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New Director of Mission Appointed for Archdiocese of Melbourne

After an extensive recruitment process, Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, has announced the appointment of Ms Teresa Rhynehart as Director of Mission for the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Reaching out to over 1.1 million Catholics across broader Melbourne, this senior leadership role is a new position that will spearhead a renewed and coordinated missionary endeavour in the Archdiocese by engaging and growing apostolic life and leadership throughout the faithful of Melbourne.

With recent experience in leading and implementing mission integration through St John of God Healthcare (South East Sub Acute Hospitals), leadership with the St Vincent de Paul Society, and over eight years as both Director and Assistant Director of mission agencies within the Archdiocese, Ms Rhynehart brings both a deeply personal and highly professional commitment to the witness of the Christian life today.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli said that he was delighted that Ms Rhynehart has accepted the position of Director of Mission. "Teresa is an outstanding candidate and has demonstrated a clear understanding and involvement in setting God's People on a missionary footing."

"Our missionary focus is extensive, and works to bring renewed life to our families, our youth, our parish communities and the marginalised amongst many other outreach and engagement areas.

"Teresa will be a wonderful addition to the senior leadership in the Archdiocese, and I am very pleased to welcome her on board."

In taking on this new role, Ms Rhynehart said, "Pope Francis has called us all to a renewed focus and enthusiasm for evangelisation, and to do so as the first Apostles - with the joy of Christ.

"This call is incredibly exciting, but equally challenging, as we look to focus deeply on the needs of those to whom we are sent.

"I am enthused and inspired by this challenge, and look forward to working with, and for, the people of God across the Archdiocese of Melbourne."

Ms Rhynehart will commence with the Archdiocese on Thursday 3 October 2019.

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