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Title	What makes Australians participate in the Liturgy
Brief Description	Research conducted in the Bathurst Diocese has given some insight into the factors that encourage people to participate in the Liturgy.
Overview	<p>In a survey of clergy in America, 59% said they did not like the new English translation of the Roman Missal; 42% of people who participated in a survey conducted by the Diocese of Portsmouth UK said the introduction of the new translation was a negative experience; 70% of priests in a survey conducted by The Tablet disliked the new translation.</p> <p>Surveys from overseas are beginning to be published on the likes and dislikes of the new translation of the Roman Missal but is the negative experience reported from overseas reproduced in Australia? The results of research in the Diocese of Bathurst NSW indicates that 41.4% of respondents said that the introduction of the new translation was a positive experience.</p> <p>Who are these people from the Bathurst Diocese? Why do they report a positive experience when others around the world don't? Has this positivity resulted in an increase in the liturgical participation of the survey respondents?</p> <p>The call of the Second Vatican Council for full, conscious and active participation (FCAP) of the faithful in the liturgy of the Church is the basis of the liturgical and ecclesial experience in Australia. How does that experience shape a congregation in a rural diocese such as Bathurst?</p> <p>These and other questions are explored and strategies suggested which could further advance FCAP in our Dioceses.</p>
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