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**The Anglican Diocese of Newcastle wish to announce information of concern in relation to the late Fr. Peter RUSHTON.**

Fr. Peter worked in the Diocese of Newcastle from 1963 until his death in 2007. After completing his training at St John's Theological College in Morpeth he ministered in Cessnock, Wyong, Weston, Wallsend, Lake Macquarie and Maitland.

Following his death, significant allegations and information of concern has been brought forward in relation to Fr. Peter's involvement in the sexual abuse of minors. The Diocesan Director of Professional Standards has been investigating these matters and is fully co-operating with NSW Police. The Diocese has also been supporting persons who have come forward in relation to these matters.

In recognition of this situation the Bishop of Newcastle, The Right Reverend Dr. Brian Farran held a service of recognition and reconciliation at the parish of St. Luke's, Wallsend earlier this year that was well received.

The Bishop wishes to publicly apologise to any person adversely affected by these deeply regrettable events and urges any persons with any information about such matters to come forward and speak with the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle's Professional Standards Director.

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