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## Appointment of Vicar for Education

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Sandy Pasley** as **Vicar for Education for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland**.

Sandy brings over forty years of experience in education, including more than twenty years as a secondary school principal. She has served with distinction as Principal of **St Mary's College** and **Baradene College of the Sacred Heart**, and more recently as a Leadership Advisor with the Ministry of Education. In 2026, Sandy was recognised as a **Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit** for her services to education.



Throughout her career, Sandy has demonstrated a deep commitment to Catholic education and special character, academic excellence, and a whole-person approach to the formation of young people. She is widely respected for her sound judgement, calm and relational leadership style, and her ability to work constructively with boards, principals, clergy and system leaders. Her faith-centred approach to leadership and her capacity to take people with her align strongly with the mission and priorities of Catholic education in the Diocese.

Reflecting on her appointment Sandy said *"I am looking forward to working with Bishop Steve and colleagues across the Diocese to continue strengthening our excellent Catholic education system, which supports young people to grow in faith and lead positive, fulfilled lives as active contributors to our community"*.

Please join me in welcoming Sandy to this important role and in keeping her in your prayers as she prepares to take up this appointment on 20 July.

My current Vicar for Education, Catherine Ryan, continues in the role until Sandy assumes the role. Catherine will remain on the Diocesan team as Assistant to the Vicar until the end of the calendar year to assist with the transition of leadership.

Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd

✠ Steve Lowe  
**Bishop of Auckland**