



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

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TO THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

After his long years of distinguished service as Moderator of the Curia and then Vicar General, Monsignor Peter Meneely and I have reached agreement that the time is right for him to turn to other forms of service in the Archdiocese, using his gifts and experience to help us move into the future as we look beyond the time of pandemic.

Therefore, I will be appointing him to the role of Episcopal Vicar for Planning with effect from 1 February 2021. He will focus upon issues such as parish viability and more effective use of Church assets in the changed post-COVID landscape.

I speak for the entire Archdiocese in thanking Monsignor Meneely most sincerely for his unique service through a turbulent time and wishing him every blessing as he looks ahead. In some ways it is the end of an era, and there will be time for an appropriate gesture of recognition early in the New Year.

Bishop Ken Howell will assume the role of Vicar General on a permanent basis, and I thank him for his generosity in agreeing to do so. His transition to the role will be complete by the end of January 2021.

A governance review currently being undertaken in the Archdiocese will provide further details of new arrangements as Bishop Howell succeeds Monsignor Meneely.

As we look to the celebration of the Lord's birth, may the God of peace bless the Archdiocese in every way.

Archbishop of Brisbane