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TO: The Diocese at Large  
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

RE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIREMENT OF THE BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

Warm Advent greetings to you, using Bernard of Clairvaux (d.1153) words: "I trust that in this season we will continue to appreciate Christ's redemptive work on us while He continues to be our rest, consolation and hope for the promised eternal life in Jesus Christ's kingdom"

I write to you to announce that, I have written to His grace requesting him to accept my intention to retire. I am pleased to announce that he has consented to my request to retire on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

As you might be aware, there are processes that need to take place before a diocesan bishop leaves office, some are necessitated by the fact that the work of the office does not allow for uninterrupted leave of absence. I will therefore, be taking three months leave before the expiry of my term of office.

Further details of a transitional plan of action will follow this announcement. A plan of action covering my three months of absence will be tabled to relevant key stakeholders prior to my taking the approved leave of absence.

It is my prayer that we take this time as the opportunity for us to pray for the diocese of Grahamstown, its Clergy and the communities that we serve. Our eyes should focus more on Jesus as our Saviour

May all our actions and sayings continue to glorify God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Grace and peace

BISHOP OF GRAHAMSTOWN

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**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)**