



Covenant between the Anglican and Catholic Dioceses of Bathurst

With faith in Jesus Christ through baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we renew our acceptance of his mission to proclaim the Gospel in this time and place.

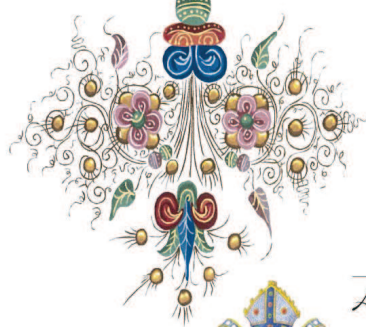
With clear eyes and a humble desire to seek the truth, we recognize the differences in doctrine and practice that still keep us from the full and visible unity of Eucharistic communion, but are not deterred from striving for it nor from working together now in every way we can.

We give thanks for the long tradition of collaboration and mutual respect between the clergy and people of our dioceses.

We commit ourselves to a dialogue in which each partner may enrich the other in understanding how we may become true disciples after the Lord's own heart.

We hereby enter a Covenant relationship which commits to:-

- ❖ an annual Ecumenical Service;
- ❖ a triennial review of the Covenant;
- ❖ a biennial Clergy Day for the two dioceses to come together to reflect on pastoral, social, environmental or theological issues which we face together;
- ❖ local services to enliven common witness to our Baptism in Jesus Christ and focus on the restoration and growth of relationships between our two communions;
- ❖ the exploration of possibilities for the sharing of church plant;
- ❖ co-operation in preparation for Christian marriage;
- ❖ co-operation in Christian education of children and young people;
- ❖ openness to fellowship with other ecclesial communities along the lines of this Covenant;
- ❖ establishment of a committee to implement and oversee this covenant;
- ❖ the bishops of the two dioceses regularly meeting to foster their friendship and communion.



Anglican Bishop of Bathurst

Vicar General

Catholic Bishop of Bathurst

Vicar General

