



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Firstly, may I thank all who have given me such a warm welcome? Many people have worked very generously to make me feel at home. So, thank you. And particular thanks to Bishop Michael.

The Diocese is vast with a rich history and many diverse industries: the cattle properties, agriculture, mining and tourism. We are also a very diverse people, and increasingly so. So, you'll have to allow me quite some time to inculcate.

What would I like to achieve?

God just loves us, and His presence brings us deep peace and joy and an awareness that we are inherently good.

I sense that, as a people, we are losing touch with this peace and joy – the life that God wants for us. I am particularly concerned about our young people and the things they are looking at on their phones.

In my time as bishop, I will be working to animate our vast network of parishes, schools, hospitals and social services that people might experience the life of God. I would particularly like to see our young people come alive.

This is our salvation. This is what God wants for us here and now.

This is the mission of the Church. Please do become involved in any way you can in this great adventure.

Yours sincerely

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