

Prayer for a new Bishop

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Let us pray wholeheartedly to God that the very best new bishop will be speedily granted to our diocese:*

Eternal God and Father,
our Good Shepherd and Redeeming Lord,
in Your abundant Mercy give to Your Church
in this diocese of Broken Bay
a shepherd after Your own heart
who will walk securely in Your ways,
and who will with wise and loving care watch over
the welfare of Your people.
Do not look upon our sins, upon our apathy
nor upon our lack of response to Your call,
but look upon our great need for a bishop
whose greatest desire is the salvation of souls
and who wants the whole diocese to collaborate
with him in bringing souls back to You
and Your boundless Mercy.
Grant that he may be for us a fearless teacher
of the truth, a tireless preacher of the Gospel,
and wholeheartedly committed to doing
Your holy Will and only Your holy Will.
May he be a true father, good example,
inspiration and encouraging support to the
priests, deacons and religious of our diocese.
So may Your Church in our diocese be built up in
love and Your holy name glorified; we humbly ask
all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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