



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **BROKEN BAY BISHOP ANTHONY RANDAZZO ELECTED OCEANIA PRESIDENT**

Most Rev Anthony Randazzo DD JCL, Bishop of Broken Bay, has been elected President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania (FCBCO) meeting in Suva, Fiji this week.

The FCBCO is the regional grouping that comprises the Australian Bishops Conference, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference, the Catholic Bishops Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands and the Episcopal Conference of the Pacific (CEPAC).

Following his election Bishop Randazzo said; “The Church in Oceania reaches from the West Coast of Australia across the many Islands of the Pacific stretching across both the Southern and Northern hemispheres. Many peoples and cultures, lands and waterways united in one confession of faith in Jesus Christ.

“Having been chosen as President of the FCBCO, it is my fervent prayer that the churches of Oceania will walk the way of Christ together in a spirit of synodality.

“Our first joy is to proclaim Christ to the world in all times and place, to all peoples and cultures. Our vocation as missionary disciples of Christ is to meet people where they are, to listen and accompany them in love, joy, and peace. “

Bishop Randazzo thanked his fellow bishops for their support and was grateful for the work by the outgoing President, Suva Archbishop Peter Loy Chong.

“Oceania is immense, and so working together is not merely a choice, it is an essential way for ministry, life, and mission.,” Bishop Randazzo said.

Bishop Randazzo will be part of an eight-member executive council that will lead the work of the Federation in preparation for the next FCBCO assembly in Australia in 2027.

Further details and video message from Bishop Randazzo at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/assembly-of-oceania-bishops-begins-in-fiji>

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