



# Diocese of Broome W.A.

## TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BROOME

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The Holy See has initiated a canonical investigation into allegations against Bishop Christopher Saunders. This could not happen until the Western Australia Police had concluded its investigations. The canonical investigation has now begun.

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has assigned Archbishop Mark Coleridge of Brisbane to oversee the conduct of the investigation. He has appointed qualified persons to assist in that process. It is not known how long the investigation will take, and the Dicastery has granted an extension beyond the normal three months for such an investigation.

The Holy See has also authorised Archbishop Coleridge to issue a Decree stipulating that Bishop Saunders is to reside outside the Diocese of Broome for the duration of the investigation. That Decree has been issued.

**+ Michael Morrissey**  
Apostolic Administrator of Broome

**+ Mark Coleridge**  
Archbishop of Brisbane