Year of Grace Pastoral Letter

- Like the disciples at the first Pentecost, we commit ourselves to start afresh from Christ.
- Most deeply, we desire for the light of Christ to burn more brightly in the heart of each Australian.
- We commit ourselves to repent for the areas in which we have failed, individually and together, seeking healing and renewal through the grace of Christ's forgiveness.
- We commit ourselves to the path of holiness, cultivating the many gifts of the Spirit and seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus.
- We entrust this year to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through this renewed commitment, we are confident that the Church in Australia will be transformed by the power of Christ's resurrection in our lives.

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- Our Christian communities must become genuine "schools" of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly "falls in love".

Scripture

- Grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. (Psalm 45:2)
- And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)
- With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (Acts 4:33)
- Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. (Acts 6:8)
- We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us... (Romans 12:6)
- I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:4)
- Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)
- Grace be with you. (Colossians 4:18)

Other

- A holy time, given by God, to start afresh from Christ, contemplating his face, and listening to his word, that he may heal our wounds, overcome all our divisions and make us rich in hope, so that we may show forth his face and speak his word to the world in new ways. (Archbishop Coleridge)