



## RESIGNATION OF BISHOP SAUNDERS

Today on 28 August 2021, on the feast of Saint Augustine, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has accepted the resignation of the Most Reverend Christopher Saunders as the Bishop of the Diocese of Broome.

Bishop Saunders was ordained as a priest of the Diocese of Broome on 28 August 1976. The Bishop was consecrated as the second Bishop of the Diocese of Broome on 8 February 1996. This year he has completed 45 years as a priest of the Kimberley mission and 25 years as the Bishop of the Diocese of Broome.

During his time in office Bishop Christopher initiated many pastoral and spiritual initiatives for the growth and betterment of the People of God in the Kimberley region. He has long established an active presence throughout the vast region and is well known to many people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

We wish Bishop Saunders an enjoyable and fruitful retirement. When the opportunity becomes available people will have the chance to farewell the Bishop.

On this same day, 28th August 2021, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed the Most Reverend Michael Morrissey, Bishop of Geraldton, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Broome, as an interim measure until such time as a new Bishop for Broome is appointed.

We welcome Bishop Michael and look forward to working with him for the wellbeing of the Broome Diocese.

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