



# Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

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## Memorandum to the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Adelaide

### Concerning: Appointment as Apostolic Administrator

Dear Brothers and Sisters

I am writing to you following the announcement by the Holy Father of his decision to appoint me Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This is in part to address some of the needs occurring in the Archdiocese following Archbishop Wilson's decision to step down from episcopal duties.

The Pope's intention is to provide stability for the people of the Archdiocese and demonstrates his pastoral concern for you.

The task of an Apostolic Administrator is to exercise episcopal authority in a diocese until such time as the Holy Father changes the arrangement. The word 'apostolic' in the title of the person holding the office of Apostolic Administrator means that the person is answerable directly to the Pope. Archbishop Wilson remains as Archbishop, but the exercise of episcopal responsibilities is transferred to the Apostolic Administrator. This appointment does not affect my present position; I remain Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie.

I am fully aware that there is an excellent group of Church officials presently serving the Archdiocese and the day-to-day administration will continue to be carried out by those to whom the Apostolic Administrator delegates that authority.

The practical consequences of this appointment in terms of time commitment in the Port Pirie Diocese and in the Adelaide Archdiocese are still being worked through. I am hoping that much of it will be possible through phone and email, but I also look forward to being present in the Adelaide Archdiocese whenever that is required. The new arrangements will remain in place while Archbishop Wilson's matters are being resolved.

I will do my best to serve the faithful of both the Diocese and the Archdiocese for as long as is necessary. Your prayers for all concerned would be gratefully received.

Yours in Christ

+ Gregory O'Kelly SJ