

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PATRICK DUNN

Pope Francis sometimes makes the point that we are living not simply through an era of change, but through a change of era. His point is that this is a moment of great opportunity and he uses beautiful images to describe what a missionary church should look like. He says the Church is the House of the Father where the doors are open and all are welcome. It should be like a field hospital where those who are burdened or wounded find comfort and healing. Our 'Mission Map' challenges each one of us to be open to a conversion of heart so that we may seek the face of Jesus in our society, especially in the poor and the sick, the young and the old, and serve him with tenderness and love. Our mission is to live and to share the Joy of the Gospel. (31 July 2020)

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OUR PURPOSE **To live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

To seek what is to come as a Diocesan community requires us to share in the discernment of God's call through consultation and collaboration of all the baptized. This document is the result of such processes. Seeded by the Vision Group it comes to fruition from consultative processes of working groups. The purpose of this discernment is to promote the diversely gifted people of God within the Diocese to be; witnesses to Christ, apostolic in their endeavour, at the service of the world - together.

OUR PRIORITIES

Strengthen our Catholic Communities for missionary discipleship

OUR GOALS

- Grow and develop servant leaders
- Be strong, inclusive communities of missionary disciples



Build up the spirituality of our young people

OUR GOALS

- Make schools and parishes visible and active as one faith community
- Strengthen families



Care for the Poor

OUR GOALS

- Be visible, present and active working for the poor and marginalised
- Advocate for peace and justice
- Develop and enable people who care

