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## UPDATE TO SCHOOLS - SEPTEMBER 2021

### What is Hope in the Future?

Launched in October 2017, Hope in the Future is Bishop John's pastoral renewal programme for our diocese with the aim to 'Form Missionary Disciples and Build Missionary Parishes'. It is a five-stage journey where members of our parishes, schools and families are encouraged to discern their gifts and talents and put them at the service of the Church and community, set up shared leadership teams, ensure their liturgies are the best they can be, develop their evangelisation and catechises and be a beacon of hope in their community through social action. Stage 4, which focusses on 'Proclaiming the Good News' will be launched in parishes on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.



Our schools play a key role in all of this. Bishop John has provided a vision for developing and supporting links between school, home and parish, so working together they can provide a shared faith journey for our young people.

### How can schools get involved?

On the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (the feast of St Francis of Assisi), or a date around then to suit your school, we are inviting each school community to launch (or relaunch) Hope in the Future to students, staff and parents. A video, along with liturgy resources, will be provided at the end of September to assist with your planning. The resources will explain the aims of the programme, the story of Jesus asking St Francis to 'Rebuild His Church' and the challenge for us to be Missionary Disciples by sharing our Faith in word and action.

Prior to the launch, please ensure your school has a blessed San Damiano Cross displayed, if you do not have one, please email the email address below to arrange collection from the Cathedral Centre. Each school is invited to nominate an adult Hope in the Future School Representative to help promote the programme in the school community and to be a link between the school and associated parish(es). You may also like to nominate a young person to assist with this. A form will be sent out after the launch in October to collect this information.

For more information & resources visit

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