To be read at all Masses Parishes of Cabinteely, Foxrock and Johnstown-Killiney, 25th /26th November 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish to express my gratitude concerning the growing cooperation which has emerged over a number of years between the Parishes of Cabinteely, Foxrock and Johnstown-Killiney.

On October 1st last I met with the priests, the deacon and representatives of the Parish Pastoral Councils of all three parishes. I have now decided, on their recommendation, to formalise this cooperation in order to facilitate a co-ordinated and more efficient pastoral planning and sharing of personnel and resources, while ensuring the individual viability and identity of each parish.

In accordance with Canon 517§1, I now entrust the Parishes of St. Brigid's, Cabinteely, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Foxrock and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Johnstown-Killiney, jointly to the Team Ministry and Pastoral Care of:

Fr Frank Herron, Moderator (resident in Foxrock), Fr Aquinas Duffy, Co-PP (resident in Cabinteely),

Fr John Sinnott, Co-PP (resident in Johnstown-Killiney) Fr. Gerard Doyle, Co-PP (resident in Johnstown-Killiney

Fr. Arthur O'Neill, Team Assistant (resident in Cabinteely)

Rev. Deacon Jeremy Seligman, (resident in Cabinteely)

Each Parish will retain its own identity and each will have its own Parish Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and resident priest. Responsibilities among the priests will be shared by common counsel according to a plan determined by the members of the team.

My hope is that, in the face of a growing workload, this model will be of support for your priests. I am sure that it will also foster cooperation between the Parish Pastoral Councils and greater lay collaboration working together for the mission of the Church.

This arrangement will become effective on the 3rd December 2016.

+ Diarmuid Martin Archbishop Dublin