



**Catholic Archdiocese of
Canberra & Goulburn**

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Rosary Parish Renewal Group
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Dear Members of the Rosary Parish Renewal Group,

Archbishop Christopher has asked that I respond to your letter and invitation for him to meet with you.

The Archbishop is currently undertaking episcopal duties and will not return to the Archdiocese for some weeks; however, he believes that your concerns and the need to explore future options with the Parish are both important and time-sensitive. For this reason, initial conversations at least will need to be in place prior to his return.

The Archbishop has asked the Vicar General, Fr Thompson, and myself to facilitate a meeting with the Parish Renewal Group at the earliest opportunity.

If you could advise us of your next meeting date and time or a suitable other time in the near future, either Fr Richard and/or myself will attend.

We are cognizant that this is a time of particular sadness and tension for the parishioners – especially occurring in the 60th year of Dominican care. That being noted, we are a people of hope who look to an emerging future as well as celebrating the achievements of the past.

As the Archbishop signaled late last year, there are a number of matters that are having an impact for the parishes of the Inner North of Canberra which is why he has asked the Vicar General to lead a series of dialogues with each parish and, perhaps, with the parishes as a cluster in order to discern options for the future.



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Fr Richard and I look forward to accompanying you on this journey to a new and vibrant future that builds on the excellent work of parish renewal that you have already undertaken. It is our view that this will be the foundation on which the parish will thrive in the period ahead.

Yours in Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick McArdle'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Patrick' written in a larger, more prominent script than the surname 'McArdle'.

Dr Patrick McArdle
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Cc Fr Richard Thompson CSM, Vicar General



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