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BISHOP KAROL KULCZYCKI JOINS CHA BOARD

Bishop Karol Kulczycki of the Port Pirie Catholic Diocese is joining the board of Catholic Health Australia.

He will replace Bishop Bill Wright, who is leaving as the board's Australian Catholic Bishops Conference representative.

Bishop Karol was born in Góra, Poland, in 1966. He joined the Society of the Divine Savior in 1987, and subsequently made his solemn vows in 1992.

On May 28, 1994, he was ordained to the priesthood in Our Lady of Fatima Church, Trzebinia.

After three years working in Poland the then-Father Karol moved to Australia, spending 21 years as a missionary priest in Western Australia, before returning to Poland in 2018 on being elected vice-provincial of the Polish province of the Society of the Divine Savior.

Bishop Karol was ordained in Poland in September and installed as 12th Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Port Pirie in October. Journey to CHA board from Poland via Port Pirie.

Bishop Karol says: "Jesus commissioned his disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick (Lk 9:2). It is a privilege to join the Board of Catholic Health Australia as the designated ACBC Member and support those who dedicate their hearts and lives to people who need healing.

"I hope that in this service I can continue to fulfil the mission given by Jesus: to proclaim and to heal."

The Port Pirie Diocese is one of the largest in Australia and is three times the size of Poland. It stretches from Uluru to Port Lincoln and from the West Australian border to the River Murray.

CHA Chair John Watkins AM says: "I want to thank Bishop Bill for his service and his contribution to CHA during his time on the board. We welcome Bishop Karol and look forward to his engagement with our services."