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## **Appointment – New Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne**

Dear Bishops, Fathers, Deacons and God's People of Melbourne Archdiocese,

My prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

Following the joyful news of Fr Joe Caddy's appointment as Bishop-elect for the Diocese of Cairns, I now have the pleasure to share with you the appointment of **Very Rev Anthony (Tony) Kerin EV JCL**, currently Episcopal Vicar for the Eastern Region; Episcopal Vicar for Life, Marriage and Family; and Parish Priest of Box Hill, as the new Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Melbourne, commencing in the role, 5 August 2024.

As you would well understand, the role of Vicar General is both complex and challenging. It requires professionalism and diligence, and a strong pastoral heart. The position is also a critical one in support of my own leadership, and I believe Fr Tony will bring many gifts and more in offering guidance, wisdom and support to our Clergy and parishes.

There will be further considerations to make around obligations of the role, and various Parish appointments – which will be made in due course.

I wish to share that I am deeply grateful for Fr Tony's willingness and generosity to step into this Office, and ask that we keep both Fr Tony, and of course Fr Joe, in our prayers as these new journeys begin.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne