



*A letter to the People of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay*

Wednesday 3 November 2021

Dear sisters and brothers,

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DEANERY STRUCTURE IN THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY**

As I have shared with the clergy on a number of occasions, in consultation with the Council of Priests, I have been considering the significance and configuration of the Deaneries of our Diocese. I am grateful for the contribution that has been made in respect to this discernment. Having briefed the Council of Priests, I am able to announce that as from 1 January 2022, I shall bring to an end the current configuration of Deaneries and implement a new structure, replacing the five current regions with three:

- Central Coast
- North Shore
- Northern Beaches

Though two of the new Deaneries will be of larger size than currently, I am envisaging that within the Deaneries 'hubs of shared ministry' will emerge which provide more personal opportunities for collaboration. These 'hubs' will, for example, bring together clergy who relate to a health care facility (e.g. Gosford Hospital) or to a regional College. The Deaneries, themselves, will suggest which 'hubs' may be appropriate.

Deaneries are an important means of developing a shared mission across parishes within a particular region and to provide fraternal support to the clergy of the region. They provide the means for sharing the experience of ministry and local initiatives, developing possibilities of shared resources, and supporting the exercise of our priestly ministry. The Dean has a particular role to collaborate with the Bishop, to support the pastoral work of the region, and to provide fraternal and spiritual care of the clergy within the Deanery. The Dean will

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also have a formal role in my Episcopal Visitation of Parishes and be a member of the Council of Deans which will advise me on clergy personnel matters. I will spend some time in early 2022 working with the new Deans in respect to their appointment and role. It is my intention to appoint the new Deans by early December 2021.

I commend this new development to your prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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