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Message for BBNeighbourhoods
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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Over the past few months there have been some wonderful areas of growth in our community of the Church.

We have a new Director of *CatholicCare Broken Bay*, Tim Curran. Together with the Team of dedicated workers, they have been the visible face of Jesus Christ to many people in need during these challenging times. Their vibrant and positive ministry which engages people where they are, no matter what their circumstances, is a reminder that God is merciful and compassionate.

Our *Catholic Schools Broken Bay*, under the leadership of Danny Casey and the Team, have commenced the opening up of the Towards 2025 vision for the education and formation of our children. The vision is stated simply so that we will commit to authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion. Our purpose is to inspire hearts and minds to know Christ, to love learning, to use their talents to be the very best they can be. All of this is underpinned with the values of faith, joy, witness, compassion, and courage.

This week I have advertised six new positions for the new look team at *Evangelisation Broken Bay*. The link can be found ([here](#)). My desire is to build a unified team of people passionate for mission, evangelisation and the communication of the Word, who can contribute their talents and use their gifts in fresh and innovative ways. I am looking for people who want to bring their prayers and ingenuity to the mission of the diocese in a Catholic context that is courageous, dynamic, and new. I am looking for people who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and want to put that relationship into action.

I am also delighted that I have been able to visit every parish in the first year as Bishop of the Diocese. Normally this can take two or even three years to complete. One of the unforeseen opportunities provided by the COVID environment has been the possibility of these visits. It has been a delight to meet so many people, even if we have been restricted in our gatherings. I look forward to continuing these visits as we commit ourselves anew to the mission of proclaiming the Gospel.

Finally, I would ask your prayers at this time. Over these past couple of months, I have been praying and thinking about the upcoming transfer of clergy in our Diocese. During my visits I have been having conversations with the clergy and I have also had the opportunity to consult with people throughout the community. My hope is that the movement of our priests and deacons will ultimately allow them to thrive in their vocations and that our communities of faith will have happy, healthy, and holy priests and deacons to lead and serve.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide me with the gift of wisdom. Pray also for the priests and deacons that they may respond with generosity and availability. Finally, pray for our communities of faith, that they will be welcoming and accepting of the gifts God gives, especially the gift of our clergy.

May God continue to bless you and your families,

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