

# **A Covenant between the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay**

In the spirit of the mutual recognition of what unites us as expressed in the documents of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission and the recent agreed statement of the International Anglican and Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission, and in the light of the tradition of collaboration and mutual respect which already exists between us, the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, and the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay hereby enter a covenant relationship in which we commit ourselves to:

- \* an annual Episcopal Dialogue between the respective Anglican and Catholic Bishops
- \* an annual Ecumenical Service of Worship
- \* an annual Joint Clergy Day for the clergy of the three Dioceses to come together to reflect on pastoral, social or theological issues which we face together
- \* an annual Service of Reconciliation to focus on the restoration and growth of relationships between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Communion
- \* an annual exchange of pulpits by the respective Anglican and Catholic Bishops
- \* a twice-yearly meeting of the Ecumenical Commissions and Bishops of the three Dioceses
- \* an annual dinner to be shared by the Bishops of the three Dioceses to foster their friendship and communion
- \* the exploration of possibilities for the sharing of church plant
- \* an annual review and re-affirmation of the Covenant.

Signed:

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Bishop of Newcastle

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Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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Bishop of Broken Bay

Dated this Second day of April in the Year of our Lord 2008