

Catholic Education Week 2019 - Sunday May 26 to Friday May 31 for the Ballarat Diocese

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This theme aligns well with the preparation for the Plenary Council 2020 which has called on the Catholic Church to use 2019 as a year of prayer, discernment and dialogue - to truly listen with the ear of the heart.

Bishop Paul Bird has requested as we celebrate Catholic Education Week, he hopes we might all have some opportunities for quiet in these days. Through such moments, we can come to hear the sounds around us more clearly. We may find some times when we can be still and reflect and through such times of reflection may we hear whatever messages may be within our hearts – messages from people around us, messages from God, messages that can only be heard when we are listening carefully with the ear of our heart.

Our Year 8 students and the local Catholic Primary Schools will celebrate together with a Combined Schools Mass on Friday at 10.00am at the Mercy Campus. May our students and staff take this opportunity to hear God's words with their actual ears, with their hearts to allow them to deeply reflect, discern, and take action.

Combined Mass Opening Prayer

God our loving parent, help us to listen with genuine care and attention, and with a focused mind. When others offer genuine advice or criticism help us to listen to them so that we make wise choices.

May our ears be ready to listen to those around us, offering respect for others and displaying humble spirits. May we be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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