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Ad Clerum

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

In addition to what was written in our previous Ad Clerum please be informed as follows:

- Having been informed by the Synod of Bishops and the Provincial Standing Committee we Bishop in Chapter establish a safe church committee that will facilitate a process of engagement and conversations in the Diocese assisting the diocesan family in the understanding of it is to be a safe church. This will enable the diocese to practise this life every moment in our spiritual life and journey. Convenor the Revd Canon Dr Samuel Beja; the Ven Archdeacon Nkosiphendule Matshaya; Lay Canon Zeodor Arends; Diocesan Deputy Registrar Mrs Bongiwe Nkohla. This committee is allowed to co-opt members for its efficient work in consultation with the Bishop of Grahamstown. Acts of the Diocese of Grahamstown revised 2016 Chapter V(C) 41 page 28;
- In the same way we, Bishop in Chapter establish a diocesan committee for pastoral standards (ACSA). This committee will assist the diocesan family in the various parishes to uphold our pastoral standards and comply with the code of conduct as directed by our Anglican Church of Southern Africa in line with our Canons and Constitution. The convenor is the Very Revd Andrew Hunter; Mr Velelo Time; Lay Canon Zeodor Arends, Revd Canon Dr Samuel Beja. The committee has the power to co-opt. Acts of the Diocese of Grahamstown revised 2016 Chapter V(C) 41 page 28;
- The Ven Zamile Dlanjwa has resigned as Youth Chaplain. We +Ebenezer in Chapter appoint the Revd Mzameli Mndi as Diocesan Chaplain of the Diocesan Youth Guild in the interregnum until further notice with effect 6 August 2018. We wish him every blessing in this new ministry.

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- ARCHBISHOP'S COMMISSION ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

We give thanks to God for the gift of theology in our church. It has shaped our current leaders and it continues to shape future leaders of our church. The Archbishop has appointed his commission through the consent of the Synod of Bishops that the commission will go around Dioceses and explore further the need and the importance of theological education and of how it should continue, funded and all what goes with that which will make it a successful programme. We call upon all of you in the diocese to pray for the Revd Canon Prof Barney Pityana who leads this commission together with his team that God may grant them grace, wisdom, strength and courage in their search and calling.

May God bless all of us as we are partners in God's mission.

Grace and peace

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BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

Christ has no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours.

Ours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; ours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and ours are the hands with which

He is to bless us now.

(St Teresa de Avila)