



Tuesday 2 May 2023

Dear Fathers, Deacons, my sisters and brothers of the Diocese of Broken Bay,

In June last year I shared with you my hopes to begin a conversation about the life and culture of our Cathedral.

As I stated at the time, the Cathedral is at the heart of our Diocese, and a most important symbol of our identity. It is here that our local Church is brought together under the unity of your Bishop, together with my clergy, and the entire people of God entrusted to my care. It is the first Church amongst others, the one from which the Diocese radiates and returns.

Since that time, we have begun to articulate how we might best develop our identity as the Cathedral Precinct in the years to come. It is important we take our time to consider the needs of not only our Cathedral parish, but also the needs of the broader community, the Precinct, and its potential for mission, ministry, and life. As I had hoped, the journey which we have begun, has enabled and encouraged a great deal of creative thinking. Through a series of consultations we have begun to unlock many hope-filled ideas and innovative and collaborative conversations. Beginning with our Parish community we have also engaged with our Catholic Schools and CatholicCare services which are also located on the site.

Consultations have included the staff of the Chancery, Catholic Schools Broken Bay, teachers and parents, and CatholicCare to see how we might all best utilise current and new on-site resources, always with our focus on the mission which has been entrusted to us.

We now reach a new phase of our journey. I am inviting all the people of God in the Diocese of Broken Bay to join the conversation.

The Diocesan-wide consultation will begin with Mass as we celebrate our Patronal feast, Mary Star of the Sea.

I encourage you to join me at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Tuesday, 30 May 2023 before we move to The Light of Christ Centre for a light supper and conversation as we continue our Cathedral Precinct journey together. A formal invitation will be sent out in the coming days and will detail further how clergy and parishioners are able to confirm their attendance.

I ask that you pray for this journey as it continues to unfold and for which I am sure, will be the source of many new blessings for our Diocese.

*Mary Star of the Sea, pray for us.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Anthony Randazzo

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