



DECREE OF THE BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Decree - Appointment to Ecclesiastical Office of Chaplain to the Vietnamese Catholic Community
Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

Provision

07/2021

Dear Fr Peter Thoai,

I appoint you to the Ecclesiastical Office of Chaplain for the Vietnamese speaking community in the Diocese (CIC83 c.565). Your appointment is for six years from 3 February 2021 until 2 February 2027.

I draw your attention to Chapter VI of the Latin Code of Canon law, especially canons 528-537, which deal with the pastoral responsibilities of a Pastor and canons 564-572 which deal with the responsibilities of a Chaplain.

This appointment also grants you diocesan faculties for the term of your appointment as Chaplain. A copy of these faculties can be found at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/bishops-office>.

I wish to remind you of your obligation to celebrate the Latin Rite liturgies in accord with the Latin Rite liturgical texts for your parishioners.

As you are aware this appointment is not intended to create an employment relationship. The appointment and your acceptance of it is part of your religious and spiritual service to the Church, in this Diocese, in collaboration with myself.

Please make yourself aware of the diocesan particular law and follow the directions in such laws with particular care. A full list of diocesan particular law instructions can be found at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/office/bishops-office>. This site is still being created so please check it regularly.

The diocese is committed to best practice in relation to all safeguarding issues related to children and vulnerable adults. It is a requirement that you comply with all civil and ecclesiastical laws and instructions in relation to safeguarding. Your acceptance of this office includes your commitment to safeguarding.

Our diocese has developed an Ongoing Professional Development Process. This process includes professional supervision, ongoing formation, annual self-reviews, and a 360 review every three years. Soon after your appointment, the professional development coordinator responsible for assisting clergy through this process will contact you. Your acceptance of this office includes your

commitment to participate in the diocesan Ongoing Professional Development Process (the Process). You will be given access to the Ongoing Professional Development SharePoint site, which will provide you with a list of professional supervisors along with information on professional development opportunities. At the end of your term of office, your participation in the process will be taken into account before another appointment is made.

The Maitland Clergy Central Fund oversees and is responsible for your sustentation and so I refer you to the Funds Statutes and Regulations (CIC c. 1274). Please make yourself aware of your rights and responsibilities by obtaining and reading a copy of these statutes and regulations

You may take the oath of office and the profession of faith before any priest in good standing. I ask that you please send me a signed copy of both documents (*attached*) for your file (CIC c. 1283).

Fr Peter, if you are unable to have a celebration of installation with myself or the Vicar General, within the next month, then this letter dispenses you and replaces the formal act of installation (c. 565).

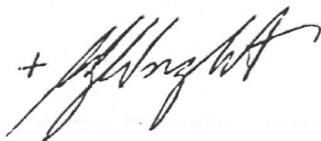
The chaplaincy will operate according to its Statutes which I now attach for your attention. For the Chaplaincy to be a success it will involve cooperation with the parish leader. Such cooperation is a must.

This appointment is in addition to your parochial responsibilities. If one appointment is hindering the other please let me know so we can make any changes to support you, the people of the chaplaincy, and the parish.

I seek your written acceptance of this appointment within 14 days of receipt of this letter.

Wishing you all the best in your ministry,

Given at Hamilton NSW this 3rd day of February 2021.



Most Reverend William Wright
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle



Reverend Matthew Muller
Chancellor

