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TO: Rectors, Priests-in-Charge and the Diocese at Large

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Dear Diocesan Family

RE: IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DIOCESE

Epiphany greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It was not easy to for me and it would not be easy for you to receive the news I am about to announce ...

The Very Revd Dr Andrew Hunter and his dear spouse our Cathedral Chancellor, the Revd Dr Claire Hunter, Rachel and Nicole are relocating to Cape Town with effect 1st February 2021. The reason is to start afresh in the Diocese of Cape town in their last years because they believe that the time has come for them to be with their families in Cape Town. I am pleased to inform you that Archbishop Thabo and Bishop Joshua are finding parishes for them in the Diocese of Cape Town. They will be ministering there and when they retire, they do so amongst their parishioners and families which will be a smooth transition according to them.

We +Ebenezer do not want to be selfish by holding them in our diocese when they are feeling called by Jesus Christ in the Father in the Spirit to serve Him in Cape Town.

We give thanks to God for their contribution and their life in our Diocese and Community. They have served God the Trinity and us with distinction and we give thanks to God for their Christian and African hearts. We pray that as the Lord has promised in Matthew 28: 20 "I will be with you to the very end of the age". We send them now to Cape Town with our prayers and the prayer of each and every member of this Diocese. May the Lord bless them, protect them, give them safe travels and His blessing for their new ministry they are about to start. We will miss them, but we know they are with us in the spirit and we also give thanks to God for Rachel and Nicola for their ministry as Altar Servers in the Cathedral. May God bless them together with their parents.

The Cathedral parish will be doing their own farewell service on the 24th of January 2021 at 08h30 where the Bishop would be celebrating and preaching and have a word to them on behalf of the Diocese. The service will be livestreamed on the Cathedral Facebook page and we invite you to join in.

The last service of the Dean and his family will be on the 31st of January 2021 and this will also be livestreamed. We ask you to pray for us, Chapter members and the Cathedral parish and its leadership as we will be in search of a new Dean.

We will recall the Hunter family during the course of the year for a proper Diocesan farewell.

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Grace and peace

+ Bishop Grahamstown

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)**