



## COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE DIOCESE OF BROOME, SUFFRAGAN DIOCESE OF THE METROPOLITAN SEE OF PERTH

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This year, the Holy See appointed and sent the Most Reverend Peter W. Ingham, Bishop Emeritus of Wollongong, as Apostolic Visitor to the Diocese of Broome.

Considering all the circumstances surrounding the whole Diocese of Broome, the Holy See has granted the Most Reverend Christopher A. Saunders a six-month sabbatical leave outside of the Diocese of Broome. This period will begin on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November, the vigil of the Season of Advent, which inaugurates the new Liturgical Year of the church.

This period will represent a significant moment for a fruitful discernment of the whole situation of the Diocese, including the organization of its structures and with particular attention to the pastoral care of the faithful. Furthermore, it will offer the opportunity to clarify matters that may have created suspicion, confusion and uncertainty within the Local Church.

During this period the present Vicar General, Mons. Paul Boyers, in the capacity of Apostolic Administrator *Sede Plena*, will administer the Diocese of Broome.

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