



THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In support of the retirement and health of clergy

Caring for those who have *cared for us*

and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians

our future priests



PHOTO BY DANIEL HOPPER

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired and retiring clergy, and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, is my responsibility as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated.

Bishop Brian Mascord
DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

DIOCESAN CLERGY CARE IN ACTION 2022



Accommodation for 12 retired clergy

- 9 live on their own
- 2 in retirement villages
- 1 in aged care facilities



9 retired clergy receive domestic assistance



7 additional diocesan clergy will retire in the next 5 years



Clergy Care Coordinator Sue Daniels assists 40+ diocesan clergy with

- Health care coordination
- Holistic health and wellbeing support and education
- Transportation assistance
- Short-term health care crisis advocacy
- Long-term ageing support



Priests, like parents, never retire from their calling

- 9 retired clergy provide sacramental ministry in parishes when the parish priest is on holidays or unwell
- 2 retired clergy celebrate the sacraments for residents in their retirement / aged care facilities
- 2 retired clergy continue as spiritual directors

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Our diocese currently has **7 seminarians** studying for the priesthood (5 in Sydney & Wollongong and 2 studying in Hue, Vietnam). Your gift will assist with the following:



Onboarding



Seminary fees & accommodation



Travel



Food & utilities



Stipend & computer



Health cover & personal care



Mentoring & supervision



World Youth Day attendance



Ordination

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