



CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Communications Service

REGULATIONS FOR JOURNALISTS ACCREDITED TO ATTEND THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (CCCB)

The Media Relations Office of the CCCB requires that all journalists wishing to cover the CCCB annual Plenary Assembly apply in advance for accreditation. The [application form](#), which must be signed by a journalist's editor in chief or other senior director, is made available online before the beginning of those sections of the Plenary Assembly which are accessible for media coverage.

The CCCB reserves the right to refuse applicants. Accredited journalists will receive media kits containing a copy of the agenda for the days to which they are invited. This year, invited observers and accredited media can be present on Monday until 5:00 pm, September 23, 2013, and on Tuesday, September 24, until noon.

Photographers and TV crews may be allowed access for a limited period of time during the annual Plenary meeting. However, they must work from the peripheral areas of the meeting room, not up and down the aisles where they could interfere with the conduct of the meeting.

For media briefings and news conferences, the questions asked by journalists must be on the topic(s) of the media releases or on the topics introduced by the CCCB spokesperson. Once the media briefing or news conference is over, journalists with supplementary questions may ask for clarifications. This should take place on site, immediately following the media briefing or news conference.

Television camera crews may record CCCB news conferences but must do so using the media feed provided by the CCCB.

Media must submit requests for interviews with Bishops at the same time as they apply for accreditation or while at the Plenary. Journalists do not have access at the Plenary Assembly to the Bishops during coffee breaks or meals. Locations will be provided for TV, radio and print interviews, on a case-by-case basis.

All accredited media are required to abide by these regulations. The CCCB reserves the right to refuse entry to any member of the media and to refuse or revoke accreditation at any time.

Please note the only sessions of the 2013 Plenary open to accredited media are Monday, September 23, 2013, until approximately 5:00 pm, and Tuesday, September 24, until noon.