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Letter to all Clergy of the Diocese of Port Pirie

Dear brothers

I have been informed by the Apostolic Nuncio that Fr Karol Kulczycki has been appointed bishop-elect of the Diocese of Port Pirie. The news was embargoed until the evening of Saturday the 1st August.

Fr Kulczycki is a member of the Salvatorian Order (SDS) a Congregation of apostolic men and women dedicated to works of pastoral care and charity. The Salvatorians are in forty-five countries throughout the world. They were founded by the Venerable Francis Jordan in Rome on the 8th December 1881.

Fr Kulczycki is just completing a term of office as Vice Provincial of the Salvatorians in Poland. His contact details are being forwarded to me. Concerning the date of ordination/installation, there will of course be the issues of COVID-19 travel restrictions, and self-isolation requirements

Having worked in the Geraldton Diocese, as well as the Archdiocese of Perth, Fr Kulczycki would be well aware of the challenges that face a Diocese like ours, with our small communities scattered over big distances. He will bring his experience and insights to us as our new chief shepherd.

Let us pray in thanks that a new Bishop has been nominated, and pray for him as he comes to assume office in our part of the world. I thank you all for your forbearance during these years of waiting, and for your kind patience with me. Let us now prepare properly a fitting welcome for the new Bishop. As stated in canon law, the retiring Bishop becomes Apostolic Administrator upon the announcement on 1st August. According to the Nuncio the diocesan authority remains with me and it is my name that remains in the Mass until the actual installation of the new Bishop.

Yours in Christ

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