



I am delighted that Pope Francis has appointed Mgr Steven Lopes to lead the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St Peter. Bishop-Elect Steven is well-known to us in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham both through his work on the Commission *Anglicanae Traditiones*, which has given us our distinctive liturgies, and having spoken with the clergy of the Ordinariate at our meetings in London. His words of encouragement were greatly appreciated and I know that my fellow priests will share my joy at his appointment.

The Ordinariates are now an established part of the Catholic church and I look forward to working with Bishop-elect Steven as we seek to continue to develop, grow and enrich the Church with the particular gifts that our Anglican tradition can offer; gifts that Mgr Lopes has come to know and love through his work with us over the last few years.

I would also like to thank Mgr Jeffrey Stevenson for his work in establishing the Ordinariate in North America and for his support of the work of the other Ordinariates in the United Kingdom and Australia. I wish him well in his retirement from the office of Ordinary. I am sure that the Bishop-elect will make full use of his wisdom and experience as he takes up the mission entrusted to the Ordinariates by Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict.

The Right Revd Monsignor Keith Newton PA

Ordinary