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To all clergy and ACSQ staff and volunteers

As I prepare to conclude my time as Archbishop, effectively at the end of this week, please accept my sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all you have contributed to the life of the Anglican Church in Southern Queensland and to its mission to serve the wider community.

I am acutely aware that ACSQ is able to do all it does because we are a very large team of staff and volunteers who often give of themselves above and beyond what duty demands. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and service, for your collegiality and team-work and for the way in which you share in the vision and mission of ACSQ.

Across parishes, schools, and community services, and in all the functions that enable, equip and support our people to work in the frontline, together we have a significant impact for good in cities, towns and tiny communities across southeast Queensland. Thank you for all you do to make that a reality.

It has been my unique privilege to have served as Archbishop for 21 years with this remarkable team. While I am sure that this is the right time for me to pass on the baton I do so with enormous gratitude for all that has been achieved and with great confidence that ACSQ will continue to make a difference in the lives of many in Queensland and beyond because of the dedication, skill, and hard work of our people, including you.

At the conclusion of the ordination service in the Cathedral on Saturday, I will lay up the diocesan pastoral staff and relinquish my responsibilities as Archbishop. I do hope many of you will be present to allow me to express my gratitude in person.

Please accept my thanks and every blessing to you for the new chapter about to commence.

Yours in Christ

The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall AC
Archbishop of Brisbane