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The Holy Father yesterday appointed me Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This action has been taken to address some of the needs occurring in the Archdiocese following Archbishop Philip Wilson’s decision to step down from his duties as a bishop.

The Pope’s intention is to provide stability for the people of the Archdiocese during these challenging times.

This appointment does not affect my present position; I remain Bishop of the Diocese of Port Pirie.

Archbishop Wilson remains Archbishop of Adelaide but as Apostolic Administrator I will exercise episcopal responsibilities in the Archdiocese.

There is an excellent group of Church officials presently serving the Archdiocese and the day-to-day administration will continue to be carried out by those to whom I, as Apostolic Administrator, delegate that authority.

On behalf of the people of the Adelaide Archdiocese, I thank Pope Francis for his pastoral concern for them and will do my best to fulfill this important role while also serving the people of Port Pirie Diocese.

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