



DIOCESE OF Hexham & Newcastle

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Dear Fathers, Deacons, Religious, Diocesan Colleagues

Since my appointment as Apostolic Administrator, I have been fortunate in being able to meet with and listen to many of you who are committed to supporting the Mission of our Diocese. Following these conversations, and my discussions with the Charity Commission, in March of this year I changed the Articles of Association. This has included balancing the number of Clergy and Lay Trustees, as well as separating the role of Clergy Trustee from that of Episcopal Vicar. These changes have been made so that advantage can be taken of the necessary skills and experience required for the different roles.

I would like to thank those who have given of their time as Diocesan Trustees and welcome the following as Diocesan Trustees: Canon Martin Stempczyk, Father Jim O'Keefe, Father Mark Millward and Lyn Murray. Lyn is the Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese of Clifton. I am also appointing Carol Lawrence, Chief Operating Officer of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, to be a Trustee of the YMT. I am grateful that they have accepted my invitation to take on these roles. These are the first of a number of changes that I will seek to make.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely in Christ

Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle
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