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Dear Bishops, Fathers and Deacons,

Thank you to those who were able to join Archbishop Peter, Francis Moore and Jim Miles today for the information session on implications and future obligations around changes to the governance of our schools in Melbourne.

As always, we are very aware how difficult it can be to find time away from Parish commitments and we thank you for your attendance.

Today's gathering was only the first of several opportunities for discussion, feedback and assistance, and it begins our consultation phase. To enable everyone an opportunity for face-to-face meetings, four regional meetings are planned to open up further options for your direct involvement. It is strongly recommended that you attend at least one meeting so you can be across timelines and future planning:

22 October	Northern Region
29 October	Southern Region
7 November	Eastern Region
20 November	Western Region

Further information regarding these meetings and specific locations will be sent to you over the coming week.

In addition, Catholic Education Melbourne will be bringing Principals together early next week to begin their part in this conversation. As this process is underway, please take every opportunity to speak with your School Principal/s, school teachers and staff, and your people so that we are sharing in a full and transparent conversation.

An email address has been established should you wish to send through a question or offer reflections or thoughts on information that will be shared across these initial meetings:
governance@cem.edu.au

Your input is essential to the outcomes of any changes in governance in our schools.

You may wish to consider the following questions:

- 1. Thinking of educational leadership in your Parish, what are some of the key issues that you feel need to be considered?**
- 2. To assist with clear and transparent communications over coming months, what would best assist you in keeping well informed, and supporting you in working with your key stakeholders such as school families?**
- 3. As we consider the future of Catholic education in Melbourne what might be some further considerations you would like to see addressed or raised?**

Most urgently, I refer to the Education Governance Steering Group. As discussed this morning, two places will be reserved for priests of the Archdiocese, and two places for Principals.

If you wish to nominate a priest for one of these places, please follow the following steps:

1. Seek permission from the particular priest to nominate their name.
2. Send that priest's name along with the email subject line 'Steering Group nomination' to: governance@cem.edu.au
3. Please make your submission by **5pm Tuesday 8 October**.

The Archbishop will then consider the nominations and make his decision on who to appoint to the Steering Group.

This is only the beginning of this process and we are hoping to walk with you in the best way possible. For further general information, please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Yours sincerely,

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