



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

General Secretariat

29 March 2012

Monsignor Paul Tighe
Secretary
Pontifical Council for Social Communication
Vatican City

**Re: Community Endorsement Letter from the Australian Catholic Bishops
Conferences for the Arabic gTLD**

Dear Monsignor Tighe

I am writing on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to express our support for the application of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications (PCCS) to acquire the generic top-level domain '.catholic' in the Arabic language (in Arabic characters). The Pontifical Council is the applicant most indicated to apply for this string in the name of the Catholic Community.

This Bishops Conference co-ordinates the communications activities of the dioceses of Australia which will be the immediate beneficiary of this project. This string would greatly enhance and facilitate the work of the Conference in authenticating the presence of the Catholic community in the digital space. This Conference enjoys regular contact with the PCCS and will be happy to collaborate with the PCCS in the development of this project.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

Fr Brian Lucas
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