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To all who participate in parish life and ministry,

A year after my installation as Archbishop, I am presenting a Statement of Mission for the Dublin Archdiocese. This Statement highlights our core mission in a time of rapid change, setting out a vision for the diocese and providing values to inform our planning for the future.

This is the beginning of our more formal response to the *Building Hope* Task Force Report which is available on the diocesan website: [Task Force | Archdiocese of Dublin \(dublindiocese.ie\)](https://www.dublindiocese.ie). Having gathered 3,000 consultation responses from people, priests and parishes, the Task Force in its Report set out a pastoral strategy for the Archdiocese. I would ask you all to read it carefully and reflectively. It is an essential starting point in the process of renewal we must undertake together.

I am inviting Parish Pastoral Councils to give priority to the implementation of the mission, vision and values described in the Statement of Mission. I am asking all priests, deacons, parish pastoral workers and parish employees to engage wholeheartedly in planning for the future.

I have appointed a Pastoral Strategy Implementation Group to oversee the implementation of the Task Force strategy. The group will in due course provide a framework and resources to help faith communities engage creatively with this important work.

As the year progresses, parishes will be invited to participate in a process of discernment about parish life into the future. Further details will be provided in late March, for active consideration between Easter and Pentecost. This process will follow on from and build on the synodal conversations taking place in Lent, preparations for which are already well underway in the Archdiocese.

Led by the Holy Spirit, we can respond imaginatively, practically, and with Christian hope to the needs of our time and bring life and energy to the renewal we are called to in Christ.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dermot Farrell', written in a cursive style.

+ Dermot Farrell,
Archbishop of Dublin