



## **Media Release**

### **Cathedral Restoration Appeal launches App in an innovative way to raise funds**

Celebrating its 154 years since its construction as the Parish church, the Cathedral of St. Michael and St. John is in urgent need of repair.

The Cathedral Restoration Committee responsible for raising money to fund these repairs, has recently released an innovative app that allows people to donate to the project by buying 'bricks' in a 'virtual tower', as well as discovering information about the Cathedral and its diverse history.

The Cathedral Restoration Appeal app is available free of charge at the App Store and at Google Play. Search for Cathedral Restoration Appeal to find it on either sites. It gives people the opportunity to donate to the cause at various levels.

Bishop Michael McKenna said, "As we replace these physical bricks, from 154 years ago, this application using today's technology, gives everyone the opportunity to be remembered by contributing the virtual bricks that will fund this important work".

Bishop McKenna recently launched the app with students from Cathedral Catholic Primary School.

The generations before us have built and cared for the Cathedral. Now it is our turn.

The restoration project is anticipated to take five years and cost approximately \$6.5 million. The priority of the project is to secure the foundations and restore damaged elements.

Pictured: Bishop Michael McKenna with Cathedral School student leaders: Chelsea Bestwick, Mikayla Cooke, Ethan Smith, Nicholas Parnell

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