

## PRESS RELEASE

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### NEW VISITOR ANNOUNCED FOR SCP

The **Society of Catholic Priests** is pleased to announce that **Bishop Tim Thornton, Bishop of Truro**, has agreed to become its next Visitor\*, offering his support as we work to encourage priestly formation and catholic evangelism within the Church of England. He succeeds the Bishop of Manchester. The Bishop of Truro comments..."I am honoured to be asked to be the Visitor for this important Society and I look forward to working with SCP as it continues to provide an important environment for priests to develop and reflect on their ministry."

The Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Rector General of the Society of Catholic Priests, said 'We are delighted that Bishop Tim has accepted this invitation. His support of women and men in priestly ministry and his understanding of the catholic tradition in Anglicanism made him an obvious choice. He will be warmly welcomed by the members of the Society.'

Bishop Tim was consecrated Bishop in Southwark Cathedral in 2001, and became Bishop of Sherborne, becoming Bishop of Truro in 2009. Described by colleagues as being immediately likeable and approachable, with a quick sense of humour, the Bishop is an excellent communicator, who lists Rugby Union and keeping fit amongst his hobbies, which also include reading novels and church history. Bishop Tim is married to Sian, a head teacher and they have two adult children.

\*The Visitor is a Bishop invited by the Society to provide care and support to the Provincial Council and to represent the interests of the Society to other Bishops.

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