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POSTPONEMENT OF ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET, DIOCESE OF SALE

In light of the current circumstances of Covid-19 restrictions in the State of Victoria and following the announcement of “Steps” by Premier Andrews for Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne, it is necessary to postpone the planned Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Gregory Bennet which had been scheduled for 20th October at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. The Steps for Regional Victoria prevent public religious worship within the Cathedral and other settings (with special exemption for restricted funerals) until 23rd November 2020.

The Diocese of Sale wishes to support the State Government in its efforts to ensure the health and safety of all Victorians. We are mindful of the many other important occasions which people have delayed or have been unable to celebrate.

Once the Diocese is able to receive advice that we are able to proceed with the liturgy of Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect Bennet you will be notified immediately. As you would understand the liturgy will respect all restrictions as required. In any event the Ordination will be live-streamed in order that we can gather as One people in faith in welcoming our new bishop among us.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Rev Fr Peter Slater
Diocesan Administrator