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BOX 109
SUVA, FIJI.

Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops of the Bishops Conferences of Australia, New Zealand, CEPAC and Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

RE: FCBCO Assembly Preparatory Event – Our Ocean Home

Your Eminences, Your Excellencies, and Your Graces,

As you are aware, the scheduled FCBCO General Assembly will be held between February 5th – 10th in the Archdiocese of Suva, Fiji. I am delighted to share with you that His Eminence, Cardinal Michael F. Czerny SJ, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development will be our chief guest, to preside at the Opening Eucharist on February 5th, 2023, and, to deliver the Opening Address.

Together with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Australian Catholic University (ACU), I warmly invite you to attend a Preparatory Event for the upcoming FCBCO General Assembly entitled, *Our Ocean Home*. Our Preparatory Event will be held between November 28th – 30th, in an online format and is generously supported by ACU.

The style and format of the Preparatory Event will be framed by processes of storytelling, reflection and theological dialogue, akin to cultural experiences of *Talanoa* or yarning circle style conversations.

Invitations to the Preparatory Event are being sent to the Bishops of Oceania from each of the General Secretaries. Consecrated and lay women and men, young people, ecumenical networks and ecclesial regional networks are all welcome in the spirit of synodal action. The link below can be forwarded to each person inviting them to register and to participate on the following dates and times.

The Preparatory Event 'Our Ocean Home' has been scheduled for two hours on each day of November 28th, 29th and 30th:

- 2pm – 4pm Port Moresby, PNG and Brisbane Australian Eastern Standard Time
- 3pm – 5pm Sydney and Melbourne, Australia
- 5pm – 7pm Suva, Fiji Time and Auckland, New Zealand Time.

This scheduling allows all participants to engage with and experience an online process of listening, discerning and conversation together. Please note that the sessions are not repeated but rather explore a different theme each session on Our Ocean Home.

I invite you to register your intention to attend the FCBCO Preparatory Event 'Our Ocean Home' by clicking [here](#) and entering your name and email address to receive your link to participate. More information about the event can be found on the website: acu.edu.au/ouroceanhome

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to my island home, Fiji.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Chong', with a horizontal line underneath it.

ARCHBISHOP Peter Loy Chong
Archbishop of Suva,
President FCBCO