

# DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD

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Dear Stewards of the Gospel and Friends,

It has been a very heartening experience for me to read the feedback on the First Formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese. I am grateful to everyone who has joined in with our discernment process and shared their thoughts with us.

The clear enthusiasm for the Renewal aspects of the document and the good things that have already sprung from it are great to hear about. Please keep going.

The mostly constructive approach to Restructuring is also pleasing to hear about. Of course, not everything is positive but I have a real sense that the Holy Spirit is guiding us to a good response for our diocese.

Accompanying this letter, you will find another from Steven Webb on behalf of my Diocesan Strategic Planning Group. We have been looking at your feedback in recent meetings and we wanted to assure you that your voices have been heard and are being taken into account.

As your Bishop I must soon make serious decisions that will shape our future. During the summer I will be meeting again with the DSPG and Steven Webb to discuss what the Vision Document will contain and of course I will be praying about it and for you all. I intend that we will publish my decisions in that document in November this year.

The Vision Document will set out the future shape of our diocese that we will then begin working towards. This does not mean that on 1st January 2019 everything will change but rather that through 2019 we will start the implementation phase of this process and work towards the Vision as set out. Some things will change quickly but others will follow more gradually as we move towards renewal and by God's grace, more effective ways of working together to evangelise our diocese.

With an assurance of continued prayers,

Yours in Christ and Mary,

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