

29 April 2006

Very Rev Fr Ken Howell Adm
Dean of Central Deanery
The Cathedral of St Stephen
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Dear Ken

Re: Proposal for Pastoral Leadership and Operating Structures to 2011 for the Central Deanery

I commend you and the members of the Central Deanery Planning Forum for your participation in this collaborative process of preparing a most comprehensive proposal for pastoral leadership and operating structures to 2011. It reflects a high degree of commitment and genuine dedication by all involved. I thank you and all members of the planning forum for your generosity and competence in providing a proposal which will guide the deanery in the years ahead.

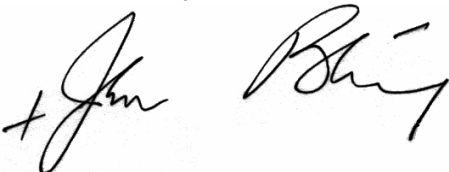
Your proposal addresses all of the nominated criteria outlined in the Development Guidelines. In response to the key recommendations in your proposal I offer the following comments:

- The proposal provides a realistic and detailed description of a workable arrangement for your deanery in terms of leadership and operating structures to 2011. In particular your detailed analysis of the anticipated provision of sacraments is a valuable guide for the implementation of the plan.
- The Bishop in the region, in consultation with the Dean, will communicate with each of the priests from the three parishes of Bowen Hills, Dorrington and St Johns Wood-The Gap regarding the future provision of Religious Order clergy to support some of the parishes in the deanery.
- The Cathedral parish continues to warrant special consideration in terms of support from other priests. The appointment of a special ministry priest to the Cathedral will be given every consideration.

Given that the proposal has provided a practical response to the expected realities of 2011, I approve the Central Deanery Proposal for implementation as the Plan for Pastoral Leadership and Operating Structures to 2011.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Phillip', written in a cursive style.

ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE