



# Ministerial public juridic persons

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- ❖ A juridic person is the Church's canonical equivalent of a corporation and is set up for one or more specific purposes
- ❖ Each juridic person functions through designated physical persons who serve as its representatives according to its approved statutes
- ❖ A ministerial PJP represents the Church in the same way as religious institutes previously with respect to the ministries



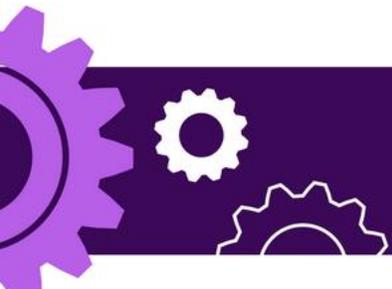
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- ❖ Such entities are called public juridic persons because their ministries are formally sanctioned by a Church authority and carried out publicly under its auspices
- ❖ Ministerial PJPs have the role and responsibilities of stewardship of ministries, enabling the ministries to relate directly to the Church
- ❖ Other examples of PJPs are parishes, dioceses and religious institutes which are comparably established to carry out their specific mission in the Church's name



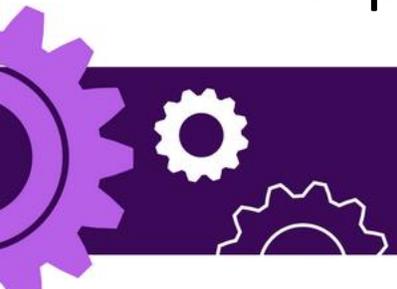
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- ❖ Most ministerial PJPs have been established at the instigation of a religious institute/s seeking to transfer works to a new entity that ensures their continuation as Catholic ministries
- ❖ Some ministerial PJPs are pontifical, as are some religious institutes – these relate to the Holy See; others are diocesan and more directly accountable to the diocesan bishop/s
- ❖ In most cases the instigating religious institute/s has the relationship of member/s of the new PJP



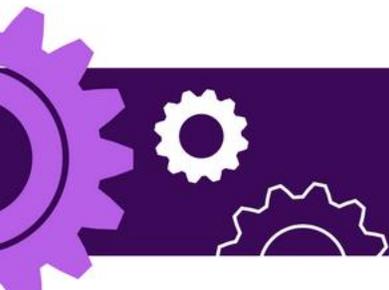
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- ❖ Ministerial PJPs provide for long-term stable governance of the ministries and continuance of their Catholic identity with the responsible trustees (canonical stewards) of the PJP generally having both canonical and civil responsibilities
- ❖ Most importantly, in ensuring the continuance of Church ministries, the PJPs benefit the poor and disadvantaged
- ❖ In 1991 the Holy See established first the ministerial PJP, Catholic Health Care Federation, thereby recognising this new US entity's capability to sponsor 9 founding members' health ministries



# Australian ministerial PJPs

Education	Health and Community Care	Health, Community Care and Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dominican Education Australia</li><li>• Edmund Rice Education Australia</li><li>• Good Samaritan Education</li><li>• Kildare Ministries</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Calvary Ministries</li><li>• Catholic Healthcare Ltd</li><li>• MercyCare</li><li>• St John of God Australia Ltd</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mary Aikenhead Ministries</li><li>• Mercy Partners</li></ul>



# Association of Ministerial PJPs Ltd

In 2016 the Australian PJPs established an umbrella body, the Association of Ministerial PJPs Ltd – the first such body internationally. Its specific aims include:

- ❖ facilitating interaction between canonical stewards
- ❖ providing the Bishops and Church agencies with a point of liaison with the ministerial PJPs
- ❖ supporting canonical stewards in their ministry of stewardship
- ❖ proclaiming Catholic identity as an integral part of the ministries

