

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST

STRATEGIC MISSION AND PASTORAL GOALS

2024-2028

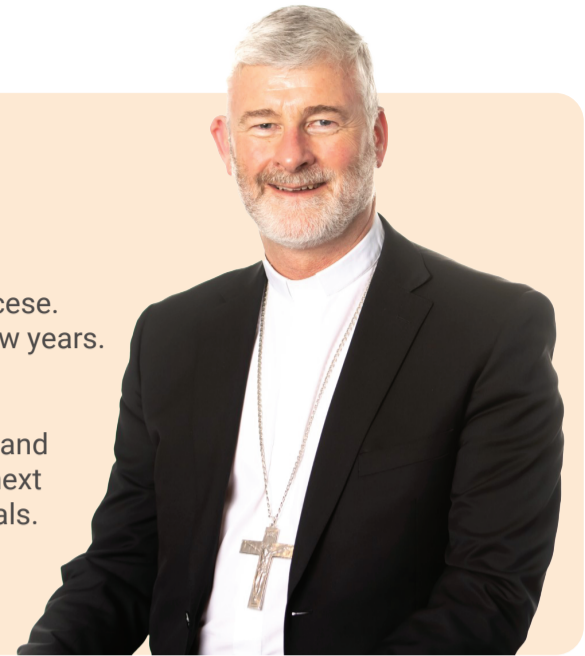
“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19

Message from the Bishop of Sandhurst

It is my great pleasure to promulgate the Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals (2024-2028) for the Sandhurst Diocese. They are the fruit of deep listening, dialogue and discernment by the people of God in our Diocese over the past few years. I am very grateful to all who have contributed to their development.

The Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals will guide, encourage and inform our missionary and pastoral initiatives and activities at the Chancery, in parishes, schools and other movements and entities throughout the Diocese for the next five years. The Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council will monitor, review and evaluate progress towards the goals.

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1

Gospel mission and pastoral outreach.

- 1.1 Informed and inspired people committed to missionary discipleship.
- 1.2 Renewed forms of participation in the life of the Church, with particular attention to those who are marginalised, or who feel disconnected or excluded.
- 1.3 Thriving Christian communities that embody synodality and witness to the Gospel.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2

Belonging and sense of community.

- 2.1 Parishes that build welcoming, flourishing, and inclusive communities where the love of Jesus can be experienced and celebrated.
- 2.2 The gifts and wisdom of women are valued and included as fundamental to our Church.
- 2.3 Renewal of how our parishes and other ministries collaborate to build sustainable and life-giving communities.
- 2.4 Creation and implementation of an effective Diocesan Communication Strategy.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3

Life-giving and empowering formation.

- 3.1 Formation of the People of God to be informed, confident and Spirit-filled missionary disciples.
- 3.2 Coordinated faith formation that is readily available and responds to the lived realities of people throughout the Diocese.
- 3.3 Ongoing formation and encouragement for people to take responsibilities in liturgy and leadership.

THE JOURNEY TOWARD THESE GOALS...

“A synodal Church is a listening Church”

Pope Francis, Address at the 50th anniversary of the institution of the Synod of Bishops, 17 October 2015.

2018-2019

First phase of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia.



2020

Go Forth Report (on the strategic, consultative and administrative structures of the Sandhurst Diocese).

2022

Decrees of the 5th Plenary Council of Australia released.



2021-2024

Ongoing consultations for the Synod for a Synodal Church.



2022

Fifty-two preparation and consultation meetings for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council are conducted throughout the Diocese.

2023 – January

Final Report on the Preparation and Consultation Meetings for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council.



2023 – 15 February

Diocesan Assembly held in Kialla: the themes and conclusions of the Final Report were affirmed through a listening and dialogue process.



2023 – June

The 252 recommendations for action from the Assembly participants are presented to the incoming Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council

2023 and 2024

Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council reflection on the themes and conclusions of the Final Report and the 252 recommendations for action from the Assembly, the outcomes of the Plenary Council and the themes emerging from the Synod.