



**APPOINTMENT OF SR CATHERINE RYAN RSM  
CHANCELLOR OF MINISTRIES  
CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA**

27 June 2017- Parramatta

Dear fellow ministers, religious and people,

It is with great joy that I announce to you the appointment of Sr Catherine Ryan RSM as Chancellor of the Diocese of Parramatta. She will be the Chancellor of Ministries, responsible for co-ordinating, supporting and guiding the various ministries which operate out of the Ministry Hub in Blacktown. She will also be a member of the Curia which helps me in the governance of the Diocese.

Catherine, of course, is no stranger to us. For many years, she was the Leader of the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta and a great supporter of the Diocese. She possesses an outstanding record as a leader, administrator and counsellor. She brings to the Diocese many years of congregational and national leadership experience.

The occasion of this appointment gives me the opportunity to name a highly qualified woman to a senior position with the Diocese of Parramatta. It is my belief that the Church at every level will benefit from the unique gifts, insights and perspectives that women bring with them.

I am truly grateful for Catherine and the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta for saying yes to this appointment. I look forward to having her on board as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and working with her for the good of the Church in Parramatta.

Yours truly,

Bishop Vincent Long OFMConv

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv DD STL**

Bishop of Parramatta