



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

RE: MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE PEOPLE OF CHRISTCHURCH

To: Bishop Barry Jones,
Bishop of Christchurch.

Dear Bishop Barry,

It is with great sadness that the Bishops of Australia and the Catholic people of this nation watch the unfolding events following the massive earthquake in Christchurch yesterday.

We send out sincere condolences to those who have died and their families.

The proximity of our countries and the solidarity we share in times of disaster lead us to feel enormous grief for what your people are experiencing.

We extend our heartfelt thoughts to you, and hope that in the midst of this, you can find peace and solace.

You and the people of Christchurch are very much in our prayers at this time, and we pray that our Lord will continue to accompany you.

With every blessing,

Archbishop Philip Wilson

President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

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