

WELCOME FR. KAROL KULCZYCKI SDS
BISHOP-ELECT OF THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORT PIRIE



St. Mark's Cathedral, Port Pirie

Dear Fr. Karol

Prayerful congratulations on your appointment on 1st August as the 12th Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie.

Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, the priests, deacons and seminarians of the diocese were very glad to hear about your appointment and we joyfully welcome you among us. We have heard of your pastoral work in Western Australia, and we feel blessed that you will soon be here with us.

Our people are faithful, loyal and generous and we are confident that they will also joyfully welcome you as their Shepherd and Guide. People are interested and curious to meet their new Polish bishop, and everyone is looking forward to meeting you as you make your way around the diocese.

We are a diocese that has been blessed with a down-to-earth expression of faith and prayer, and we rejoice in the quiet presence of many unsung saints among us. Faith has been tested through the revelations of child sexual abuse, and the suffering of many families through these crimes. Nevertheless, we live in hope, especially through the involvement of the people in the measures to protect our children and young people.

We are conscious of the challenges and complexities that you are experiencing in this time of transition, and you are in our prayers and thoughts.

May the prayers of Our Lady of Czestochowa and Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop inspire and strengthen you and the Diocese in these special days.

Yours in Christ,

Council of Priests
Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie
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