

## **Media Release**

### **Consultation with Ecclesial Communities and Lay Movements**

Representatives of Catholic ecclesial communities and lay movements are being invited to take part in a consultation to explore ways of identifying, networking, and supporting communities into the future.

Hosted by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry (BCELM), the online event will take place on Tuesday, July 20, from 7pm to 9pm.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse (BCELM Chairperson) and Archbishop Julian Porteous (Bishops Delegate for Ecclesial Communities) will participate in the consultation, which hopes to attract individuals and groups from around Australia.

Archbishop Porteous said he hopes to see a diverse range of Australian ecclesial communities and lay movements represented at the event.

“The emergence of ecclesial movements in recent times are a gift to the Church and the Australian bishops would like to encourage and support their life and mission,” he said.

“The consultation seeks to identify ways communities and movements in Australia can network and support each other. We will listen to each other and share how the Holy Spirit is working through these ecclesial movements.

“I encourage representatives from ecclesial communities and lay movements from around Australia to register with the Commission and let us know if they can be a part of the consultation via the consultation website.”

To register your interest in participating in the consultation, visit [www.nce.catholic.org.au/ecclesialcommunities](http://www.nce.catholic.org.au/ecclesialcommunities)