

DECREE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP

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Decree - Provision

Appointment to Ecclesiastical Office of Director of Vocations in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Dear Fr Anthony Potts,

With this Decree I appoint you as Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle effective 03 April 2024 until I advise you otherwise in writing.

In the first instance, your role will be to accompany those who express a desire for or interest in the priesthood for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and to be involved in the discernment of that vocation in order to make a recommendation to me, as bishop, around that.

As per our discussion on 20 March 2024, together we will undertake further discernment and conversation of a couple of other aspects of the role, those being:

- 1. promotions and raising awareness of vocations.
- 2. due diligence and paperwork associated with vocation applications.

Until such time as we work out how to proceed, Fr Matthew Muller, VG and Chancellor, will take responsibility for point 2.

Thank you, Fr Anthony, for accepting this role – I am most grateful.

Given at Hamilton, NSW on the 26th day of March 2024.

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy

Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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