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It's no coincidence that some of the toughest periods in the Church's history have produced some of its greatest saints.

During times of crisis, the need for holy men and women is at its highest, and God chooses these holy men and women to bring about change and renewal.

One such man was Saint Charles Borromeo, the Archbishop of Milan in the 16th century.

Born during the time of the Protestant Reformation, he became a leading figure in the Counter-Reformation, recognising the need for the renewal of education within the life of the Church.

He believed many of the problems within the Church arose from the ignorance of its priests, so he founded seminaries and colleges for the education of men seeking Holy Orders. He also founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to provide education to lay people.

As the patron saint of bishops, it's fitting his Memorial is also the anniversary of the installation of Bishop Anthony Randazzo, as Bishop of Broken Bay. His Memorial will mark six years since Bishop Anthony became the 4th Bishop of Broken Bay.

As we enter the final few weeks of the liturgical year, the Church encourages us to focus on the communion of saints, most particularly through the Solemnities of All Saints and All Souls on the 1st and 2nd of November, respectively.

As a Church, we are not just united to those on earth, but also those in heaven, who intercede and pray for us.

