

THE PERSONAL ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS IN AUSTRALIA

Statement from Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Apostolic Administrator of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross

It is with great joy that I welcome the news of the appointment by Pope Francis of The Very Reverend David Waller as the Bishop of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham in the United Kingdom.

Together with the clergy and Christ's lay faithful of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and pledge our prayers for Bishop-elect Waller as he prepares to assume his new pastoral responsibilities. This moment of transition is celebrated across continents as we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the United Kingdom.

Joining me in this message of welcome is Bishop Steven Lopes from the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter in North America. Together we affirm our commitment to fostering close bonds of communion and cooperation within the Ordinariate ministry and mission in the Catholic Church.

I would also like to extend my profound gratitude and fellowship in prayer to Monsignor Keith Newton, who has faithfully shepherded the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham since its foundation in 2011. His dedication and service have been foundational to the growth and spiritual nourishment of the Ordinariate.

As we welcome Bishop-elect Waller, we pray that his ministry will be blessed with wisdom, joy, and a deepened faith. May his leadership continue to strengthen the ties of our Catholic Ordinariate community and may we all be renewed in our mission to witness Christ's love and mercy.

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