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Dear Father,

### **Bishop Glyn Webster**

As you know, Bishop Glyn will retire as Bishop of Beverley on 8 January 2022. On that day at noon Bishop Glyn will preach and celebrate Mass in York Minster. I am grateful to the Dean and Chapter for extending this invitation and I am writing to invite you and your parishioners to join us as we give thanks for Bishop Glyn's ministry, say thank you for his work amongst us, and pray for him as he takes this next step on his journey.

Due to COVID restrictions, numbers in York Minster are limited and so places must be reserved. You can apply for tickets on the Minster website from 10 November. You will also find details there of how to access the livestream of the service. I hope you will understand that currently it is not possible to invite the clergy to robe.

I know many people have reason to be grateful to Bishop Glyn and will want to show their appreciation by contributing to a leaving gift. Donations for this can be made via cheques to my office payable to "York Archbishop OE Account" (please write WEBSTER on the back of the cheque), or by bank transfer to: York Archbishop OE Account; Sort Code: 56-00-70; Account No: 36545333 (NatWest) with payment reference WEBSTER.

Meanwhile as we approach a vacancy in the See of Beverley I also wanted to update you on arrangements while we search for Bishop Glyn's successor. To that end, I am very grateful to Bishop Tony Robinson who will offer pastoral and sacramental care for parishes in the Dioceses of Durham, Newcastle, Sheffield, Southwell & Nottingham and York as well as Leeds; and to Bishop Philip North who will offer pastoral and sacramental care for parishes in the Dioceses of Carlisle, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester and Sodor & Man as well as Blackburn. I am conscious of the responsibilities that Bishops Tony and Philip already carry and I am therefore very appreciative of their willingness to assist in this way.

The process for the appointment of the next Bishop of Beverley is already underway. As part of that process, if you have any comments about the characteristics and qualities needed in the next Bishop, then please do write to me at my office.

Meanwhile this comes with my thanks and appreciation for your ministry together with the assurance of my prayers.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Eber". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.