

C. OVERVIEW OF PROCESSES LEADING TO CHANGE AND RENEWAL IN THE DIOCESE

- 2010** Diocesan Assembly - "Moving Forward Together"
- 2008-2010** Consultative Process on Stewardship Planning
- 2008** Establishment of Diocesan Stewardship Committee
- 2007-2008** Stewardship Forums
- 2008** Focus Group Meetings
- 2007** Diocesan Assembly - "It's Time to Celebrate"
- 2006-2007** Working Parties
- Workers for the Harvest
 - Evangelisation
 - Faith Formation
 - Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Assembly Representation
- 2004-2005** Diocesan Assembly - "Towards the Dawn"
- 2003-2004** Regional Assemblies in 10 Pastoral Regions of the Diocese
- 2000** Diocesan Assembly to consider the "New Wine into Fresh Wineskins" Pastoral Planning Report
- 1998-1999** Inter-Parish Strategic Planning
- 1997** Diocesan Assembly - Review of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, and the Permanent Diaconate, and Preparing Parishes for change"
- Consultations
- 1996** Discussion Paper - "Principles and Models for Re-structuring Parishes"
- 1995** Diocesan Assembly to discuss the Diocesan Policy on the Sacraments of Initiation
- 1995** Bishop Michael Malone becomes Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle
- 1995** Retirement of Bishop Leo Clarke
- 1995** Renaming of Diocese to Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, and transfer seat of Diocese to Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hamilton
- 1992** Diocesan Pastoral Plan - First Diocesan Synod to involve lay and religious - adopted first Diocesan Pastoral Plan
- 1988** Plan for alternative models of parish staffing

2010

42 Parishes
80 Churches
55 Diocesan Priests
10 Religious Priests
8 Deacons
7 Brothers
228 Sisters
11 High Schools
45 Primary Schools
17,248 school students
153,812 Catholics

1990

53 Parishes
92 Churches
88 Diocesan Priests
19 Religious Priests
15 Brothers
313 Sisters
11 High Schools
51 Primary Schools
15,794 school students
115,327 Catholics

1970

57 Parishes
170 Churches
115 Diocesan Priests
19 Religious Priests
52 Brothers
561 Sisters
12 High Schools
62 Primary Schools
15,728 school students
87,662 Catholics

1985 Council of Priests initiated diocesan pastoral planning

1976 Consecration of Bishop Leo Clarke

1975 Death of Bishop John Toohey