

The Church deals in spiritual realities which are often taken for granted or not recognized by many in the secular society in which we live. They are real nevertheless.

I would like to thank all those Priests and People who have sent messages of support to me at this difficult time. Above all I appreciate the prayers they have promised. Please continue to pray for me, but more importantly pray for those ministers and their families whose names have featured recently in the media, and especially for those victims and their families who have been hurt as a result of the weakness of some members of the Church. I apologize again to them for the hurt that they have experienced.

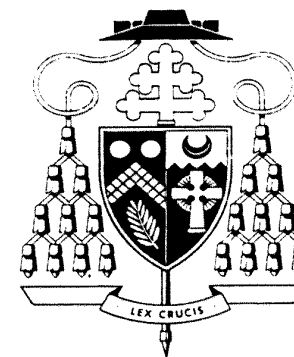
May God bless you all for what you do in promoting God's Kingdom in this area of Australia.

With every best wish,

Sincerely in Christ,



ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE



## PASTORAL MESSAGE

from

Most Rev John Bathersby, D.D.  
Archbishop of Brisbane

to the

Priests and People of the  
Archdiocese of Brisbane

To be read at all Masses in the Archdiocese on  
31st October/1st November, 1998