Since 1994, eleven Ministerial Public Juridic Persons (PJPs) have been established in Australia. These Church bodies are responsible for the education, health and community service ministries formerly under the care of seventeen religious institutes.

In fulfillment of the direction of Vatican II, the Trustees of these PJPs are almost always lay people. These PJPs established the Association of Ministerial PJPs Ltd in May 2016 as their umbrella organization to facilitate communication and cooperation between themselves and with the wider Church and others. While PJPs exist in other parts of the world only in Australia have they established their own association.

In 2019 the AMPJP’s member Ministerial PJPs are:

- St John of God Australia Limited (Hospitals, health care, community and disability services in WA, Vic, NSW);
- MercyCare (aged care, family, community, health and disability services in WA);
- Mercy Partners (Education, hospitals, aged care and community services in QLD);
- Trustees of Edmund Rice Education Australia (Schools and youth programs in WA, NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas, NSW, QLD);
- Dominican Education Australia Limited (Schools and learning centres in SA, Vic and NSW);
- Trustees of Catholic Healthcare (Hospitals, health services, aged care and community services in NSW and QLD);
- Calvary Ministries Ltd (Hospitals, health care, aged care and community care in NT, SA, Vic, NSW, Tas);
- Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries (Hospitals, health services, aged care, schools and social services in NSW, QLD, Vic);
- Good Samaritan Education (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic);
- Trustees of Kildare Ministries (Schools and women’s/family services in QLD, SA, NSW and Vic); and
- Sophia Education Ministries (Schools in QLD, NSW and Vic).
AMPJP Council Chairperson

It is with much gratitude and a deep sense of hope that I write this third annual report as I conclude my time as the Chair of the AMPJP Council.

My gratitude is for the generosity of each of the Canonical Stewards, Trustees past and present, and all those who have helped the AMPJP come into being and to clarify and fulfill its role. I appreciate that this was on top of the many other commitments that called upon their time. I am also grateful for the support from Catholic Religious Australia (CRA), Catholic Health Australia (CHA), the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) and various Religious Institutes who assisted the development of our Association.

Our journey has not been a long one. The process of bringing together the Ministerial PJPs began in 2013. We formally established the AMPJP in May 2016 and it was then that I was elected as Chair. Over these years we have grown as an association and I hope helped each other grow as people committed to the ministry of governance.

I wish to thank my fellow AMPJP Councillors and Member representatives for their dedication and commitment to the ministry of governance.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

- Paul Oakley CFC

The Association of Ministerial PJPs works collaboratively with other peak Catholic bodies on shared issues. The Association has the unique roles of developing/supporting Ministerial PJPs, as an umbrella body, supports its Members to flourish individually and together in communion with the Catholic Church.

Mission

In fostering the ministry of canonical governance, the Association of Ministerial PJPs eagerly accept their calling to embody the justice and life-giving ways of Jesus Christ in both the governance and the activities.

Vision

Our vision is for flourishing, vibrant Catholic ministries governed by well-formed members, continuing Jesus’ mission in Australia and beyond in the 21st century.

Values

Inclusive, relational, collaborative and prophetic.