



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

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To the priests and people of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Appointment of the 4th Bishop of Hamilton

I am delighted to be writing to you with the news that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has announced the appointment of Fr Richard Laurenson as the 4th Bishop of Hamilton.

I am sure that you will share my delight in Bishop-elect Richard's nomination. He is a true priest of the Diocese of Hamilton whose love of the Diocese is well known. His various parish appointments and on Diocesan bodies give him a deep knowledge of the Diocese and he brings to the role of bishop many gifts and talents which will be a great blessing in the years ahead. I have greatly appreciated his counsel to me and friendship over the last 9 years and I am sure he will be a great bishop.

Please keep Bishop-elect Richard in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination as bishop and the mantle of leadership in the Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd

✠ Steve Lowe
BISHOP OF AUCKLAND