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Dear Friends,

I am writing to invite you to the **Rejoice: Auckland Catholic Festival** to be held on **Saturday 16 October 2021** at Sancta Maria College / St Luke's Church, Flat Bush.

Come and gather to be affirmed, inspired, encouraged and strengthened as Catholics so as to continue to love and serve as missionary disciples in parishes, ethnic communities, schools and our wider society.

All are welcome. Everyone in the Diocese, no matter how young or old, is invited to be part of this exciting event. Here is an opportunity for the Diocese to come together to rejoice in the Lord – the source of our joy. As Pope Francis says *"Now, more than ever...we need a movement of people who know we need each other, who have a sense of responsibility to others and to the world."* (Let us Dream, 2021)

So please bring your community to join Bishop Michael and myself in Flat Bush for this all-day event on Saturday 16 October. As a Diocese, let us take this opportunity to encounter Christ afresh and celebrate our Faith.

We begin with a Festival Mass at 9.00 am and the day concludes at 5.00 pm. There will be talks, workshops, prayer fellowship and fun. A separate programme for children will be offered alongside the main programme. This is a family-friendly event! Lunch will be provided and the whole celebration is free. Registrations open in August and further announcements will be made on the line-up of speakers.

In the evening, a Youth Festival will be held from 7.00 pm-10.00 pm at the same venue.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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✠ Patrick Dunn
Bishop of Auckland