow Andrea's fervorino about the importance of dialogue? Cheers!

From Pادمي Pathinather - SSI : Kevin - I agree with the concept of collaboration, and we must now progress to co-creation and then extend it to co-opetition (this is new as we the lay don't want to compete with clergy) we want to co-exist

From Sandrea Petith to All panelists : What is the email address to send a submission directly to Rome? Is there a word limit?

What about a submission to a diocese- if we submit a document longer than 250 or 300 words, will it be accepted? Is there a word limit?

From Deacon (Dr.) Michael Tan : How can we have a meaningful dialogue when for so long, lay Catholics have been taught that it is normal to be passive, and active involvement in decision-making is discouraged ?

From Jeanette Lawrence to All panelists : I understand the scepticism around submissions sent to the local archdiocese but I would encourage people to send to both, as the local diocese needs to know what people are thinking even if they ignore it initially. Agnes Dodds

From James M : I can confirm a recording of this webinar will be made available

From Andrew Fraser to All panelists : 'Motherhood' concepts such as synodality, participation or communion are all very well but I do not believe that the evils of clericalism will be defeated unless the power and governance structures of the Church undergo radical reform to make them more democratic.

From Kevin Wright to All panelists : I agreed with the comment from Bishop Long that we are foruned out. I also couldn't see a lot of our concerns about inclusivity in the focus that came from the Plenary Council. I also felt the closing down of our churches and the neglect of the sick during the pandemic, further emasculated this church. I admire all of your attempts to foster a spirit of enthusiasm but experience seems to dampen our sense of hope for genuine change.

From Wayne McGough : Many Catholics have not realised that Francis has collapsed the old way of Church in divisions with his 'church of the baptized" and battlefield metaphor where you don't worry about permission

From SMorley : Peter Flint, the portal for the submissions is open to all so I would urge you to use it. Your comments will not be censored as submissions do not go through your diocese to be received. We want to hear your voice in Australia.!

From Eric Snowball NSW : There have been excellent articles on the German Synod process in La Croix international

From Paschal Kearney : Small Christian communities as part of the official structure of the Church - this is what our group strives for.

From Waldemar Bogacki : So , how you think we can start dialog in a very clerical parish. Whom and how to organize?

From Joe Green : How do we get those who don't participate in church/parish to get involved? Like the parents of kids at our Catholic schools. I speak with them and they feel it's pointless.

From Anne Benjamin to All panelists : Time to educate the faithful, Michael. We failed to do so adequately after Vatican II. We cannot let this moment pass. The faithful in the pews have been poorly served in many ways - I say this while having enormous respect for many parish and church leaders.

From Wayne Brabin to All panelists : Andrea, I loved your linking dialogue with transformation....so often those in the hierarchy dialogue without a desire for genuine transformation to take place

From Barbara to All panelists : Thanks Elissa for an amazing presentation and thanks Andrea for explaining the concept of dialogue, very well explained.

From Sheila Flynn : "Rooting out that which diminishes us" - how do we root out clericalism that so stultifies growth, dialogue, the dignity of all the baptised?

From Wayne McGough : or status but do what has to be done in delivering 5 missions

From raymond : Vincent spoke also of ecumenical, interreligious, and cosmic dialogue. This well represents Francis's view.

From Cecilia Francisco-Tan : There is so much in the Plenary Submissions. People have worked and prayed hard and offered with great charity the fruit of sincere participation. Can we not access these and submit them to Rome as part of the Synodal process?

From Anne Benjamin to All panelists : Here's the link to the La Croix article on the German synod <https://international.la-croix.com/news/religion/germanys-synodal-path-is-a-model-for-the-global-church-says-observer/15036>

From Mario Trinidad : We need to find another language for describing the 'dialogue' between different groups within the Church -- "top down" and "bottom up" language is stuck in a hierarchical structure.

From Claire Thomas : Very good point, Cecilia

From Cecilia Francisco-Tan : After all they record the peoples' voice, hopes and dreams.

From Rass SVD : The Synodal Path of the Catholic Church in Germany wants laypeople to be able to participate in choosing bishops and wants the church to have women deacons. Am interested in what the speakers think about these two issues.

From Wayne McGough : In reply to Sheila , many priests who have worked as loners all their lives really struggle with change to working collaboratively

From Annie Pinto : I agree with Cecilia. We have done a lot of work for the Plenary Council - why can't we tap into all that work and those 17K+ submissions

From Tony & Lita to All panelists : Agree, agree, Cecilia

From SMorley : Joe Green, when you engage with school parents, you might want to choose a couple of simple questions to ask them ... listen to them and then you're encouraged to submit their responses online at <https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

From Vivienne Luke to All panelists : I love the sound of the German model!!

From Franklin Rosenfeldt : Elissa's processes at a local level seem like a pipe dream when you are part of a merged parish and your parish priest is a controller who constantly slaps down any attempts to take initiatives with statements that he has been appointed by the bishop to run everything

From Cecilia Francisco-Tan : The plenary process has been very rigorous on the people on the ground especially in parishes I led. Fatigue is real.

From Lisa Bright : I have heard leaders from parishes in my area saying that the Synod is more "white noise" ... something more that a struggling parish can't deal with while they are dealing with opening up after covid, sacramental catch up etc. What are the creative ways people have engaged with parish leaders to say this is important?

From Claire Thomas : Also agree, Cecilia.

From Jane Marshall : So many people at the time of dying and death are in need of pastoral care, but it is so lacking when Funeral Liturgies are controlled by the clerics. There can be so much mission on such occasions, but families are left out if they want a service that is different. These are times of great mission, and where the people of God could be able to facilitate such services

From FRANCES HANNA : Me too#

From Marianne Zeinstra : Sounds to me that the German Church has a more real and open dialogue.

From Jacinta Bright : Fatigue and a growing sense of hopelessness when we see what is coming from the Plenary. People I see say the Bishops don't listen to us. There is an agenda which will be what emerges

From Wayne McGough : Jesus gave us a very simple 6 point mantra to follow that worked

From Pattie Pruscino : Good one Sophy - I am with you. If that is what parents are saying, send that in.

From Martin Nicol : The *Light from the Southern Cross* said it better than I could every say. Just send that.

From Lisa Bright : The world is a different place to what it was 3 years ago. COVID has changed us - so I would hope there would be new insights. This is particularly so in relation to COVID in the past few years. [We would have different responses] at this time compared to the first dialogue sessions 3 years ago.

From Veronica Box : Neither the Plenary Council or the Synod have been mentioned in my parish.

From Cecilia Francisco-Tan : So many parishes have resistant priests because the work is hard.

From Margaret C : Not fatigue but despair why should we submit to a synodal movement when so much of what was submitted to the plenary council was censored out - women in general, women's ordination, LGBTIQ+ people and issues, etc ?

From Michelle Buckley : Facilitating dialogue needs a particular skills set

From Kim Crawford to All panelists : I agree the process of consultation is as fruitful as the result but many of the faithful are frustrated by the apparent lack of listening to submissions to the Plenary

From Deacon (Dr.) Michael Tan : I agree

From Cecilia Francisco-Tan : Clerics themselves need to be educated on what exactly is entailed in synodality.

From Tony & Lita to All panelists : Can I get back a copy of my submission to the plenary council? Done online

From Ann cullinane to All panelists : When a Monsignor asks to be addressed as Monsignor!

20:18:00 From SMorley : Veronica Box you might wish to go to the Diocese of Sale's website with a very simple and attractive synod page and downloadable resources <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>

There are Sunday by Sunday Mass kits and Powerpoints to download

From Marilyn Hatton : Paschal, at a recent zoom of the International Catholic Reform Movement facilitated by groups of National Catholic Priests across the world, [it was reported that] groups from India, Mexico and Africa are forming what they refer to as SCC Small Catholic Communities similar to your group.

From Deacon (Dr.) Michael Tan : Clericalism cannot be truly dealt with if we ignore the formation of our seminarians

From Jennifer Farrell : Excellent point Kevin we all have a voice.

From margaretbannan : Why is there a deadline for a submission date? Given covid how are people being invited to participate in this process? I wondered why the Plenary Council was not advertised on the media because so many of our families and friends have left the church and did not know it was taking place.

From *The Future of Catholicism* to All panelists : It seems to me that we have had Covid 19 since those original submissions to Plenary council were made. The church communities in Australia haven't recovered as yet. The church looks very different and we have had the first session of the Plenary council which seems to have dampened enthusiasm as it's hard to see our submissions in what has happened so far. It's hard to get enthusiasm but it's essential. Jennifer rsj

From Bernadette Wurlod to All panelists : Thanks for this evening much appreciated. Some of us have been vocal for a long time, it has to be a collaborative approach with those in authority also challenging the "clerical" behaviour that is evident.

From Marilyn Hatton : You make good points, Kevin

From Michelle Buckley : That kind of action requires organisation

From Padmi Pathinather - SSI : Is there a measure or criteria for clergy on what does synodal behaviour look like, when it's done well and when it's done poorly? What are the consequences for when it's done poorly - what development pathways are created to build this mindset?

From Jo to All panelists : Well said Kevin!

From Kathryn : Well said Kevin

From Angela Collins : love this, Kevin

From patriciaboylan to All panelists : 1. Many people haven't become passive but have given up hope. This week St John of God Order report revealed 40-80% of clergy abused children in NZ and Aust. The religious order still operates and Catholics remain silent. 2. It is easy to understand why many parishioners dismiss the church when many who manage the Plenary Council are church employees. 3. Many made submissions to the Plenary Council and their greatest concerns were written out and dismissed. 3. There are many diocese without elected pastoral councils. The Boards of Governance are selected by the bishops. There seems to be no elections and little engagement. In Cairns Diocese, it was church employee managed and operated. I agree that Catholics need to be vocal about how the church should operate. Last week, in Parliament we saw a tiny right wing group of Christian Lobby call for more discrimination. Catholic Renewal groups spoke out but the church administration remained silent. The #ACNC Act allows lower regulatory standards for religions.

From Wayne Brabin : Great words Kevin

From Mario Trinidad : A submission-based participation seems so western and ends up, inadvertently, as a one-way process. And, unfortunately, perhaps some (?) bishops have looked upon it as a substitute for going around their dioceses and listening especially to those in the peripheries.

From Annie Pinto : Has anyone had any luck with getting those are not in the pews to this process - to this conversation

From Jeanette Lawrence to All panelists : No, people are not afraid - clerical men are afraid

From Tony Robertson : I might now identify as a "diminished" Catholic!!!! Thanks Kevin.

From Deacon (Dr.) Michael Tan : Yes, I agree - look at the census ABS data on the increasing no. of Australians with "No Religion" - yet statistically at least 20% of these "No religion" Australians have been baptised Catholics!

From Sonja : I work in development where we know that the most important voice is often the one not given the opportunity to participate... Catholic school parents, disengaged, those who don't even know what a Synod is, or how it would work or benefit them. Agency is only possible where capabilities are given.

From 61407 : Can't agree more, so good to hear the positive approach from you all.

From albert yogarajah Mariampillai : Unfortunately the child abuse by the clergy has damaged the good work of the other clergy but also has pushed many active laity away as they are required to have working with children checks, police checks, etc. People who were involved so many years with the life of the church now are hurt to think they are not trusted.

From Rass SVD : Equally damaging are the effects of clericalism on the priest: overwork, isolation, loneliness, unrelieved stress, the expectation that he and he alone will handle all the parish business and be responsible for all the parish problems. Then you have the culture of clericalism enforced by many parishioners ...!

From Wayne Brabin : I whole heartedly agree with your comments Mario

From SMorley : People might be interested in viewing the Synod /Plenary timeline (hasn't been updated just yet) and you'll see what happens after the Diocesan Consultation

https://www.catholic.org.au/images/Extended_Timeline_-_Synod_of_Bishops_and_Plenary_Council.pdf

From Veronica Lawson : Catholic women theologians and biblical scholars are often invited to preach in Anglican or Uniting Churches. Their voices are not welcome in Catholic churches. A Synodal church might challenge this.

From Sheila Flynn : Thanks Elissa for your passion and wisdom

From Therese Abela-King : I feel that the majority of Catholics I know have now chosen to do things "their way"...live a good and caring life, forget the thought of going to Mass only on Sunday but when it is possible for them and have stopped listening to the hierarchy about how to lead their lives, especially after the trauma of the past, including the betrayal of clergy and non-acceptance of ordinary people, including divorcees and homosexuals. Unless there is an international handing down of changes in the Catholic Church, people will still never return to our parishes

From Carole Parsons : For the last 2 years Bishops and priests have celebrated Mass to empty churches. Is this a 'sign' while we at home have watched with zoom?

From Bernadette McPhee on Wurundjeri Country to All panelists : Thank you Elissa. Grace Tame is a prophet

From Jacinta Bright : Yes, I have begun to ask people why they don't come to church (a more simple question). The answers so far, still from a small group, are, 'They care for the church but want the church to be authentic and stand up with the marginalised. Say something about the religious discrimination bill, for example, about how the Church will not discriminate

From Michelle Buckley : Grace Tame had the support of many senior women, standing behind her. We need more sense of solidarity and organisation

From Rachel McLean to All panelists : A wonderful summary of alternate ways of being in synod, Bishop Vincent... an example of a Church responding to the 'signs of the times'. I would love to see local church communities in Australia invite into our communities people who have been excluded, hurt, side-lined so that more voices are heard... After listening to input, this is something that I could do as one who takes co-responsibility in the synodal process.

From Wendy Goonan : Is there a way to save the chat? So many good comments and questions here to think about!

From Michael Furtado : The German Synod is also chaired by a superbly articulate and direct layperson and, injudiciously, in my view, turned down +Francis' astute suggestion to include where Eucharist (including 'communio' and therefore the 'faithful') fit into it. It's terrific strength (as well as its paradoxical weakness) is that it is so wondrously 'German'. No?

From Angela Slattery : God help us, Vincent! Australia has opted to toe the line: Deliberative vote only ie bishops. :(Thank goodness other communities in the world like Germany have opted for lateral thinking and action. We can but do our best within Plenary restraints in Oz.

From James M : Hi Wendy - a transcript of the chat should be available later

From Angela Collins : Grace Tame a prophet - love this!

From paulinestapleton70@gmail.com to All panelists : We live with hope, Veronica

From Wendy Goonan : And yes, I'm with you, Elissa!

From Cecilia Bannan to All panelists : We were able to move on after Vatican 11. But Church participants have diminished and now we are left with elderly priests (if you have one) and a tired elderly congregation. So very common in the regions. My question would be, 'What support would be there for the very few interested with energy and how would they be led?'

From Loretta Hughes : 2 tim 1: 7 - Be bold and act with love.

From Vee and René Pols to All panelists : Sadly, clericalism is a 'two way street' in so much that many lay people are content to be led by the ordained. There is a culture of lay passivity that is a keystone for clericalism. Lay people need to change; not just the priests.

From SMorley : Well said Andrea!!

From Wendy Goonan : Yes the main question is the best one, thanks Andrea for your idea

From carolyn doherty : As Grace Tame says, "Let's make noise Australia". The trouble I have had is my Archbishop will not engage in conversation let alone dialogue. How else can I be bold?

From Barbara to All panelists : Great stuff - be bold Thanks Andrea

From Padmi Pathinather - SSI : I have a feeling that the Pope is leading this as he perhaps knows deep in his heart that the local Plenary sessions may have their limitations in relaying the truth and not all Bishops are as proactive and BOLD as Vincent. Hence the Pope is taking that holistic global approach. I appreciate it may be repetitive. However these are targeted questions as the Pope is trying to get into deep insights rather than asking a very broad question that can be interpreted in so many different ways. I would encourage everyone to make a submission this time around

From marianwatson : Love your work, Elissa

From Tony Cartwright to All panelists : Just a suggestion (being bold) - The first line of every submission should be: Women should be allowed to be priests.

From paulforde to All panelists : Andrea, I enjoyed your examination of dialogue. I find it a challenge. I don't want to give up elements of my heart-felt belief in inclusivity because those elements are fundamental to my understanding of a loving body of people (Church). Am I closing myself off to transformation?

From Franklin Rosenfeldt : We have seen that most of the 17,500 submissions to the Plenary Council have been sidelined or ignored by the bishops so why would we expect our submissions on synodality via the bishops' system to reach the pope. Why not make our submissions directly to the Pope's female secretary in charge of submissions?

From margaretbannan : As a 73 yo catholic woman who has been an active member of the church all my life, 'Why do I still feel I am a fringe dweller?' All my girlfriends have left the institutional church. What Elissa says is so real, why is it so hard to be heard as a woman in the CC?

From Elizabeth Fort Yaggera and Yugambah Country : Thank you Andrea!

From Trish Hindmarsh : Very enlivened and encouraged by you Elissa. Thank you.

From Mr. Stephen Baldwin : We have a voice, Kevin... but do you really believe it is listened to?

From Andrea Dean : if you as a woman feel on the fringe of the Church, consider joining WATAC

From Maeve Louise to All panelists : I also think despite the tiredness, we need to keep submitting. It is hard to change when you have been formed NOT to listen or collaborate. Culture changes slowly. Thank you for this space.

From patriciaboylan to All panelists : Baptised Catholics are getting over being the supporters of victims of clerical sex abuse , their families and friends, while the church funded expensive lawyers and cruelly took victims through lengthy court battles. Those that stood with the victims seem to be ostracised by the clergy. Many are acting it out now. Stats show 80% of Catholics select not to be married in the church.

From Richard Curtain : I don't think we should be limited by 250 words for a submission. A longer submission should be sent directly to the ACB Conference. 250 words does not do justice to the issues raised in the Synod questionnaire.

From Paul Harris : A simple way of encouraging discussion - "If you had 10 mins with Pope Francis, what would you say...?" We can all answer that!!

From Jill Gallio to All panelists : I've learnt that, if people are not involved in Church and Diocesan life, many just do not know about the Plenary. I hope many more people speak up and don't ignore this opportunity due to the passivity that Kevin talked about.

From Loretta Hughes : Amen to you Andrea!

From Padmi Pathinather - SSI : Love that Paul! Cheers, Padmi

From Marilyn Hatton : So well said, Andrea

From Tracy McEwan : Listen to Australian Women Preach at: <http://australianwomenpreach.com.au/>

From Wendy Goonan : send long submissions directly to your diocese.

From Sue Wilson : Margaret Bannen, What a GREAT suggestion. We have many who have left, too frightened to attend a Mass or be in groups. Those people whom we don't see may take note and send in a response if they see a news report or advertisement.

From Carole Parsons : Thank you, Andea and ACCCR, for your inspiration and encouragement.

From Sonja : 30-60% of healthcare facilities in Africa are Church-run. There is only approx. 10% vaccination rate across the continent. This example shows that if one person is affected we are all affected (and possibly infected). It also shows that Church is and has influence at the local level, but how are we supporting this? How can we vaccinate our Church with the Holy Spirit to better serve? And what can we do as Church to increase the vaccination rates - let's remember the Mary MacKillops and Mother Teresas of the world - practical action.

From Joan Seymour to All panelists : Rass SVD, So true. Our priests are so often overwhelmed by their responsibilities -yet we're calling on them to be prophets, as well as fixing the church vacuum cleaner etc. Yet they are - at least the older ones - potentially a rich depository of acquired wisdom. We need to banish clericalism, but not clerics.

From raymond : With whom are we as church under way? Also a possible question to guide us.

From Michael Furtado : Show your Arch just how much you love him by making a written submission. Don't be cowed. That's what love's about, aint it? Loving insurrection?

From Veronica Lawson : Thank you, one and all. Your faith gives me hope

From Waldemar Bogacki : How to organize a group to work on a submission without scrutiny of the parish council?

From Veronica Box : Why can't we become a transparent church, an accountable church, a non-clerical church, an inclusive church, a truly humble church?

From Ann cullinane to All panelists : What a brilliant presentation thanks to each of you.

From Bernadette McPhee on Wurundjeri Country to All panelists : True Andrea, I am surprised I am even here this evening, baptised a Catholic but totally given up on the Catholic Church. I am at home with activism, social justice issues , climate & ecological issues & peace issues

From Wayne McGough : Cardijn Community Australia has used its daily Facebook page to repost great information - material that draws up to a 100 responses a day many from the 91% who have walked away to re-engage

From Trang Nguyen : Deeply listen to the Holy Spirit and read a sign of the times now

From Andrea Dean to Bernadette McPhee on Wurundjeri Country and all panelists : Join WATAC

From Bernadette Wurlod : Great ideas about being able to be in other groups. Its been good to be here

From Tui Motu InterIslands Magazine to All panelists : Thanks to all our speakers - excellent thought provoking and compelling!

From James M : <https://watac.net.au/>

From Waldemar Bogacki : If we can't do it on the level of parish all, could collapse

From Franklin Rosenfeldt : Your enthusiasm is commendable and infectious.

From Claire Thomas : Yes, very prophetic, Kevin, we need a change of culture

From Marie Richards-Cochrane to All panelists : Thank you everyone. I again have hope for our future.

From Lorraine Mccleary : Thank you for such really good ideas

From Barbara to All panelists : Elissa, you are so inspirational, well done. I admire your courage and convictions.

From Kay : Yes, the Pope is leading now. It is Francis reaching out to First Peoples globally. The voice here is tokenistic, bureaucratic, dribble down. One key person wears all the hats in a bubble.

From Pat Malone to All panelists : We need hope for development of a different Church where all our voices are valued.

From Wendy Goonan : Waldemar, your parish council should not be able to see everything that goes on! Hold a private conversation and send your submission anonymously if needed.

From (Anne Marie) Chantal Jodun : Thank you to everyone. Great ideas and inspiration

From Sharon O'Keefe : Elissa, the Spirit is at work

From Sheila Flynn : You have been prophets of hope tonight, thank you.

From Terry Casey : Great ideas and hopes shared

From margaretbannan : Thank you everyone, it is good to be here with such hopeful visionaries for our CC.

From patriciachaves to All panelists : I feel we have been conditioned to feel we are not adequate to the task of reforming the church and have to be quiet and listen. Those who disagree are free to leave (and have). Call those people back! They have something to say

From Bob Cullen Gubbi Gubbi Country Australia : Renewal of seminaries is a key matter for the future Church. Some changes have been made but more needed

From claire renkin : Brilliant, challenging and inspiring, thanks to speakers for your vision and commitment

From Mary Conlan to All panelists : Thank you panel for the fire in the belly that encourages me out of despondency with the church

From Gail Gill : Thanks so much everyone for thoughtful encouragement. Much appreciated

From Phil Billington to All panelists : Thank you - inspiring & encouraging

From Rass SVD : At the end of the day it is about deeply listening to the Holy Spirit, the missionary par excellence, to shed more light and help us move forward together.

From Wayne Brabin : A wonderful succinct summary from each of you, thank you so much for placing some 'light behind the cracks'

From patriciaboylan to All panelists : Holy See both a state and a religion! The Catholic Church is the largest provider of schooling in the world. The HolySee/Vatican has failed to implement #zeroTolerance for clergy abusers and concealers. The church has failed to follow the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

From Marilyn Hatton : Thank you all so much, you give us hope in what seems an overwhelming task. Very encouraging. Kevin's point on freedom is so relevant and Gayle's point at an earlier Zoom that we must all let go of the old model of church.

From Anne Benjamin : Thank you everyone for your passion and hope.

From Cecilia Bannan to All panelists : Well, St Paul just walked with God

From Rachel McLean to All panelists : Thank you for an invigorating and hope-filled session.

From Tony & Lita to All panelists : The real church roots are way back in time . Let's go there

From Beth Riolo : Thank you for offering hope.

From berniebaillie : Thank you all, inspiring!

From Jane Monk : Thanks for your faith, hope and love

From Mr. Stephen Baldwin to All panelists : THANK you all for remaining positive.

From Steven Rigo to All panelists : Thank you all for arranging this.

From kate rowe to All panelists : Thank you it was wonderful

From Pattie Pruscino : Thank you to all, enjoyable and thought provoking.

From Claire Thomas : Thank you, Andrea, Kevin, Elissa, Eleanor and Bishop Vincent - inspirational

From patriciaboylan to All panelists : Thank you for your hope.

From lucyvankessel to All panelists : Thank you all - plenty to think about

From 97196238736 to All panelists : The cracks are opportunities! Thanks, Kevin.

From Fiona McKenna : Thank you for your excellent presentation! Wonderful speakers and very interesting - great job!! :-)

From SMorley : Great presentations, Bp Vincent and Elissa and great panel discussion 🙌🙌

From Madeleine Edgar : Thank you for hope & better understanding~

From conway monica : Thank you everyone! Brilliant session. Feeling inspired.

From Antoinette Mangion : Thank you everyone for your inspiration

From Wendy Goonan : thank you everyone - be the agents of the Spirit you are called to be!

From Rosa Grabovac : Thank you to all involved, this discussion gives me hope

From Odette Subijano : Thank you to facilitators and organisers and Bishop Vincent, Elissa, Kevin, Andrea and Eleanor!

From The Future of Catholicism to All panelists : Thank you so much to all. You have ignited the Spirit

From Bernadette McPhee on Wurundjeri Country to All panelists : 🙌🙌🙌

From Geralyn McCarthy : Thank you Vincent, Elissa, Andrea, Kevin and Eleanor - heartening and encouraging.

From Philippa Murphy : Thank you for your enthusiasm, you are inspirational...prophets of HOPE

From Peter and Carmel on Wurundjeri Land : Thank you so much to everyone involved this evening - a very missionary presentation

From Paris : Thank you to our speakers and this opportunity to engage with one another. God bless.

From Cecilia Bannan to All panelists : Thank you to all!!!

From Carey McIver to All panelists : Most grateful thank you!

From Michael Furtado : God love the Irish, Kev! The wisdom of age doth not weary us but shores us all up well! Thanks, Everybody!

From Jo to All panelists : Thank you all.

From Ana P : Thank you for the richness in this discussion, it gives me hope. I love Andrea's suggestion, 'If you don't feel heard locally, find where you can have a voice. Don't be disheartened find your voice!'

From Pia Pagotto - Wurundjeri Bunurong country : Well done all, special thanks to Elissa!

From Charmaine to All panelists : Inspiring!! Let's start writing our submissions

From Mary Morrissey to All panelists : Thanks so much, so inspiring

From Annette Guterres to All panelists : Thank You

From raymond : Continue to be bold and hopeful, Elissa.

From Vivienne Luke to All panelists : Thank you to everyone.

From Adrienne Costello : Thank you for these words of hope!!

From Lonnie Borg to All panelists : Thank you

From Marilyn Hatton : Special Thanks Bishop Vincent Long. You model such courage.

From Barbara : Thank you for all your amazing presentations and inspiring comments.

From Yvonne rohr : Thanks so much everyone, powerful & hoping it all becomes real with the Spirit of Love

From Tony & Lita to All panelists : Does this chat get saved with the recording?

From Chris A : Thanks for a great discussion. full of hope

From Make Tuigana : thanks to each one for this great CHURCH moment

From Bob Cullen Gubbi Gubbi Country Australia : Inspiring. Thanks to all involved.

From lucyvankessel : Thank you all. Excellent sharing

From Cheryl Hamill to All panelists : Thank you for a great presentation and the shared wisdom opportunities such as these provide.

From Eric Snowball NSW : Thanks and the spirit is with us tonight

From Maree Nash : Thank you for this webinar and the spark it gives me to continue to be engaged.

From Carmel Moore : Your words have encouraged and inspired me. thanks to everyone.

From Phil Billington to All panelists : 🙏🙏

From Loretta Wholley : Thank you

From Cecilia Francisco-Tan : Is the Archbishop of Melbourne in attendance? A curiosity!

From ILEANA GUIZZO to All panelists : Thank you

20:31:45 From Trang Nguyen : Thanks everyone

From Marianne Zabukosek : Thank you all for this inspiring discussion. One more submission will be on its way!

From Annie Pinto : Amen.... and thank you to everyone

From paulforde to All panelists : Truly inspirational.

From Jo to All panelists : Special thanks to Kevin for your message about agency

From Odette Subijano : Thanks Eleanor!

From Claire Victory : 🙏