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COPTIC ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2022

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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The Board of Trustees commenced operation this year by first establishing a sound operational foundation for good governance. As a board, we defined a governance structure, clear roles and responsibilities, processes, and operating procedures. The Board is now seeking to establish a Governance Committee which will have on-going responsibility for the development and maintenance of policies and procedures.



THE CONSTITUTION

In September a final Constitution was approved by HH Pope Tawadros II. It is this Constitution that now provides the formal, legal foundation for the operation of the Diocese and will guide future governance and elections. Our next task is to finalise the clear set of by-laws that accompany our new constitution.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

By the grace of God, on Sunday 4th December Parish Council elections were successfully held across all participating parishes within the Diocese. The results were very positive.



SAFE CHURCH MINISTRY

It is vital for the work of the Diocese that every parish is a safe and caring environment for all members. This includes the creation of a Diocese-wide database and registration of all responsible persons with a current Working with Children Check. In addition, ongoing development of governance, policy and procedures, including an education platform across all parishes, will be established.



AGED CARE MINISTRY

The Board of Trustees is working with the board of St Maurice Aged Care to support and encourage the development of an aged care facility. This is a service which we are committed to support for our Coptic community today and in the future.



CONSECRATED SISTERS & NUNS

The Diocese is committed to supporting the services and programs of our consecrated sisters and nuns in NSW and QLD. These women faithfully and humbly dedicate their lives to an incredibly important and effective ministry, and we are blessed to have them in our community.



FINANCE & PROPERTY

A thorough review of the finances and property portfolio is underway as we build and establish a comprehensive governance framework. At present both the Finance & Property Committees continue to review and assess parish requests regarding financial and property matters. This includes a comprehensive review and restructure of parish contributions and associated Diocesan expenses, to ensure an equitable and transparent approach to financial management.



FUNDS RAISED

This year saw the devastating floods across Australia and the tragic fire at Abu Sefein in Egypt. With the support across all the parishes we raised \$17,700 for the Australian flood victims and \$21,640 for the community affected by the fire at Abu Sefein in Egypt.



EDUCATION

All three colleges within the Diocese continue to excel across curricular and co-curricular activities and have demonstrated outstanding HSC results for 2022.

- **Topping NSW in HICES Debating**
- **Winners and Finalists across AFL, Netball, Athletics, Volleyball and Football.**
- **> 5 HSC All-Rounders (all subjects >90%)**
- **> 40% of students in top 10% of the State**
- **Double the State averages in English, Science & Maths.**

As we work for the future of our Coptic Colleges, for the last 6 months, the NSW Coptic Orthodox Boards of Education have worked tirelessly conducting over 12 workshops, with more than 150 participants including executives, staff, parents, students and clergy to co-design the Colleges' vision, values, goals and strategic objectives.



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WE THANK OUR BOARDS & COMMITTEES FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS IN 2022



COMMS COMMITTEE



LEGAL COMMITTEE



**FINANCE COMMITTEE
AND THE BUSINESS
ADMIN OFFICE**



PROPERTY COMMITTEE



SAFEGUARD COMMITTEE



**THE CONSTITUTION
COMMITTEE**



**ST MAURICE AGED
CARE BOARD**



**COPTIC ORTHODOX
BOARD OF EDUCATION**



**ST BISHOP'S COPTIC
ORTHODOX COLLEGE
BOARD**

"I would like to thank all the wonderful people who contribute tirelessly to our many operational committees and boards. Together, these people volunteer their time daily to support the community, parishes, and the entire Diocese so that together, a sustainable, caring and robust Diocese strives, with God's grace, to function with integrity according to the highest of Christian and professional standards, both today and tomorrow."

**His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos,
Archbishop of London and Papal Legate of the Diocese of Sydney and its Affiliated Regions**