

Prayer for a new Bishop

Before Pope Benedict XVI resigned he gave permission for Bishop Walker of Broken Bay diocese to retire as soon as another bishop is appointed. Let us pray that the very best bishop will be 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 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, 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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