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Dear Rector, Clergy, Wardens, Council, and People of the Parish of St. Paul's, Conville

Greetings and Thanksgiving on Your Patronal Feast

Grace and peace to you on the joyful occasion of your Patronal Feast, celebrated on Sunday 25 January 2026.

I write to convey my heartfelt congratulations and deep appreciation for the life and ministry of your Parish. This feast day offers a welcome moment to give thanks to God for what has been entrusted to you, for what has been achieved through faithfulness and perseverance, and for the witness you continue to offer in your local context and beyond.

I am mindful that you celebrate this day in a difficult and trying time. Yet it is precisely in such seasons that the Church's calling becomes most visible. I give thanks for your courage in proclaiming and spreading the Gospel, for your attentiveness to the needs of the indigent and vulnerable, and for your commitment to the transformation of structures of injustice. I also acknowledge with gratitude your dedication to teaching, nurturing, and instructing in the faith, and your growing care for God's creation as part of your discipleship and witness.

Your ministry is not only about what is done, but about how it is done, with compassion, integrity, and hope rooted in Christ. May this Patronal Feast renew your confidence that your labour in the Lord is not in vain, and may it strengthen you for the work that still lies ahead.

I wish also to thank you for your continued commitment to the life of the Diocese of George: for your solidarity with fellow parishes, for your support of your ministers, and for the care and encouragement shown to their families. Such faithfulness builds up the whole Body of Christ and enriches our shared diocesan life.

As you look to the future, may you continue to serve with courage, generosity, and joy, trusting in God's grace to guide and sustain you. Be assured of my prayers, and those of the Diocese, as you seek to live out your calling in Christ's name.

With every blessing on your Patronal Feast.

Yours in Christ

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