



# Diocese of Armidale

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## APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF MISSION & EVANGELISATION

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Mr Chris da Silva to the newly created role of Director of Mission & Evangelisation for the Diocese of Armidale.

Chris comes to the Diocese from his role as the Life, Marriage & Family Officer in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Some of you may be familiar with Chris through the virtual course *Be A Man* which he hosted along with Father Paul Chandler.

Chris spent 2 years working with NET Ministries and he was the founding Director of The Culture Project Australia. He has also worked lobbying for Cherish Life Queensland and the Australian Family Association. At the Life, Marriage & Family Office he has been involved in organising major events and has had a particular focus on the development of men's ministry in the Archdiocese along with other parish based evangelisation initiatives.

Chris is married to Taylor and they have 2 children with their third child due in November. The family will be relocating from Sydney to Armidale at the end of October.

Pope Francis has called the Church to action saying: "Pastoral ministry in the missionary key seeks to abandon the complacent attitude that says: "We have always done it this way". I invite everyone to be bold and creative in this task of rethinking the goals, structures, styles and methods of evangelisation in their respective communities." (*Evangelii Gaudium* para 33).

The creation of the role of Director of Mission & Evangelisation in the Diocese is one part of my response to this call from Pope Francis. The selection panel and I are of the view that Chris is eminently qualified for the role both in terms of his professional expertise and his commitment to his faith and the Church.

Chris will commence in the role on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021. I have assured him of a warm welcome and the prayers of the Diocesan community.

Yours in Christ,

  
Most Reverend Michael Kennedy  
**Bishop of Armidale**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2021**