



St Joseph's Baulkham Hills

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28th April, 2020

Dear Leader,

As you are aware, in 2019, the Winter Acculturation Programme was cancelled for two reasons: Fr Brian Vale having been elected to the Leadership Team of the Columban Fathers, and the General Chapter of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

As previously advised, Fr Kelvin Barrett ssc had agreed to join with me in directing the Winter Acculturation Programme and our intention was to offer it again this year, 2020.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and our continued journey into the somewhat "unknown," Kelvin and I have made the decision to once again cancel the programme.

It is highly likely that it will be some time before clergy and religious will be able to come into the country to minister. In these uncertain times it would also be difficult, if not impossible, for definite arrangements to be made to engage presenters and for you to make travel arrangements for participants, if there were to be any.

The programme is a small contribution to the process of welcoming and supporting clergy and religious who come to this country to minister. We are grateful for the continued support of the programme by Bishops of Dioceses from around Australia and Leaders of Religious Congregations as you have made this programme available to members who have come from overseas.

Kelvin and I do look forward to working towards offering the Winter Acculturation Programme in 2021.

With gratitude for your ongoing support.

Every blessing for your ministry as leaders and for your continues safety and health.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Anne Bond rsj and Kelvin Barrett ssc
Programme Directors