

Vox Populi

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On Friday, 26 June, Fr David Ranson was elected as Diocesan Administrator by the College of Consultors.

As Diocesan Administrator, he maintains continuity by keeping the Diocese functioning smoothly, ensuring continuity of pastoral care, administration, and existing ministries.

This is the second time Fr David has served this role in the Diocese, having been appointed to oversee the Diocese between the episcopacies of Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Archbishop Anthony Randazzo.

“My singular hope is that I can serve the Clergy and the Diocese to the best of my capacity in the coming months,” Fr David said.

“This can be a privileged time of reflection, shared responsibility, prayer, discernment, and the activity initiated by Archbishop Anthony and to give thanks for the ways in which his ministry enriched our life together.”

Fr David will remain as Diocesan Administrator until the appointment of the fifth Bishop of Broken Bay, which may take some months.

As Fr David has emphasised, it’s important to remember the life of the Diocese doesn’t cease during this period of vacancy.

“This can be a privileged time of reflection, shared responsibility, prayer, discernment and preparation for the next chapter in the life of our local Church,” he said.

As we await the appointment of a bishop, we keep Fr David in our prayers as he leads our Diocese through this period of transition.

We also keep those tasked with appointing a new bishop in our prayers, that they will choose a fitting shepherd for the people of Broken Bay.

And we also pray for the future fifth Bishop of Broken Bay, that God will be working to prepare him for this new appointment.

Fr David’s full message to the People of God of the Diocese can be seen here:

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/about/diocesan-administrator>

