



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

**Re: The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania**

This morning I am travelling to Fiji to attend the gathering of The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania in Suva. Each four years the Catholic Bishops of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, New Zealand, Australia and the Pacific gather to discuss issues that affect the four conferences of Catholic Bishops.

This year our theme is *The Ocean*. There have been preparatory sessions and I include the links for your viewing:

- Session 1: Shorelines & Coasts – <https://vimeo.com/782768422/b79beb097b>
- Session 2: Deep Sea - <https://vimeo.com/783090047/b14e950c5c>
- Session 3: Islands - <https://vimeo.com/783109102/ba577efcf2>

Each day our sessions will be reported on and if you wish you may follow through the Diocesan website. The Archbishop of Suva, Most Rev Peter Loy Chong, is our president for the conference.

I welcome you to join with me on this important journey.

Yours sincerely

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