

CHANGING LIVES



MISSION INITIATIVES FOR THE DIOCESE



OF CANBERRA AND GOULBURN 2020



TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

Bishop's dream



*I dream of a Diocese in which the **love** of Jesus transforms people and communities.*

Beloved in Christ,

I believe that lives can change and with you, I long to see communities transformed.

God uses dreams to break through our ordinary, everyday attitudes and routines in order to show us what a grace-filled life looks like.

Jesus' vision of life lived God's way has never dimmed. His life, death, resurrection and ascension means that transformation is not some vague wish but the reality into which we are called to live as players, not bystanders.

The diocesan dream shows how we can share in Jesus' vision. It highlights the principles on which we build and makes clear the priorities that will shape our life together.

Best of all, you and your church are invited to join in the dreaming too.

How will you express God's dream for the people around you?

Your servant & brother,

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Guiding principles

- Prayer is essential for our common life.
- Reading, teaching and living in response to the Scriptures is a first order priority.
- Word and sacrament are the basis of worship. As a diverse diocese, we value different worship styles and we learn from each another.
- Building relationships with all people since the good news of the kingdom of God is for everyone.
- Growing disciples by sharing the Gospel with friends and neighbours; baptising and nurturing new believers in order to transform God's world.
- Alleviating human need and addressing injustice through advocacy, peace-building, reconciliation and loving service.
- Safeguarding the integrity of creation through responsible stewardship.
- Governance that is effective and transparent.
- Partnerships with other ministry agencies, Christian Churches and associations.



Bishop's focus

*In pursuing our Diocesan dream,
over the next ten years we will focus on:*



Encouraging missional engagement with our communities

- Facilitating partnerships with Diocesan agencies and local ministry units
- Developing regional Archdeaconry strategies
- Deploying a Diocesan Mission Facilitator



Raising a new generation of disciples and leaders

- Resourcing Synergy Youth & Children
- Developing pioneer, indigenous and multicultural leaders
- Investing in Christian education through the ministry of schools



Responding to human need through ministries of care and advocacy

- Supporting an innovative and effective Anglicare
- Providing a public voice for the voiceless
- Acknowledging and welcoming the gifts and insights of all people living with mental illness and physical disability

Equipping all God's people for ministry and mission

- Sustaining the employment of a Director of Ministry Training and Development and Diocesan Mission Facilitator
- Establishing a Diocesan centre for lay training
- Promoting and extending the influence and programs of St Mark's National Theological Centre



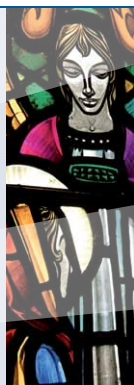
Connecting the church and the world

- Inspiring local Churches to be 'salt and light'
- Encouraging lay people to live out their baptismal promises
- Empowering the ministry of Chaplains and distinctive Deacons



Inspiring and nurturing a culture of worship and mission

- Ensuring the Cathedral is a centre of excellence for worship and community engagement
- Developing resources for ministry units and fresh expressions of church
- Encouraging leaders to develop new communities of faith





Promoting and practising environmental stewardship

- Ensuring a properly resourced and well led Environment Commission
- Encouraging communities to actively engage in environmentally sustainable practices



Ensuring transparency and effective governance

- Reviewing and monitoring of boards of management
- Reviewing and developing the clergy appointment process
- Ensuring the Registry serves ministry units



Encouraging healthy communities confident in Christ

- Proclaiming the gospel in regional missions that stress the making of new disciples
- Promoting a culture of theological learning and spiritual maturity
- Supporting our Tri Diocesan partner dioceses and our link diocese abroad

A Diocesan prayer

Blessed are you, sovereign God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

*You pour yourself out in humility to
rescue and bless,*

*and you call us to walk with you in
friendship.*

*Transform us as we journey in the
loving company of Jesus.*

In the name of Christ,

*we give ourselves to carry his love to
the world,*

proclaiming good news to the poor,

liberty to the captives,

sight to the blind

and freedom for the oppressed.

In the renewal of our lives

and the healing of creation,

make your glory known.

*Blessed be God, Father Son and Holy
Spirit.*

Blessed be God for ever. Amen.





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