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Thank you so much for expressing interest in this role and be assured of our prayers as we discern together who God is calling to this place.

Peterborough Diocese was established in 1541 with its roots firmly formed by monastic life and missionary impetus. Today, we are rediscovering God's mission for us as we seek to implement a strategy that will allow us to focus afresh on where we can share and model the love of Christ in all our communities. This is an exciting time to be part of the diocese and we can see already where God is bringing gentle growth.

Geographically diverse, we have 380 churches and around 200 clergy, including curates and retired clergy. We cover 3 counties – Rutland, Northamptonshire and part of Cambridgeshire – and have good links with our civic leaders. We have presence in both urban and rural settings and rejoice in the diversity of worship styles that exist across the diocese. With 12 Deaneries, it is possible to get to know local clergy well and our Rural Deans work hard to encourage mutual working and support.

Clergy wellbeing is important to us and we are responding to the recommendations of a report that was written by a scoping group during 2025. We encourage ongoing training and development and have a good pool of Spiritual Directors.

It is important to me to know and be known by the clergy and, along with my colleagues, I enjoy coming to visit parishes and discovering what is going on. We run several events throughout the year when clergy can come together and these are always highlights for me.

I do hope you will find the information you need in this pack to help with your own discernment. Again, can I assure you that we are praying and trust that you will know God's guidance as you prayerfully consider the role.

With my best wishes

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